

1939 - 1940

John Schafer, Charter President
George DePuy, Succeeding President

The first meeting was held on May 11, 1939, at the Presbyterian Church, with the Midland Club as sponsor. The second meeting was on May 16, 1939, at the College Café. Third meeting was on May 23, 1939, at Parish House. The Board meeting was held on May 20, 1939. **CHARTER NIGHT was held on June 5, 1939**, with 180 in attendance, from fifteen (15) clubs. It was held in the College Café, followed with dancing until 1:00 A.M. in the College Gym. All District and Deputy Governors were in attendance. Four Lion road signs were put up at the entrance to the city.

On September 5, the club met with the Kiwanis Club. Plans were made to meet with other service clubs to make Mt. Pleasant a better place to live. October 3 marked the first issue of the *LIONETTE*. On October 31, 1500 children attended the city wide party sponsored by service clubs, to keep children off the streets for Halloween. Needy people were also provided with glasses.

On December 12, the Club voted to help rehabilitate the home of the Quinn's. Their home was destroyed by an explosion. The Club "set up" the family in a furnished home, "which was theirs until they can get back on their feet." Total expenses and collections were \$124.50 in cash and \$210.00 in merchandise.

The Club adopted six (6) families and provided Christmas presents and food. In January, the club sponsored the President's Dance and realized \$75.00. The Lions hosted the first College basketball banquet (Lion Danny Rose, coach). May marked the marble tournament and model airplane contest for local children. Local AIR CIRCUS was sponsored by the Club, with 30 airplanes and more than 1500 cars. The Club became a life member of the "new" hospital for \$100.00.

The Club joined with the Remus Club to get M-20 completed as soon as possible. The Club voted to produce a movie of the history of Mt. Pleasant. John Rogers Company of Fostoria, Ohio was to produce the movie using local talent. The profits were to support the new hospital.

1940 - 1941

Stephen Fox, President

Twelve dollars was donated for underprivileged children's lunches. Members were fined 10¢ for not contributing to the *LIONETTE*. Five thousand children and adults attended the second annual Service Club Halloween Party cosponsored by the Lions. Five thousand ox roast sandwiches and cups of cider were handed out. Lions won the ticket selling contest for the Christmas Show, *Chippewa Follies of 1941*. Five hundred dollars was realized, cosponsored by the Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, and the Junior Chamber.

The Club hosted Dan Rose's College Basketball Team (15-3 record). The Club agreed to have Lion DePuy build incubators and the Club would contribute toward the supplies for premature babies in the county.

The Second Annual Air Show realized a profit of \$350.00, mostly for sight conservation. The Club voted to provide silk flags to military inductees (52 were distributed). The Lions sponsored an aluminum drive.

The Club sponsored the Alma Lions Club. Lion Barberi requested that the secretary note the correct spelling of his name (Barberi, not Barbari). The Club participated in the State IQ test and scored highest of all clubs. Lion Cook was the highest in our local Club. Two cents was paid per mile for attendance at Zone meetings.

1941 - 1942

Malcolm Filson, President

Four "old" members were asked to perform as a quartet, a surprise to them (it was rather flat)! The 1941-42 budget was approved at \$535.00. The Lions sponsored a reading contest for local children. The Club joined with a local newspaper (Isabella Times-News) to sponsor the District Golden Gloves Tournament. The profits (\$150.00) were divided between the Red Cross and the silk flags for service persons pockets. The first night of 100% attendance of the Club was on October 28. The Club had the first of its annual game dinners, which consisted of eleven partridges, twelve pheasants, three rabbits and one wild duck, all provided by the Club hunt contest. The Club registered the entire town for civil defense. The Lions maned booths for national registration.

The Club sponsored a basketball game between the Midland Athletic Club and the Alma and Central College all stars. The proceeds were for silk flags (more than 200 had now been distributed to date). The Lions sponsored a team in the City Basketball League. Thirty-four children received glasses during the year. There was no Air Show, due to the war. A model airplane contest was held. There were 325 bicycles registered by the Lions. New Lions signs were erected. Ten Lion members attended the State Convention.

1942 - 1943

Joseph Rush, President

The Club succeeded in persuading the State to erect safety signs on M-20. The Lions organized a Motor Corps for National Emergency. Lion Filson instructed "How to handle ourselves in case of a gas raid." The Club assisted in raising funds for an underprivileged childrens camp. The Lions had three in the State Lions Golf Meets. The Club helped with the 4-H Show. A note book was to be filled out each week and sent to members in Service. Lion Cook became Ensign, and left to attend Harvard.

The Lions and Kiwanis held a bond auction. Eighteen members volunteered as air raid wardens. The Club gave visiting servicemen a carton of cigarettes. Coin boxes were placed in area businesses to collect money for cigarettes for all servicemen. In spite of rationing, Lions International advised there would be no curtailment of the Lions Club luncheons.

The Lions donated to the new hospital. The Club heard efforts in quelling race riots in Detroit. The Club voted to purchase a sewing machine and lend it to a local lady, rather than making it an outright gift. Lion Rose entered the Service in June 1943. The Club voted to man the air raid spotter booth from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 A.M. each Thursday. The Club entered a team in the physical fitness program volleyball league. Three members attended the International Convention in Toronto. The Club provided leadership for opening the rec. center for local youth and pledged \$100.00.

1943 -1944

Cleon Richtmeyer, President

The Lions sponsored a donkey ball game, with net proceeds of \$90.00. The September 28 meeting topic was Olympics in Germany, which was attended by CMU faculty member George Lauer.

The Lions erected a service mens shelter on US 27 for men awaiting rides (\$75.00 in materials). The Club continued to sponsor baskets for the needy at Christmas. The Club voted to have each member donate one pint of blood at an upcoming blood drive.

A motion was passed that "We familiarly refer to the tail twister as the Skpizzerinktom." The Club put on a war movie and sold \$137.50 of war stamps and bonds in admission fees. The second war movie show netted \$300.00 in sales.

The Lions signed a petition to State senators and congressmen to continue support for school lunch programs. The Club provided \$100.00 to a program for the prevention of youth delinquency. Lion Barberi was commissioned in August 1943.

1944 -1945

Gale Miller, President

The annual fish fry was held at Batsons, near Farwell. Meetings were changed from Tuesday to Monday. A committee was formed to make sure that the Lions signs are cleaned and updated.

The Club realized \$64.00 profit from sponsorship of Mills Brothers Circus. The polio epidemic hurt attendance. There was a family picnic at Island Park. Lion Chenoweth took charge of vocational counseling with wounded men.

The Lions took part in a blood drive. The Lions petitioned the college to have a district health laboratory service established at the college. The Lions joined the Veterans Organization to look after the welfare of returning veterans.

The Lions and ladies exchanged gifts at an annual Christmas party. Gifts were placed in Christmas baskets. A family of nine was adopted by the Club for Christmas. The Lions furnished complete dinner, clothes, toys and presents for the family of one mother and eight children.

The Lions joined with other clubs in the city in a postwar planning committee "to improve the city after the war." The Lions also attended city commission meetings to encourage the city to establish a sinking fund for city improvements after the war. A city water softener was suggested.

The Club gave \$40.00 to a blind man to help set up a rug making business in the city. The Lions helped high school students put on "Mexican Holiday," a color movie.

The Club joined with others to collect used clothing for needy families in other countries. About five pounds per person in the city was collected.

The Civic chorus was formed, with several Lions as members. An old Indian chief "dubbed" two members as chiefs.

1945 - 1946

Les Serier, President

The Lions joined with others in helping returning service personnel find jobs in the area. Service clubs held a "bee" and cleaned up the old mill pond. The State Bureau of Social Aid and the Lions sponsored a movie on how blind people can be used to advantage in local industry. The Donkey Softball game netted \$171.00. The Club disposed of the waiting station on US 27. The Club purchased the *LIONETTE* editor a mimeograph machine. The annual Halloween party was held at Pullen School. A donation of \$75.00 was made to purchase rugs for the Veterans' Council offices.

The service clubs sponsored Vocational Guidance in local schools. The March of Dimes received the tail twister fines of \$12.25. The Lions joined in a national clothing drive. The Club sponsored and entered a team in the Donkey Basketball Game. The profits of \$75.00 were donated to Chippewa Tepee, a youth center. The Club donated money toward a scholarship at Interlocken Music Camp. The local Apple Blossom Club received \$400.00 from the Lions Club. One dollar would send a child to camp for a week.

The annual fish fry was held at Batson's cottage. Victory Day was celebrated. The western pheasant hunt, sponsored by Lions Batson and McGinnis, provided the entree at a meeting. The Club decided to forego bread at meetings in line with a recommendation from the International. A joint meeting with the St. Louis Club was held, with a duck dinner at the Park Hotel in St. Louis. Thirteen attended the State Convention in Grand Rapids.

Lion Cook returned from the service in March 1945; Lion Barberi returned in November 1946.

1946 - 1947

Douglas McFarlane, President

The Donkey Basketball game proceeds (\$210.00) were used to support the purchase of a seeing eye dog for a blind boy in the community. A loan of \$50.00 was made to a family to start a local business. The loan was paid off by another family. "If these were never paid, they would be an amount well spent."

The Club considered sponsoring an annual Oil Bowl football game. This was through a presentation from Walter Snider, a former mayor of Mt. Pleasant, who was on the New Orleans Bowl Committee. The Lions furnished a tent and advertising for a blind family business at the County Fair.

The Lions put on a Halloween party for north end children at Kinney School. Christmas baskets were supplied for the eighth year. A Lions-sponsored basketball game netted \$97.00, which was divided between the March of Dimes and support of Career Day for the high school students. There was \$25.00 given to the Cancer Drive.

The Club voted to have members pay for their meals in advance. Four new road signs were ordered. There was a joint meeting with the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs as guests, with 122 present.

The Dawn Patrol was again a success at the local airport, with 168 planes participating. The new \$120,000.00 airport was dedicated by Governor Sigler, who flew in for the occasion in his own plane. A breakfast was served by the Club, with a \$104.00 profit. The Governor commended the Lions for their interest in aviation, "which is getting bigger and better all the time."

A \$125.00 loan was made to a blind family.

1947 - 1948

Herbert Marshall, President

The annual Service Club golf outing was held on August 18. The Board of Directors established the office of Chaplain, with the Rev. Bailey appointed.

Children's Night stressed the safety in the use of firearms. A family of six was provided with Christmas food, clothing and toys. The Club donated \$10.00 as its share of the cost to place a community wreath on the grave of each World War II casualty, returned for burial. The Junior Chamber of Commerce was given a \$15.00 contribution for the Friendship Training Program. The Lions and Elks basketball game raised \$100.00 for sight conservation. The Lions joined with other clubs and fire underwriters of the city to secure a full time paid fire department.

The Dawn Patrol attracted 325 planes from Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. The breakfast profit was \$325.00. The Club continued to purchase eye glasses for needy people. The Club hosted Lion Barberi's 18 and 3 high school basketball team, and saw the 1948 Sugar Bowl Films.

In April of 1948, 29 members attended the Zone Meeting in St. Louis.

1948 - 1949

Paul Hamel, President

Nineteen members participated in the annual service club golf outing (three prizes were won). The Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis hosted a dinner for Governor Kim Sigler, a charter member of another Lions Club and a District Governor of Rotary.

The Club purchased a Weaver's Delight Loom for \$143.77 and gave it to the Slocum family. The Club took charge of the registration of boys 18-25 for the local draft board, with 1,900 registered. The Club purchased five bushels of apples and donated \$10.00 toward the annual Halloween party. The Club provided gifts, food and clothing for a local family.

Lion Barberi's high school football team was honored. The Northeastern Coach was the guest speaker, with the 1948 Rose Bowl film. The Club took over sponsorship of a local Boy Scout Troop.

The third Dawn Patrol was at the airport, with more than 200 planes from Michigan and Ohio registered. The Club served breakfast to more than 400, with a profit of \$145.00.

The Tenth Charter Night honored 10 charter members with their 10 year chevrons. A large birthday cake with ten large candles symbolic of the ten monarchs and ten years of Lionism in Mt. Pleasant was enjoyed by all.

1949 - 1950

Carlyle Darroch, President

The annual service club golf outing attracted 100 members and guests. As on previous occasions, the Club hosted the first Zone Meeting of the fall. SURPRISE? The Club was advised that an unusual program was the order of the day on October 24, 1949. A troupe of thirty entertainers was to make a one-night appearance in Mt. Pleasant exclusively with the Lions Club. But there was some blushing when the back door opened and members' wives filed in to take over the dinner and program for the evening.

The Club hosted a children's Christmas party, with 31 members and guests in attendance. Following a turkey dinner, the good "Saint" arrived with gifts for all. Two families were helped with Christmas baskets.

The Sacred Heart Football Team was honored by a joint dinner with the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. Lion Rose's Central Michigan basketball team was honored. The Club held a Boy Scout Troop achievement awards dinner.

The Club sponsored matinee and evening concerts by the US Navy Band. School children attended the matinee, with 17 schools sending from 20 to 100 students. The evening concert was a sell out, generating a profit of \$575.00.

1950 - 1951

Wesley McGinnis, President

There were no meetings in August. Meetings in September were with other service clubs to settle on a meeting place. The Club completed arrangements for a permanent catering service. The Club again hosted the Fall Zone Meeting. A joint meeting with Kiwanis was held to compensate for a loss of membership caused by the "required presence of members of College Faculty on the last two nights of the month."

The Club took an active part and provided flowers for the funeral of Mrs. Slocum, a blind lady of the community. The Club held a painting and decorating "bee" and completely redecorated St. Johns Parish House, the Club's meeting place. This was in place of painting Mrs. Slocum's house as originally planned. The Club also had provided financial assistance during Mrs. Slocum's illness.

The Christmas party for wives included favors from each of the 48 states. The club had sent \$1.00 to a club in each state requesting some item representative of their areas. The results were most gratifying.

The Club contributed \$150.00 for cataract removal for a local patient. A Scout Troop was given \$50.00 for equipment. The Club was active in sending a boy to Ford Hospital for advanced treatment.

The Club attended in mass a Charter Night of the Ithaca Club. May started the annual outdoor meetings. The first was held at the Clare State Park. Tail Twister Maccardini was honored on his upcoming wedding.

1951 - 1952

George Nelson, President

The Club advertised for used toys to be brought to the schools. Some were provided by local businesses. The entire town knew that we were repairing toys. The Manual Training Department at the College did repair work. More than 1,000 toys were distributed.

The ladies brought pot luck and desserts that were auctioned off for the March of Dimes. A \$172.26 profit was realized. Lion Barberi was the County Chair.

The Club sponsored the second presentation of the Navy Band with 1,800 school children from a 75-mile radius in attendance at the afternoon matinee. Approximately 1,500 attended the evening performance. The Club netted \$1,101.65 for the Blind and Sight Conservation Committee.

Summer activities included a picnic and joint meeting with Kiwanis and Rotary, and a musical program by members.

1952 - 1953

Carlo Barberi, President

The Club lent Scout Troop 121 \$150.00 for equipment. The Club joined with other clubs in a house to house contact urging people to register. Professor Wysong gave an interesting and informative talk on Communism, with a lively discussion following.

A needy family of seven received a Christmas basket.

Three service clubs held an annual Man of the Year Dinner. King Lion Barberi instituted the practice of having a member's life history shared with the Club. Forty-three from Mt. Pleasant attended the joint Zone Meeting in St. Louis. Lion McGinnis received a plaque for bringing 12 new members into the Club.

White Cane Week was publicized in local schools and churches with posters, newspaper ads and radio announcements. The Mayor proclaimed the week of May 10-16, *White Cane Week* for the city.

A total of 42 patients were refurnished with glasses during the year, with a total expense of \$333.50. The Club donated \$106.00 to the Leader Dog Organization. As a continuing activity, the Club furnished free transportation to 72 elderly members of the Get Together Club during the year. The Club continued support of a Boy Scout Troop.

1953 - 1954

Lee Johnson, President

The Club had a steak fry and golf outing at Moss Golf Course. The 4-H Club hosted a meeting at the Coldwater Lake Camp Grounds. We had a joint meeting with the Kiwanis, Rotary and Chamber of Commerce at the Golf Club. Toys were repaired and painted for Christmas giving, through the Community Welfare Committee. The Club entertained nearly 100 children with games, a banquet and gifts presented by Santa. The Christmas Tree Sale netted \$958.00. Members "took to the woods" to cut trees. The proceeds were turned over to the High School Band for new uniforms. Ladies night was held at the Hotel Chieftain, with gifts from more than 50 Lions Clubs throughout the nation were exchanged. A Polio benefit box social party was held at Parish House. The ladies prepared pies that sold for 95¢ per slice. The March of Dimes received \$217.95 for the profits.

The Man of the Year Banquet was jointly sponsored by service clubs. There was an attendance contest, with the losers hosting the winning teams at Keeler Union. The losers had to pay the difference between the regular cost and the banquet cost. Steaks were enjoyed by the losers as well as by the winners.

Nearly \$850.00 was raised at the Chicken BBQ. Desserts were furnished by the Lioness' and salads were provided by band mothers. The proceeds from the BBQ went for high school band uniforms. The band entertained throughout the afternoon. Meals were served at 1-2, 2-3, 3-4, and 4-5; with the first two time periods being most popular. The adult tickets were \$1.35. The adults outnumbered children two to one.

During the year, \$100.00 was given to the Leader Dog Project, \$50.00 was given to the Home for the Blind, and \$181.90 was used for glasses for 27 needy persons. Two white canes were presented.

1954 - 1955

George Brown, President

The Club sponsored two performances of the Marine Band, with one afternoon and one evening concert. Thirty-seven area schools helped fill the afternoon concert with 1,470 children, with each child paying 75¢. The evening performance had reserved seats at \$2.00, with general admission at \$1.50. The profits of \$1,500.00 were distributed to various charities: Leader Dog, Welcome Home for the Blind and the local Sight Committee.

The Christmas Toy Project continued, with 546 toys distributed, with 300 man hours invested by members. The Club paid \$50.00 toward costs. The Club also donated \$100.00 for Christmas Baskets.

The Second Annual Chicken BBQ was held, selling 850 tickets. Receipts totaled \$1,340.64, a complete sellout. The net profit was \$600.00, with 20% for the Convention fund and 80% used for improvement of a local city park. Adult tickets were \$1.50 and children were 85¢. Lions LaBelle and Tuma were joint chairs.

The Sight Committee reported 43 cases taken care of and \$363.05 expended.

1955 - 1956

Theodore Cook, President

The Club jointly sponsored the Little United Nations Forum. Great Britain, Israel, and India had official representation. France, Poland and the United States had chosen authorities. The Forum members were guests of the Club at dinner.

A light bulb sale was conducted after learning that the sale of light bulbs was one of the quickest and easiest ways to earn money. One thousand bags of light bulbs were disposed of at \$2.00. Eleven teams were assigned to cover the community. Wives provided transportation during the sale. All attended a victory dinner after the sale. Net profit of the sale was \$800.00, after about five hours of work. There had been a considerable local advertising in advance.

The Community Welfare Committee was given \$125.00 for new toys, while families received Christmas baskets.

The Club sponsored the Navy Band for the third time. The profits were \$1,605.00, with ticket prices of \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00. This was the largest profit for the concert yet.

\$1,000.00 was provided to help establish a child guidance clinic in the area (110 local merchants and professionals contributed \$10.00 each toward expenses). Through May, the Club had spent \$603.84 for sight conservation and blind benefits.

1956 -1957

Malcolm McShea, President

An ice cream social netted \$129.25 for Day School for special needs children. This facility had just been established in town.

The Chicken BBQ in October netted \$600.00 for state Masonic Lodge members. Other fund raising projects for the year included an auction sale, light bulb sale (netted \$738.00, with 13 teams), and the Annual Chicken BBQ in June.

The Club again jointly hosted the Man of the Year Banquet. We also sponsored the new club in Weidman.

During the year, the Club gave \$1,000.00 to the Child Guidance Clinic, \$150.00 to Leader Dog, \$50.00 to Welcome Home, \$100.00 to Day School for Retarded Children, \$40.00 to sponsor a boy to Boys Republic, more than \$500.00 for glasses (purchased 49 pairs), \$500.00 to the Community Hospital Drive, \$100.00 to the Boy Scout Valley District and \$25.00 to the International Gladiolus Show.

The Club cosponsored a meeting for Armed Services Week with Rotary and Kiwanis.

1957 – 1958

Rex Hewlett, President

One thousand five-hundred dollars was pledged to the Community Hospital Board. A donation of \$20.00 was provided for clothing for a deserving Native American girl to help toward college expenses.

Lion Theodore Cook was Zone Chairman. He announced that loans by clubs to the state Lions Club would be refunded. The local club received \$100.00 plus \$5.00 interest.

The Club budgeted \$150.00 for Leader Dog and \$50.00 for Welcome Home. A Scripto pen sale netted \$72.00.

A braille typewriter and phonograph and three boards were authorized for use by five blind children. The cost was \$125.00.

In February, the Club sold brooms, mops, etc., and produced sales of more than \$2,501.83. It was decided that the \$1,035.53 profit would be used for donations to Leader Dog (\$100.00), Boy Scouts (\$100.00), Central Michigan Community Hospital pledge (\$500.00), and sight conservation (\$335.53).

Zone Chairman Cook presented a check for \$50.00 as proceeds from his sale of Dermassage to club members. The money was used to help defray convention costs. Lion Cook appeared before Rotary and Kiwanis to explain the White Cane Program and to distribute white cane lapel pins to be worn during White Cane Week.

The fourth Annual Chicken BBQ was held. The profits were \$750.00, with Lion Brown selling \$129.00 worth of tickets. He received a Lion pen and desk set for his efforts.

Armed Forces Week was celebrated at joint service club meeting. Lion Cook was in charge of the Zone Meeting attended by more than 60 members, the largest Zone Meeting ever.

A family of nine received a Christmas basket, at a cost of \$75.00. A total of \$739.01 was used for 75 pairs of adult and child glasses during the year.

1958 -1959

Norman LaBelle, President

The Club donated a \$50.00 wheelchair to the Broomfield Memorial Hospital. A gifted Native American artist, Miss Kagegeb, was given \$25.00 to help with college expenses.

Theodore Cook, Deputy Governor, received his second ten-year attendance award. Several members attended area club meetings during the year. Eleven members and their wives attended the State Convention.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$900.00, with \$500.00 given to Central Michigan Community Hospital.

A family of seven was given \$40.00.

The Club again sponsored a Christmas party with Santa, with a toy for each child attending. The Ladies Night Party achieved 93.3% attendance, with the Presidents and wives of the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Jaycees as guests.

The Leader Dog pledge was raised from \$150.00 to \$200.00. A reflector-projector was presented to Pullen School for their sight saving class. A profit of \$461.28 was realized from the sale of tickets to the Don Cossack Chorus. Of these profits, \$200.00 was sent to Welcome Home. Valley Scouts received a donation of \$100.00.

Twenty-seven outstanding seniors from Sacred Heart and Mt. Pleasant High Schools were honored.

The fifth Annual Chicken BBQ netted \$900.00. The club voted to use \$200.00 of the money to buy two new BBQ pits. About half of the total sales of 1,500 dinners were "take outs."

The Club celebrated its *20th anniversary*.

1959 - 1960

Harold Krapohl, President

The Club joined with other service clubs to enter a float in the city Centennial Celebration in August.

The Light Bulb Sale netted \$900.00, with proceeds to the Community Hospital (\$500.00), Leader Dog (\$100.00), Welcome Home (\$25.00), college tuition (\$25.00) and sight conservation programs. This was the largest profit yet. The sale ran from 5:30 to 9:00 P.M., with dinner following. The wives provided transportation.

The Christmas Season was enhanced by the Children's Christmas Party, with 44 children in attendance. Santa appeared and distributed toys. We had five from the Edmore area as guests. More than 130 attended the Annual Christmas Ladies Night.

There was a white elephant auction in conjunction with the Valentine's Ladies Party, which netted \$50.00 toward the convention fund. In April, the Club moved its weekly meeting to the Embers.

Lion Tuma and Lionesses provided a surprise program of speeches, singing, and fun for a meeting. The Lionesses assumed King Lion and Tail Twister roles. Dessert and coffee were served at the close of the meeting.

A new club in Houghton Lake was sponsored by Mt. Pleasant. The entire membership, including Lionesses, attended their charter night.

The sixth Annual Chicken BBQ netted \$1,000.00, with gross sales of \$2,310.00. One thousand three hundred dinners were served, with ticket prices of \$1.00 and \$1.85.

The Club jointly sponsored a glaucoma clinic with the Hospital and District Health Department. Approximately 430 were examined, with 15 found in "need of help."

Charter Night was attended by more than 100. The evenings' festivities included humorous accounts of activities by the Club's representatives at State Convention and square dancing.

1960 - 1961

Clarence Tuma, President

The annual family picnic was held at School Section Lake. The Interclub Gold Tournament was held in August.

The Light Bulb Sale brought in a total of \$2,461.00. The sale netted the Club more than \$1,000.00, with a note to order more bulbs for the next year. Proceeds were planned to be used for the sight conservation program, including Leader Dog, Welcome Home and local optical aid to the needy.

Five, including the King Lion, attended the Zone Meeting in Edmore; and four joined the King Lion at the Fall Conference in Grand Rapids. Members attended many area clubs during the year. Attendance attained a new high of 98%, partially due to the District Governor's contest. Five members attended the Zone Meeting in St. Louis.

The Adult Christmas Party was a success, with 75 Lion couples attending. The Kids Christmas Party on December 19 was also well attended. Lion Santa Juhnke presented gifts. The Club provided \$330.90 for needy families in the area that year.

An educational donation of \$25.00 was given to a deserving Native American girl for college expenses.

The Club cosponsored the Man of the Year Dinner. Seventy-two attended the father and daughter banquet, with the Lionesses again providing the "surprise" entertainment.

The Chicken BBQ netted about \$1,000.00. Tickets were \$2.00 and \$1.00.

Charter Night was a success with more than 100 in attendance.

1961 - 1962

Leland Jones, President

The Club visited the new Methodist Church in July. The annual family picnic was held at School Section Lake. The Interclub Gold Outing was held at the Country Club. Ken Helber hosted a steak fry at his ranch.

The annual Christmas Party was a huge success. Santa visited the children at the annual Children's Party.

Members visited the clubs in Edmore, Ithaca, Alma, Remus, Vestaburg, Six Lakes, Beaverton, Crystal, Lakeview, Ewart, St. Johns, Big Rapids, Ovid and Wyoming's Charter Night.

The Club donated five Braille copies of the Girl Scout Handbook to the County Council.

Special meals included the Sweetheart Party for the ladies, and a Safety Luncheon for 10 to 18 year-old children of Lion members. A discussion on the safe use of fire arms was held.

District Governor Ted Cook visited his home Club. Lions Cook, Darroch, and Richtmeyer attended the International Convention in Nice, France. The Club visited Leader Dog facilities in Rochester.

The BBQ netted \$1,100.00.

1962 -1963

Dan Rose, President

The Club visited the State Home and Training School. The summer meetings were at the golf course, Lion Helber's hostelry and Lion Kraphol's home for swimming.

The Club participated in the annual Service Club Golf Outing.

Members visited the Weidman, St. Louis, Edmore, Remus, Greenville, Crystal, Beaverton and Ithaca Clubs. Other clubs sent visitors to our meetings. Five members attended the Presidents's Party in Grand Rapids.

The Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,800.00.

Special meetings included a joint meeting with Zonta; a presentation by a blind student from CMU relating his experiences on campus; and a report from Girl's State attendees. The annual secret surprise visit by Lionesses was enjoyed by all. The wrestling team from the Lansing School for the Blind also visited the Club. A Judo demonstration was the entertainment at the annual teenager's party.

Ten members attended the Lion Bowling Tournament in Muskegon. Seven members attended the State Convention in Lansing.

The BBQ netted \$1,158.00, with \$553.66 going toward sight conservation.

The 24th Charter Night was a success with 120 in attendance.

1963 - 1964

Norman Assman, President

The Club held a golf tournament at Riverside Golf Course. A swim party was held at Lion Krapohl's home. The annual Service Club Golf Outing was held at the Country Club.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,500.00. The proceeds were used to purchase a portable phonograph, a tape recorder and a set of Braille books for children at the School for the Handicapped. Leader Dog received \$110.00 and Welcome Home for the Blind received \$100.00. \$110.00 was given to two blind students at Indian Trails Camp. The Club again provided Christmas baskets for the needy. Four dogs were sent to the Leader Dog School through our efforts. We tested 761 at glaucoma testing, and purchased 28 pairs of glasses.

The Club learned of major mining operations in Louisiana from Gene Sloyer, President of North American Drilling Co. Lion Allen related his experiences in Vietnam. Lion Barberi gave a report on "Why we should vote this fall on an increased school millage." An exchange student from Germany shared his experiences with the Club.

Other special meetings included the Tail Twister Night. The Tail Twister was brought to court for previous misbehavior. The Tail Twister, Lion Keith Allen, presented appropriate gifts to all who were present. At another meeting, the Club honored thirty-seven honor students.

We celebrated the 25th *Charter Night* with 250 in attendance. A check to Leader Dogs was presented for \$250.00 (\$10.00 for each year).

1964-1965

Reno Maccardini, President

The Club had two entries in the City Centennial Parade and Celebration -- a pop corn wagon and a calliope. We had twelve Lions and their wives participate in the pageant.

The Alma, Shepherd and Mt. Pleasant Clubs had a joint steak cookout at the Shepherd road park. During the year, we had members attend meetings in St. Louis and Alma. Twelve members attended Alma's 25th Charter Night.

During one meeting, school superintendent Lion Barberi and a member of the school board and planning committee, discussed the serious school problem in Mt. Pleasant and the upcoming election on school bonds.

At Christmas time, Santa visited our Children's Christmas Party. The Lions collected and sorted toys for distribution by the Girl Scouts.

We provided lunch for the wrestling team from the Lansing School for the Blind.

The Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,156.00. The BBQ served 1,650 dinners, with a profit of \$1,300.00.

Contributions for sight totaled \$531.49 which included sixty-one pairs of glasses. The glaucoma clinic tested 679 people. Another contribution made during the year was \$2,000.00 toward the cost of the new Municipal Athletic Field.

Two teams attended the state bowling tournament. We sent six delegates to the State Convention in Detroit.

Thelma Marshall, the widow of Lion Herbert Marshall, donated \$1,000.00 to the Leader Dog School.

1965 - 1966

Donald Gould, President

The Club was pleased to have two teams represented at the State and District Golf Tournaments. Our Club hosted the annual Service Club Golf Tournament.

Many of our members spent two nights working on the new Municipal Athletic Stadium. We had a presentation by the High School coaches.

The annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,200.00, while the Chicken BBQ netted \$2,000.00, with more than 2,000 meals served.

Donations during the year included \$373.00 to the Leader Dog School. \$225.00 was donated for Christmas Baskets. We purchased 61 pairs of glasses, for a cost of \$531.49. The final memorial contribution to Leader Dog in memory of I. C. George Nelson was made in the amount of \$420.00. We donated \$750.00 to Welcome Home for the Blind to furnish a single room in their new home in memory of deceased members of the Club. We donated \$25.00 toward expenses of three people visiting our sister club in Valdivia, Chile (returnees shared their experience at a meeting). We performed 655 eye tests, with more than 40 tested for glaucoma. We gave \$417.44 to sight conservation, including 35 exams, 31 pairs of glasses, seven lens replacements and five pairs of new frames.

Club members were busy during the year attending Charter Nights at Edmore, Greenville and Lake Odessa. The Club also visited the Alma Club. We hosted a Zone Meeting.

Special meetings included the Annual Christmas party for children. Another was with guest speaker Tom Tresh, as he shared experiences as a "big league player." We also had a dinner meeting and toured the new Medical Care Facility. We hosted honor students. A special meeting included all past Tail Twisters.

1966 -1967

Floyd Heydenburg, President

The summer festivities included a party at Lion Krapohl's home. Swimming, volleyball and horseshoes were enjoyed by those attending. The Club also participated in the Service Club Golf Tournament and Picnic that summer. We also had our annual Club picnic at the Helber's ranch.

Other Club meeting highlights included a debate between high schools on “Whether we should give both military and economic aid to foreign countries,” a meeting which included the Lionesses sharing with the Club their ideas as to what the city needed. Special guest speakers during the year included football coaches, and Lion Barberi explained why the schools needed an additional 11 mills. We continued our tradition and entertained our teenagers at a meeting, and at another, the top 25 students were honored.

Club members attended several Zone Meetings, including one in Vestaburg, and a Fall Conference in Greenville. Club members attended the Junior Chamber awards night with other service clubs.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,290.00, while the BBQ netted more than \$2,200.00.

Donations that year included \$225.00 donated to the Combined Community Christmas Fund, \$125.00 for Christmas Baskets to the elderly, \$100.00 to the Eye Bank, \$200.00 to Leader Dog School, and \$25.00 toward entertainment of a visiting Indian Chief at an Indian celebration. A young man named Tony Fox received a \$25.00 bond as the winner of our local Lions Peace Essay contest.

Special purchases during the year included fifty window posters for white cane week, and 100 golden anniversary tabs to be worn with lapel buttons. We also purchased golden anniversary signs for the city (\$18.00).

The 28th Charter Night was honored with two key members, seven 100% attendance plaques, and thirteen Old Monarch Awards.

1967 - 1968

Leroy Juhnke, President

Lion Crapo hosted the club for a picnic at his home. The Lion golf outing was held in Bay City, with members attending.

The Club helped (\$80.00) with the expenses for Lion Charles Norman to host a girl from Denmark; she was sponsored through the People to People Program. The Club also sponsored a girl in the Miss Isabella County Beauty Contest.

Special meetings included our Club hosting a Zone Meeting. Many from our Club attended the fall conference in Greenville. Later in the year, we attended a Zone Meeting in Edmore.

During Christmas, the Club donated \$1.00 per member (\$90.00) toward the Service Club Christmas Project. The Club also provided about 25 baskets on its own.

Lionesses provided surprise entertainment following a lunch. During the Annual Valentines' Party, the members entertained the ladies. At another meeting, the Club hosted members from the Alma Club. Special entertainment at one meeting was the Blind Band from Lansing; members stayed over night in Lions member's homes. At yet another meeting, the past and present Tail Twisters put on a dinner.

The Light Bulb sale netted \$1,581.00 with sales of \$3,683.00. The Annual Chicken BBQ netted \$2,300.00. Donations during the year included \$500.00 to Welcome Home for the Blind, \$300.00 to Leader Dog School and \$331.50 for sight conservation. We purchased 25 pairs of glasses.

The King Lion and his wife attended the Lions Convention in Dallas. Lion Juhnke was elected Deputy District Governor of Region 3, District 11C.

1968 - 1969

J. Dean Eckersley, President

The Club sponsored Cathy Neef in the Isabella County Fair Beauty Queen Contest.

Special meeting events this year included Lion Juhnke sharing his experiences at the Dallas Convention. Lion Barberi presented the school situation in Mt. Pleasant. Carlene Utterback, who was sponsored by the Club, returned from Leader Dog School with her dog “Bridgett.” We were honored by a visit from the DeWitt Club with ten members. The basketball coaches also provided an interesting meeting.

The Interclub Christmas Project was given \$344.00, \$4.00 per member. Members were entertained by the CMU Chorus, followed by dancing, at the annual Christmas Party. Santa made a visit and presented gifts at the Childrens Party.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,150.00. The Chicken BBQ netted \$2,572.00.

Donations this year included \$1,000.00 to Welcome Home for the Blind, \$1,500.00 for the Child Guidance Clinic, \$500.00 toward the organization of a Big Brother and Sister Organization in Mt. Pleasant, \$100.00 was given to Day School project for needy children, and \$100.00 to the Chippewa Big Brothers and Sisters Athletic Program. An additional gift of \$250.00 was given to a visiting representative of Welcome Home, who was accompanied by a resident of the home. An additional \$200.00 was given to several groups, which included \$150.00 toward sending a

girl to Johns Hopkins Hospital for an eye examination (she was going blind). We purchased nineteen pairs of glasses at a cost of \$224.50 this year.

The *30th Charter Night* was highlighted by guest speaker columnist Judd Arnett. There were seven charter members who received their 30 year charter awards.

1969 - 1970

Bernie Mayhew, President

The annual golf outing was held at Riverwood. The Krapohls held their annual get-together at their home. The Club was entertained at the Helber Arabian Horse Ranch. Lion Tuma hosted the Club.

The Fall Conference was attended in Grand Rapids. We hosted a Zone Meeting. The Edmore Club made a special visit, and in February, we were honored with a visit by the Greenville Club. Lion Fountain was supported by the Club to attend the International Convention in Atlantic City.

Special meetings included a braille typewriter demonstration by an IBM representative. An exchange student from Switzerland shared experiences. The Easter program was presented by the CMU Glee Club. The Lion hunters back from Montana reported on their trip. We hosted thirty honor students. Lion Barberi shared financial problems of the school system.

The Chicken BBQ netted \$2,275.00.

Special donations this year included \$10.00 to CARE, and \$10.00 to the Charter Night at Howard City. The Club donated \$279.00 (\$3.00 per member) to the Interclub Christmas Project. Santa was a big hit at the Children's Christmas Party. We donated \$500.00 to the CMU Big Brother and Sister Program. We gave \$40.00 to the Exchange Student Program, and \$85.00 to send a student to Fellowship of Christian Athletes Summer Camp.

Twenty Lions manned glaucoma clinic stations.

The 31st Charter Night was held with good attendance.

1970 - 1971

Edgar Briggs, President

The year began with golf and dinner outings at the Holiday Inn and Riverwood Club. We were also entertained by the Krapohls and Hubschers.

Club members were able to attend the Fall Conference in Greenville. We were also fortunate enough to exchange visits with Alma and many other clubs in the area. Members also attended Charter Night at White Cloud. East Grand Rapids and Zone meetings were attended by several of our members and wives.

Special meetings during the year included an exchange student from France, who spoke to the Club and presented us with three flags from Noyon Lions Club. Another meeting included four students from Lions Exchange Program who reported on their European trip. Lions Gould and Dumon reported on their moose hunt in Alaska. At another meeting, the Tail Twister was reined into court by the Lion Lawyers for incompetence.

This year's Light Bulb Sale netted the Club \$1,565.00, an increase of \$366.00 over the previous year. The Chicken BBQ profit for this year was \$1,947.00

The Club was pleased to donate \$100.00 to help with expenses for a girl attending a school for the blind. We were also able to lend \$80.00 to another blind college student. The Club underwrote the cost of eye and dental examinations for an eight-year-old local boy at a clinic in the West. The Club continued their generosity by donating \$1,000.00 to Welcome Home for the Blind, \$500.00 to preschool mentally handicapped children, \$200.00 to a local family counseling service organization, and \$100.00 to CARE Pakistan Relief. We donated \$50.00 toward the new International Office, \$525.00 to purchase film for public relations dealing with the Cornea Eye Bank Project, and \$100.00 to the City Library. Eight pairs of glasses were also purchased this year, for a cost of \$90.24. We also donated \$50.00 toward a district eye testing machine and \$500.00 to the Chippewa Big Brother and Sisters. No year is complete without a Children's Christmas Party. Lion Juhnke was again St. Nick. \$413.00 was donated for a Christmas project.

1971 - 1972

Robert Wooley, President

The Assmanns and the Hubschers entertained the Club at their homes. The Club sponsored 11-C District Golf Tournament. Santa again showed up at the Children's Party.

The Club hosted a Zone Meeting this year. We sent three members to the State Convention. Thirty-eight members attended the Charter Night for the new Shepherd Club.

Special entertainment at meetings included the high school coaches. Lion Johns explained the financial goals and proposed allocation of funds from the \$1.5 million CMU hoped to raise to enrich university programs. Representatives from the Eye Bank shared information to the Club and local newspaper people. Lion Smith shared his slides and experiences of his African trip.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,450.00 and the BBQ added an additional \$2,200.00 to our Benevolence Fund.

Disbursements this year included \$200.00 per year for a blind CMU student scholarship, \$80.00 for two tables at school forest and \$111.00 to purchase a Braille for a student at the Lansing School for the Blind. We donated \$500.00 to Welcome Home and \$500.00 to the Leader Dog School. During the year, the Club purchased 55 sets of glasses for \$870.00. There were 400 people tested at the glaucoma clinic. We established a loan fund (at least \$1,000.00 per year) for needy blind students at CMU, to be paid back when the student is able.

1972 - 1973

John J. Hafer, President

The Club sent five members to a joint Zone Meeting. We were honored by a visit from the Edmore Club.

Special meetings this year included Dr. Bess of CMU who discussed hearing troubles due to excessive noise from snowmobiles, tractors, rock music, etc. We hosted a special meeting for our teenage sons and daughters. Honor students were also hosted this year.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,503.72, while the BBQ netted about \$2,000.00.

Donations this year included \$200.00 to save the cupola on the old court house, \$500.00 to Leader Dog School, \$500.00 to Welcome Home for the Blind, \$200.00 to the Eye Bank, \$500.00 to Big Brothers and Sisters of Mt. Pleasant and \$100.00 to Apollo Electronic Visual Aids sponsored by University Christian House. We continued to give a \$500.00 scholarship for a blind student at college. We again gave \$3.00 per member to Inter-Service Club Fund for the needy. There were 29 sets of glasses purchased for \$621.00. The Glaucoma Clinic tested 639 people. The Nolde Memorial Fund was started with a \$500.00 donation from our Club. Nolde was the last GI killed before peace, and was a former Lion.

At Christmas, we donated 27 Christmas baskets to the needy. Both the Adult and Children Christmas Parties were held.

1973 - 1974

Wilbur Waggoner, President

The Krapohls hosted a swim and dinner meeting during the summer. We also had a cookout at Riverwood and an outdoor meeting at Melody Ranch. We also had a family picnic at Coldwater Lake. Twenty members attended a golf outing at Boyne Highlands.

Several members attended the Fall District Workshop conducted by District Governor Edgar Briggs.

Special meetings this year included the annual report by Roy Kramer, Football Coach at CMU. A wine tasting meeting was very informative. Lions "big game" hunters shared their experiences at another meeting. Chef Tuma provided tips on how to prepare and carve a Thanksgiving turkey. We played Bingo at the Valentine's party. The Sweet Adelines entertained at Ladies Night.

We distributed baskets to the needy at Christmas. Both the Childrens and Adult Christmas parties were well attended.

We voted to sponsor a new noon hour Lions Club to be known as the Chippewa Lions Club on CMU's campus.

The Chicken BBQ netted \$3,087.00 this year.

A box of glasses was sent to World Relief this year. Monetary donations included \$250.00 toward transportation for the blind daughter of Mrs. Curtis to and from the Lansing School for the Blind. We gave \$100.00 to Special Olympics; \$210.00 to the city library for large print books; and an additional gift of \$250.00 was sent to Welcome Home for the Blind.

We celebrated our 35th *Charter Night* with a dance. We were honored by twenty couples from the Midland Club.

1974 - 1975

Douglas Dehn, President

The summer was highlighted by an outdoor cookout at the new administration building at the Airport, with the Radio Control Airplane Club providing a demonstration. Melody Ranch hosted the Club on another evening, and a family picnic was held at Island Park.

The Club sent members to the Fall Zone Meeting. We also attended the Inter-Service Banquet and Show for kick-off for local Zoo Committee Community Project.

Program highlights through the year included a presentation from Lion Tuma's experiences on his trip to Lebanon. The Director of Housing for the City discussed the new ten story apartment building being built for the elderly (Riverview Apartments). Lion Tuma reported on the CMU football win over Louisiana Tech. Gary Bugh, from WCEN Radio, presented a flag and pins from Kalaupap Lions in Hawaii. Lion Tuma spearheaded the \$6.5 million hospital drive. Lion Tuma was named "Man of the Year."

The Annual Christmas Party and Dinner Dance was highlighted with music by the CMU Madrigal Singers. The Children's Christmas Party was a complete success! Baskets were again distributed to the needy.

Fund raising this year brought in \$1,886.00 from the Light Bulb Sale and \$3,741.67 from the Chicken BBQ.

Donations for this year included a \$6,000 pledge to the hospital expansion, \$3,000 was given this year, with \$500.00 being paid each year for the next five years. Leader Dog School was given \$500.00. A donation of \$10.00 was presented to a new club (Brightly-Brohman Club). Nelson Park Zoo was a recipient of a \$20.00 donation.

The Lions participated in the annual Glaucoma Detection Clinic, with approximately 700 processed. Sight screening was also done at the County Fair.

1975 - 1976

Donald Johnson, President

The Lions operated eyeglass and hearing aid repair services during the International Olympics at CMU. This was an excellent service that was well received. We screened eyes at the County Fair, with more than 200 being tested. Six signed up as eye donors. We also did sight screening at the CMU Health Fair.

The Light Bulb Sale grossed more than \$4,000.00, and the Chicken BBQ netted more than \$3,100.00

Donations this year included the completion of the hospital pledge (\$3,000.00 this year, for a total of \$6,000.00), \$500.00 to Welcome Home, \$500.00 to Leader Dog, and \$100.00 to the Michigan Eye Bank.

Christmas baskets were distributed. The Club enjoyed a visit from District Governor Al Johnson.

1976 - 1977

William Sowle, President

The Club again distributed Christmas Baskets to elderly citizens who are so often forgotten.

The annual Chicken BBQ was the most successful to date.

For the 38th Charter Night, entertainment was put on by local Club members.

1977 - 1978

Norman Eifler, President

The Summer began with an outdoor cookout, a steak fry and golf outing for members.

Special happenings during the year included a Ladies Night with dessert and a sing-a-long. A hobby night was enjoyed, with several Lions sharing details of their hobbies. Congressman Paul Rosenbaum spoke on the progress of bills passed on issues to improve the criminal codes to take criminals off the streets of Michigan. Lion Husted shared experiences of his year of study in India. Teenagers attended a meeting with their Dads. A special Hillbilly Night was held with the ladies. At another meeting, we entertained the honor students.

A true highlight of the year was when the Club presented an electric braille typewriter to a blind student from Blanchard. "This is rewarding to see happiness in the face of a blind person. Makes you proud to be a Lion."

We enjoyed the Adult Christmas Party. Santa visited the children at their party. Christmas baskets were distributed.

The Light Bulb sale netted more than \$2,000.00.

Donations this year included \$750.00 to Welcome Home for the Blind, \$750.00 to Leader Dog School and \$700.00 to the Michigan Eye Bank.

A group picture of the Club was taken.

1978 - 1979

Donald Holland, President

The summer included the annual couple's garden party hosted by the Krapohls. We had a family picnic at Lake Isabella, and cook outs at Jaycee Park and Melody Ranch.

Special weekly meetings included a visit from an exchange student from Pretoria, Trnasvaal, South Africa. The basketball coaches reported to the Club on their teams. At another meeting, the upcoming election and local issues were discussed by School Board Members and City Commissioners. Lion Wickert showed slides and discussed his cruise through the Caribbean. The High School Debate Team presented a program. Students were honored at another meeting.

Christmas baskets were again delivered. The adult and children's Christmas parties were hits again.

This year, the Annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,832.00. The 25th Annual Chicken BBQ grossed more than \$9,000.00.

Disbursements this year included \$750.00 to Welcome Home for the Blind; \$750.00 to Leader Dog School; and \$750.00 to the Eye Clinic. We did sight screening at the CMU Health Fair.

The *40th Charter Night* was held.

1979 - 1980

Robert Reynolds, President

Summer festivities included an annual family picnic at Lake Isabella. Another event included a picnic and golf outing at Riverwood. Lions Tuma and Johns hosted the Club, including the wives. There was a cookout at Chippewa Park.

Special meetings during the year included the annual football coaches' report. John Bergeson talked about model airplane building and flying. The Ladies Dessert Night was highlighted by a special program. "Banking in the Current Environment" was presented by Lion Johns. The basketball coaches entertained. Another highlight was "Glenn Starner's surprise night." The Sweetheart Night dinner dance was held at the Embers. A western Australia exchange student shared experiences with the Club. Rob Louisell and his string band entertained us with folk music. At the Teen Party, CMU folk dancers performed. The ladies presented the program at the annual Ladies Night.

Christmas time was festive again for the Club. The Annual Adult Christmas Party was a success. Santa visited the Childrens Party. Annual Christmas baskets were distributed.

The Light Bulb Sale netted more than \$2,000.00, while the 26th Annual Chicken BBQ netted more than \$6,000.00, with 3,400 halves being served.

Donations this year included \$1,000 to Welcome Home, \$850.00 to Leader Dog, and \$850.00 to the Eye Bank.

Past International President Ralph Lynam spoke at Charter Night.

1980 - 1981

Glenn Starner, President

Summer festivities included a family picnic at Jaycee Park and an outdoor meeting at Lion Eifler's residence.

Highlights of meetings during the year included the annual football coaches night; a visit from James Gillingham, CMU, who presented a program 'The Sexual Behavior of Snakes, and a visit from the League of Women Voters. We had a ladies dessert night, a Tail Twister fund-raising night, and a Cape Cod night for the Valentine's Party. Other meetings included a Michigan Eye Research Center program, a film on Lionism, *Reaching Out to Others*, the annual teen party, and a Law Day celebration with a speaker from the Bar Association.

The Club had its annual Christmas dinner and dance. Santa visited the children at their party. Baskets to the needy were distributed.

Six Lions members attended the Zone Meeting at Mecosta.

Fund raisers this year were very successful. The Light Bulb Sale netted \$2,000.00 and the Annual Chicken BBQ netted \$7,000.00, serving 3,500 dinners.

Disbursements included \$1,000.00 to the Eye Bank, \$1,000.00 to Welcome Home for the Blind, and \$1,000.00 to Leader Dog School.

A magic show was a part of the banquet and installation of officers at Charter Night.

1981 - 1982

Stephen Yurick, President

The Summer cookout was held at Jaycee Park. The Family Picnic was to be held at Deerfield Park, but rain forced its movement to the Embers. Lion Johns hosted the wives cookout. Melody Ranch was the sight of the last cookout for the summer.

Regular meetings included a football preview with the coaches. The Progressive Tail Twister was presented by Lion Harbison. The Ladies dessert night program was on CMU's Physical Fitness Program. Madrigal singers entertained at the annual Christmas Party. Christmas music and Santa provided excitement for the Children's Christmas Party. Lion Wickert showed slides of his trip to Egypt, Israel, and Jordan. A style show, modeled by Lions members and their wives was the highlight of the annual Valentine's Party. The Club honored students at another meeting. CMU student Joseph Tuma, nephew to Lion Clarence, shared history and geography of Lebanon. The Michigan Eye Bank Research Center provided a program in June.

Members of the Club attended the Zone Meetings held in Clare and in Mecosta. Seven members attended the District 11E-1 Convention in Clare.

The Light Bulb Sale netted \$1,828.00. The Annual Chicken BBQ brought in another \$5,216.00.

Donations this year included \$500.00 to the Public Library for large print books. The Club screened eyes at the CMU Health Fair.

1982 - 1983

J. David Kerr, President

Summer meetings included a family picnic at Deerfield Park, and an outdoor meeting at Chipp-a-waters Park. Lion Johns hosted the annual pool party. An outdoor meeting was held at Pleasant Hills, with a good turnout, in spite of rain.

The Midland Club hosted a District Meeting, while Zone II was hosted by our Club.

Regular meetings included a visit to the new City Water Sewage Treatment Plant. The football coaches visited the Club at another meeting. An October meeting included the Community Hospital High Fever Follies Review. There was good fellowship at the annual Tail Twisters Night. The Lions quartet: Dennis, Fountain, Juhnke and Sowle, entertained at the December 6 meeting. Hospice presented a program on current plans and progress for fall. There was a joint meeting with the Shepherd Club, with the CMU Women's Basketball Coach as speaker. The CMU Music Department entertained at the Teen Party. Western music was part of the entertainment for Ladies Night. At another meeting, we hosted students.

The annual adult and children's Christmas parties were successful. Baskets were distributed for Christmas.

The 29th Annual Chicken BBQ served 3,666 dinners.

Donations this year included \$1,000.00 to the Eye Bank; \$1,000.00 to the Leader Dog School; \$1,000.00 to Welcome Home for the Blind; and \$1,000.00 to the Summer Remedial Clinic at CMU.

The 44th Charter Night was held with dinner and dancing.

1983 - 1984

Wayne Husted, President

The Summer included a dinner at Island Park, followed by a tour of One Energy Place. The annual family picnic was at Deerfield Park. Lion and Mrs. Johns hosted an adult pool party. We had a skeet shooting contest after the cookout at Chippewa Park. There was a golf outing at Pleasant Hills.

The September 19 meeting was highlighted with an update on the Zilwaukee Bridge. Alma Chapter SPEBSQSA entertained at another meeting. The Ladies Dessert Night was well attended. The Adult Christmas dance was entertained by the Lions Quartet. Santa visited the children's Christmas party. We had a CPR class taught by Bob Briggs, Emergency Room Supervisor at CMCH. The Valentine's Party was a success. The Eye Research Center and Michigan Eye Bank provided a program. Fulbright Scholar, Bosscher, discussed the Netherlands. In April, we hosted the Teen Party, as well as Ladies Night, featuring the Sweet Adelines as entertainment. The honor students were entertained at another meeting. Several members attended the Zone Meeting in Clare. We did sight screening at the County Fair.

This year's Light Bulb Sale netted \$2,600.00. The 30th Annual Chicken BBQ served 3,305 dinners (weather was good).

The 45th Charter Night included a visit from DG elect Wyman. The Sweet Adelines entertained.

1984 - 1985

Jack Fountain, President

Summer meetings were hosted by Lions Johns and Gunderson.

Remembered highlights of the year include the Club conducting sight screening at the County Fair. One evening, the football coaches presented a program. The High Fever Follies Preview provided entertainment at another meeting. District Governor Wyman visited the Club. The basketball coaches provided an update on area teams. A video of the 1984 World Series was viewed. The Lions' quartet entertained at the annual Valentines Party, together with Fast and Missad, a singing duo with electric guitar and electric piano. The March 4 meeting was canceled because of snow. A Mediterranean Cruise Ship program was presented by CMU Marketing and Hospitality Students. The Teen Party and Ladies night were held in April. We held an honors night for high school seniors. Lion Bando's father-in-law presented a program on the Eye Bank in India. Members from the Club attended the District Convention in Clare.

Club members also had a great time at the Adult Christmas Party. Santa visited the Children's Party. Ten Christmas baskets were distributed by the Club (\$300).

The Annual Light Bulb Sale was conducted. The 31st Annual BBQ netted about \$8,000, serving 3,389 dinners. Ninety-five percent of the Clubs members were able to participate.

Donations for 1984-85 included \$1,200 to Welcome Home for the Blind, \$1,200 to Leader Dog School, \$1,000 to the Michigan Eye Bank, \$1,000 to the CMU Remedial Clinic, \$500 to Hospice, and \$200 to Christian Record Braille Foundation Summer Camp for the Blind, in Grayling.

The 46th Charter Night included entertainment by the Methodist Church Bell Ringers.

1985 - 1986

Theodore Tetreault, President

Summer outings included a family picnic at Island Park and a golf outing at Pleasant Hills. We had our annual pool party at Lion Johns home, with good attendance.

Special meetings included presentation by Liz Morgan, a recipient of two cornea transplants, told of her improvement from legally blind to 20/20 vision. We received a report on the City co-generation plant study at another meeting. The high school coaches provided another night's entertainment. The adult and children's Christmas parties were well attended, with Santa making a visit. Christmas baskets were distributed. The Valentine's Dance was well attended. Mrs. Sheperdigian demonstrated Braille writing. The teens made their own pizzas at the annual Teen Party. Honor student night was held in May.

The Club was host to the District Governor in October. We hosted the District 11E-1 convention at the Holiday Inn. We conducted sight screening at the CMU Health Fair.

SUCCESS was the word for the Annual Light Bulb Sale, selling 1297 pack of bulbs in two hours.

Contributions for the year included \$1,000 to Eye Research, \$1,200 to the Eye Bank, \$1,200 to Welcome Home for the Blind, \$250 to the District 11 E-1 Ear Lab, and \$450 to CMU Hearing Clinic for hearing aid repairs. The Club purchased a braille typewriter for a blind boy about to enter junior high school.

1986 - 1987

Dennis Farley, President

The summer of 1986 included a family outing at the Holiday Inn, which included golf, swimming, fellowship and food. Another family picnic was held at the Golf Center, with putt-putt golf, baseball batting and golf range usage. The Johns hosted the Club for a Hawaiian Luau and swim. The Club conducted sight screening at the County Fair, and then held a golf outing at the Country Club.

Meetings during the year included the annual visit from the football coaches. The Club saw an excellent film on the Leader Dog School, while a CMU blind student and his dog, Greta, were guests. At another meeting, the Tail Twister put on a very good program. The Special Olympics were presented in slides at Ladies Night. The Club hosted a District Zone meeting at the Embers. Santa visited the Children's Christmas Party. The Adult Christmas Party was a great success. The club was able to distribute 10 Christmas baskets to the elderly through the Out Reach Program. The Zone meeting in Midland was attended by six Club members. CMU President Ellis addressed the Club in February. Information about the Michigan Sesquicentennial was the topic at another Club meeting. At a ladies dinner, Lion Huntoon provided information on jewelry (he was the manager of a local jewelry store). In April, the baseball coaches were guests. Honor students were guests at a meeting in May. The Club attained 430 points in the Governors Contest.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$2,900. The 33rd annual BBQ served 3,388 dinners.

The 48th Charter Night was honored by District Governor Goss installing the new officers.

1987 - 1988

Steve Rudoni, President

The summer included a family outing at Lion Andresen's. The Johns' hosted a Mexican fiesta pool party. Two other family outings were held during the summer. The Club did sight screening at the County Fair.

During the fall, we had the area football coaches for a Club meeting. The Club was represented at the Clare Zone Meeting and at a dinner for PDG Andy Watson. At another meeting, Harry Tope hosted the Club at his hanger, and we viewed his restored P-51 fighter plane and learned of its history.

The winter brought a visit from the area basketball coaches. Santa visited the children at their party. The Adult Christmas Party was held at the Embers, with good attendance. Christmas baskets were distributed through the Outreach Program. The Valentine's Day dance was a success. DG Carl Goss visited at another meeting. The Teen Party had a teenage magician as entertainment.

Spring brought a visit from the baseball and softball coaches.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale netted \$2,200. The 34th Annual Chicken BBQ was held in May.

The Club contributed more than \$9,600 to local and state causes during the year. Some of these donations included \$3,000 to start the Quest Program in the local schools, \$1,200 to Michigan Eye Bank, \$1,200 to Welcome Home for the Blind, \$1,000 to Leader Dog; \$1,000 to the CMU Remedial Clinic, and \$1,000 to Michigan Eye Bank Research.

The 49th Annual Charter Night included a style show by Lions and their wives.

1988 - 1989

Franklyn C. Ingram, President

Summer fun included a pool party and western cookout hosted by Lion Larry and Marilyn Johns. The Club had a bowling night (with heavy rain). The Club conducted sight screening at the County Fair. Lion Gunderson hosted a golf outing.

During the fall, the Club visited the CMU Museum. The CMU Provost spoke at Ladies Night. The High School football coaches were hosted at another meeting. The Annual Light Bulb Sale was held in October. The Tail Twister had a special night in October. The Halloween Party, with a Safari Theme, included entertainment by a hypnotist. The Club received an update on the Mill Pond Development.

Winter greeted the Club with the annual Adult Christmas Party. Santa visited the Children's Christmas Party, with Lion Juhnke honored for more than 41 years as Santa Claus. Annual Christmas Baskets were given out, at a cost of \$500. The District Governor entertained at another meeting. The Club heard a report on the QUEST program at the middle school. The CMU basketball coaches were hosted. CMU President Jakubaukas was a guest speaker in February. The Valentine's Dinner/Dance was well attended. The Club hosted the Teen Party for members' children and grandchildren. The Club did sight screening at the CMU Minority Health Fair, with 55 screened, and six judged to need professional evaluation. The King Lion attended the Multiple District 11 Convention in Kalamazoo.

The Club voted to contribute to the Mill Pond Development Project. More than thirty-five members of the Club participated in the CMU PBS Auction Telethon. High school honor students were hosted at another meeting. The Club served breakfast on two mornings during the Air Show at the airport.

The 35th Annual Chicken BBQ netted a profit of approximately \$10,000. Club members and other volunteers served 3,600 dinners.

The 50th *Anniversary Party* was held in June, with a large attendance.

1989 - 1990

Dane Clark, President

Summer activities in 1989 included a pool party at Lion Larry and Marilyn Johns' home.

Fall activities included the Annual Light Bulb Sale and a Halloween Costume Party. Mary Ellen Brandell spoke to the Club on Mt. Pleasant's 100th Birthday. Winter fun included the Valentine Party. Spring included the Annual Teen Party and Honor Student night.

Club functions during the year included the decision to sell mints. The Membership Committee Chair became a Board Member. A "free swinging wind tee" was donated to the Mt. Pleasant airport with the Lions logo on it. Letters of support were sent for making M-20 four lanes to Midland. The Club sponsored five boys for a work session at Eagle Village. The Club cooked pancakes at the Mt. Pleasant Airport. The Annual Chicken BBQ went well.

The District 11 E-1 convention was held at the Hotel Doherty in Clare. The 51st Charter Night was held in June.

1990 - 1991

Charles Kiel, President

Summer meetings included a family canoe outing and picnic at Deerfield Park. A pool party was hosted by Lion Johns, with a beach party theme. Sight screening was done at the County Fair.

King Lion Bob McLaughlin stepped down and moved to Arkansas for a new job. Charles Kiel moved up to new King Lion.

Club highlights that year included a tour of CMU's new Student Activity Center (SAC) and the Annual Light Bulb Sale. Members did vision screening at CMU. The District Convention was held in Big Rapids.

The 52nd Charter Night was held in June, with PDG Larry Wyman installing officers.

1991 - 1992

Gary Conant, President

Lion Charles and Judy Kiel held a summer party at their home. The Club did sight screening at the Isabella County Fair for 196 people.

Fall meetings included a visit from DG Duane Witter. The Club participated in CMCH's Health Fair at West Intermediate. Christmas included both the Adult and Children's Christmas Parties. The Club spearheaded the Annual Christmas Sing in Downtown Mt. Pleasant.

Spring meetings included an ugly tie contest, a teen party, and honors night. The District Convention was held in Midland. The Chicken BBQ was again a success, with Lion Welch selling 391 tickets and Lion Rudoni selling 129.

The Club pledged \$6,000 for a new pavilion at Island Park, to be known as the Lion's Club Pavilion. The first \$2,000 was given to the City for the structure.

The 53rd Charter Night was held in June.

1992 - 1993

T. Michael Carey, President

The summer included a family picnic at Chipp-A-Water Park. Another family outing was "An Evening with the Birds" at Lion Walker's house. The Club had an entry in the Summerfest Parade.

Diane Fleming and Liz Hitch were inducted as the first female Lion members in the Mt. Pleasant Club.

Fund raisers for the year included a gun raffle at Mardi Gras; a successful Light Bulb Sale in October; and the 39th Annual Chicken BBQ in May. Second payment on City Pledge was given for the Lion's Club Pavilion for \$2,000.

The District 11 E-1 Convention was held in Cadillac. Club members made a visit to the Big Rapids Club. Charter Night number fifty-four was held.

1993 - 1994

Wesley Skinner, President

Summer activities included a member and guest pool party at Lion Larry Johns' house. Family picnics were held at Chip-A-Water Park and Millpond Park. A members' picnic was held at Island Park and Bowling at Chippewa Lanes. The Club participated in Mardi Gras in downtown Mt. Pleasant and included a gun raffle, a booth and an entry in the parade.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale in October collected more than \$6,300. Some of the money was given for the purchase of a telescope eye glass for a needy individual. A contribution was made to the CMU Audiology Department. A donation was also made to the Community Memorial Stadium Renovation Committee. The final payment of \$2,000 was made for the new Lions Club Pavilion at Island Park.

The 55th *Charter Night* was held in June.

1994 - 1995

Melvyn Remus, President

Summer outings included a "Between the Pond's Concert", a pool party hosted by Lion Larry and Marilyn Johns' home, and a steak fry.

Special meetings during the year included a presentation on a Lions Youth Camp, a meeting on charter schools, the Adult Christmas Party, the Children's Christmas Party (including Santa), and the Valentine's Party.

The Multiple District Convention was held in Midland. Ten members answered telephones for the CMU Public TV Fund-raiser. Alice LaBonte received her new Leader Dog.

Fund raisers for this year included the Annual Light Bulb Sale, a hunting raffle, a golf outing, mint sales and the 41st Annual Chicken BBQ.

Donations for the year totaled more than \$15,000. Disbursements included \$7,000 for eye glasses, \$1,000 to Christmas Outreach, \$1,000 to the Michigan Eye Bank, \$1,000 for a college scholarship, \$500.00 for Christmas baskets, \$500 for the CMU Remedial Clinic, \$500 for Leader Dog School, \$600 to Welcome Home and \$400 for the Quest Program.

The 56th Charter Night was enjoyed by all who attended.

1995 -1996

Gerald Edgar, President

During the summer, the Lions had a family shrimp boil with a "Between the Ponds" concert following. Other activities included an outing at Pleasant Hills Golf Course; a pool party at Lion Larry and Marilyn Johns home; a steak fry at Island Park; and a family picnic at Island Park.

Fund raising for the year netted more than \$22,000. Disbursements included funds for eye care, a college scholarship; Christmas baskets, Christmas Outreach, CMU Remedial Clinic, Welcome Home for the Blind, Leader Dog School, Michigan Eye Bank and the Visually Impaired Youth Camp. Additional funds helped high school students fund a trip to Chicago to study architecture.

Ten members participated in the CMU Public TV Broadcasting fund raiser.

The 57th Charter Night was held in June.

1996 - 1997

David Hole, President

Summer events included a cookout at the new Lincoln Hill banquet facility, while still under renovation. Afterwards, we toured the new water treatment plant. A shrimp boil was done by Lion Scheide on CMU's south campus, followed by a "Between the Ponds" concert. There was a steak fry at the Sanctuary near Mecosta to view deer.

Special programs during the year included presentations by Dick Flynn, Judge Chamberlain, School Superintendent Robert Jansen and Chamber President Judi Sullivan. The District Convention was held at Crystal Mountain.

Fund raising for the year generated more than \$39,000 for the Club, less \$16,500 in expenses, with more than \$22,000 available for donations. Some of these included Camp Tuhsmeheeta, Visually Impaired Youth Camp, CMU Remedial Clinic, Christmas Outreach, Christmas baskets, eye care, Leader Dog School, Michigan Eye Bank, Welcome Home for the Blind, in addition to many other charities.

The 58th Charter Night was held on June 5.

1997 - 1998

Joseph Barberi, President

Summer outings included a meeting at the SAC Center, a family outing with a shrimp boil and a "Between the Ponds" Concert, a pool party hosted by Lion Larry and Marilyn Johns, and a lake party at Lion Leemaster's Condo at Houghton Lake.

Fund-raising by the Club grossed nearly \$42,000, netting more than \$23,000 for donations. The Annual Light Bulb Sale was the best in Club history, selling out of all bulbs. Besides the normal charities that we gave to, the Club decided to make one-time donations for special requests. These included \$1,500 to the Mt. Pleasant Area Pony-Colt League to help with costs of regenerating their fields, \$1,300 to the Mt. Pleasant Traveling Soccer Team for the development of a new soccer field, \$1,000 to CMCH toward the purchase of colposcopy equipment for the Child Maltreatment Evaluation Team, \$500 to the local chapter of the Red Cross to help local fire victims, \$500 to the local US Naval Sea Cadets, \$500 to the United Way, and \$200 to help two area youths travel to South America.

King Lion Barberi encouraged family, fun and fellowship throughout the year. He was proud to give out his "chickenlegs" of praise to fellow Club members.

The Club again worked at the CMU Public TV fund raiser, generating \$3,500 from our own members. The Club hosted a successful District 11 E-1 Convention in mid April at the Comfort Inn.

1998 - 1999

Dykstra Heinze, President

The Sixtieth year of Lionism in Mt. Pleasant brought new members and new enthusiasm to the club. King Lion Heinze emphasized the "3 Rs": Recruitment, Retention and Responsibility. Club visitations were encouraged, with many members visiting the Midland and Clare Clubs. A Social hour was initiated this year, and one meeting about every other month included a cocktail hour before dinner. A break in tradition found the members with new name badges that were easier to read.

King Lion Heinze used his "Lion's Roar" to commend members for exceptional Lionism duties throughout the community and Club.

The Annual Light Bulb Sale in October grossed \$6,900, netting more than \$3,200, in spite of a torrential downpour. The Chicken BBQ grossed more than \$32,000, serving 5,000 meals in three and one half hours.

Because of the Club's financial success, many donations were increased for 1998-1999. Charities this year included \$2,000 for Christmas Outreach, \$2,000 for Christmas baskets for the needy, \$1,500 to the Mt. Pleasant Traveling Soccer Team for the development of a second field, \$1,500 to the Michigan Eye Bank, \$1,500 to the Visually Impaired Youth Camp and \$1,000 to Camp Tuhsemeheta.

The Club again manned the phones for CMU's PBS Spring Fund raiser. Club members pledged more than \$3,500.

The *60th Anniversary Charter Night* was held on June 7. An anniversary portrait of Club members was taken. A resolution recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Club was received from the City of Mt. Pleasant. A Special Tribute from the State of Michigan, 90th Legislature was presented by State Representative Sandra Caul. Other dignitaries for the evening included International Director Dennis Cobler, District Governor Jack Burchard, District Governor Elect Harry Johnson and several Past District Governors. New King Lion Donald Bertsch promised that our 61st year would be exciting for the members, and that the Club was ready for the new millennium.

1999 - 2000

Donald Bertsch, President

A Millennium Committee was established. Several activities and donations were planned to commemorate the new century.

A donation of \$500 was made to the America Red Cross for training materials for Heart Transplant Defibrillator recipients.

New Lions' Club signs for the four entrances to the City of Mt. Pleasant were ordered and placed.

The Mount Pleasant Lions Club was nominated for the J C Penney Golden Rule Award for continuous service to the city residents.

2000 - 2001

Robert Long, President

Membership remained stable at 80 members.

The club had a successful Chicken BBQ with about 5,300 chicken dinner tickets sold with a net profit of \$18,000.

Major donations were given to the Children's Trauma Victim Support, Christmas Outreach, Mt Pleasant High School Memorial Garden, the Red Cross and many others totaling \$23,000.

Ken Walker received the Eagle Award at the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Banquet. David Ebbinghaus was named Lion of the Year award from the King Lion.

2001 - 2002

Richard Domeyer, President

The fall of 2001 was marked by the 911 disaster. The club was financially able to respond to the needs of fellow Lions and families in New York. A donation was given in the amount of \$1,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund, and another \$1,000 was given to the World Trade Center Disaster Victims Fund.

Our Lions Club entered into a partnership with the Zonta Club in providing a special computer for a blind student.

The building of the new Isabella Community Soup Kitchen facility saw a club donation of \$3,000.

Christmas food baskets were replaced by Christmas food coupons, with Christmas Outreach agreeing to monitor their distribution.

A new college scholarship program was started for local high school students. The club dedicated a Memorial Garden at Mt. Pleasant High School.

Lion Jack Welch was chosen Lion of the Year award.

2002 - 2003

Diane Fleming, President

Lion Diane Fleming was installed as the first female president of the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club.

Financed by successful fund-raisers, a park bench was donated to the new Mt. Pleasant Post Office. The club's contributions to Central Michigan community Hospital have earned a cumulative giving plate at the Hospital. The club donated \$1,000.00 to Hospice of Central Michigan. A donation of \$1,000.00 was given to the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club for their worldwide Polio Elimination Drive.

The Lions State Convention was held in Mt. Pleasant.

Lions Larry Leemaster and Clarence Tuma were named as the club's first Melvin Jones Fellows.

2003 - 2004

John Scheide, President

The Club assumed the responsibility of the Reading Program Scholarship from the Sunrise Rotary Club.

The Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary Chicken BBQ by making a new commitment to the Mt. Pleasant community with a five year, \$25,000 pledge to Michigan Community Hospital. This commitment is to help fund a new cancer treatment center and a renovated maternity wing. A treatment room in the cancer center will bear the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club name.

Donations for the year included more than \$5,000 for eye glasses, \$2,500 to Welcome Home for the Visually Impaired, \$2,000 for the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, \$2,000 to Christmas Outreach, \$2,000 for Christmas Food Coupons, \$1,500 to Toys for Tots, nearly \$1,400 for hearing aids and \$1,000 to Blind Children's Fund.

Former King Lion Diane Fleming became Zone Chair. New club banners were ordered.

The club again participated in the 10th consecutive CMU PBS fund-raiser.

The club's 65th *Charter Night* was held on June 7, with Lion John Monahan becoming the new King Lion.

2004 - 2005

John Monahan, President

We began the year with the Mardi Gras parade and light bulb sale. A committee was formed under Lion John Schimmelmann to consider alternatives to the light bulb sale. A pledge to Tsunami relief through the Red Cross led to a budget review committee. This resulted in a large reduction in the benevolence budget and a confirmation of the basic values of the Club. The Reading program led by Lion Steve Rellinger finally got under way with its first group of tutors beginning in January. Lion Tom Olson persuaded the Delfield Company to rebuild the BBQ pits using stainless steel. The rebuilt pits worked well. Club members sold a record number of tickets and the BBQ was the most financially successful ever. Lion Karla Storrer led a very successful membership drive. Lion Charlie Kiel is arranging for a storage facility for all of our Lion's equipment.

The Club's 66th Charter Night was held on June 6. Lion Norman Tuma received The Heart of a Lion Award, Lion Charles Kiel received The Lion of the Year Award and Lion Dean Eckersley received a Melvin Jones award. Lion David Ebbinghaus became the new King Lion.

2005 - 2006

David Ebbinghaus, President

Hurricane Katrina even impacted the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club. The 2005 Annual Light Bulb Sale was suspended in order to seek donations to LCIF intended for Hurricane Relief. Lions went door to door asking for donations. Nevertheless, some light bulbs were still sold and along with donations made, over \$1,400.00 was raised.

Membership retention and new member recruiting was emphasized throughout the year. Membership Chair Cara McFadden did an outstanding job organizing a recruiting and retention campaign.

A long needed storage building for the club's equipment and supplies was planned and constructed in the spring. Lion Charles Kiel did a superb job of organizing and making this project happen. The building was built in partnership with the City of Mt. Pleasant who provided the site for the building at Pickens Field.

2006 - 2007

John Schimmelmann, President

The Club had a successful Mint Candy Sale, final Light Bulb Sale, and had the first Chili Supper fund raiser.

Mt. Pleasant Lions moved into their new storage building near Pickens Field and voted to move meetings to the Comfort Inn after the Embers closes.

Lions were busy participating in the Mardi Gras parade, the CMU Public Broadcasting fund raiser, sight screening at CMU, Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program and Chamber of Commerce Business Expo exhibit.

2007 - 2008

Gerard DeSormes, President

The club conducted a successful chili supper at Mt. Pleasant High School in February and a great chicken BBQ in May.

The club participated in the CMU Public TV telethon and Vision Screening at CMU.

Mt. Pleasant Lions had ten Lions participate in the Michigan Summer Special Olympics program called Opening Eyes.

This was the first year that the Mt. Pleasant Lions met at their new meeting location at the Comfort Inn, after spending 49 years at the Embers Restaurant.

Several members marched in the Downtown Mt. Pleasant Mardi Gras parade in September.

At Charter Night, Karla Storrer was named Lion of the Year, Ken Walker received the Ken Lautzenheiser Award and Roy Gunderson was named a Melvin Jones Fellow.

2008 - 2009

Bradley J. Fahr, President

The Mt Pleasant Lions Club had a busy and interesting year with Brad Fahr as King Lion. They held their third annual Chili Supper at Mt Pleasant High School in October. In September, they marched in the Mardi Gras parade.

After much discussion and voting, the club decided to meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month instead of weekly. This schedule began in January, continuing to meet at the Comfort Inn. Lion Monahan investigated the Club sponsoring a branch club at CMU. No final decision has been made yet. Lion Monahan was also elected Second Vice District Governor at the District Convention in Big Rapids. He will serve as District Governor in 2011-2012.

Lion DeBruin was named an Eagle award winner at the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year banquet. He led a committee to establish new by-laws and constitution for the club.

Several of our club members participated in functions at CMU. These included answering telephones for the Public Broadcasting fund-raiser, holding a vision screening at the Health Fair and participating in the Michigan Special Olympics Opening Eyes program.

The Club held their 55th annual chicken barbecue at Island Park.

The Mt Pleasant Lions club finished the year celebrating its *70th Anniversary Charter Night* at Buck's Run, with installation Karla Storrer as the Club's new King Lion. The event was attended by about 110 members and guests.

2009 – 2010

Karla Kwast, President

The Mt. Pleasant Lions Club celebrated their 70th Birthday Charter Night on June 8th, 2009 at Bucks Run. Lion Karla Storrer was installed as King Lion. The club hs summer outings at Lions Jeremy Murphy's cottage at Littlefield Lake and a Shrimp Boil at Lion John Scheide;s home on the Chippewa River.

We had a successful Chile Supper fund raiser at Mount Pleasant High School cafeteria in October. Several members answered telephones for PBS fundraiser at Central Michigan University. About a dozen members volunteered at Opening Eyes as part of the Michigan Summer Special Olympics. The 56th annual Chicken Bar B Que was a great success.

2010 – 2011

Keith Spycher, President

Newly installed King Lion Keith Spycher encouraged the club members to go beyond their normal club charitable donations by giving as individuals both financially and in kind to many charities that the club could no longer support financially. During the summer, can and yarn drives were conducted for donations to the local

chapter of the American Red Cross. Charter Night was highlighted with vegetables used as centerpieces and then donated to the local Soup Kitchen. Club members also gave generously in October and November with toys and cash for Toys for Tots.

Club visitations were instated, with club visits to the Lions Clubs in Ithaca, Vestaburg, Coleman, Midland, Shepherd and Harrison.

We were honored this year to have one of our members, Lion John Monahan as District Governor. He honored us by allowing many of our club members to serve on many of his district committees.

The club's 5th Annual Chili Dinner in November netted \$2800.

The Club's 57th Chicken BBQ netted \$18,000.

2011 – 2012

Keith Spycher, President

Lion Keith Spycher was installed for his second term as King Lion, a first in the history of the club. Charitable donations were again encouraged. The club again responded for the need of toys and monetary contributions for Toys for Tots. We continued with our donation to Christmas Outreach.

We had club visitations again, several vision screenings through the year and took part in a donor awareness campaign at the Mt. Pleasant Secretary of State Office.

Our club helped support the dream of our own District Governor Lion John Monahan of the KidSight Program and helped purchase the PediaVision screener for the district.

Fall again allowed the club to have a successful Chili Dinner netting \$3,100 and a successful 58th annual Chicken BBQ in May with a net of close to \$20,000.

2012 -2013

Harry Guenther, President

Waiting for Lion president write up, but the following was taken from secretary minutes and treasurers report:

“Take a fellow Lion member to lunch” program- members drew names and took that member to lunch to get to know their fellow members better in a one on one situation.

In March 2013 our members answered phone for the last day of the CMU Public TV telethon.

Many of our member participated in “Opening Eyes” a vision screening performed at the Special Olympics Summer Games.

Chili Dinner in November 2012 netted \$3,750.

Our 59th annual Chicken BBQ in May 2013 netted \$19,000.

2013 -2014

Jeremy Murphy, President

Waiting for Lion president write up, but the following was taken from secretary minutes and treasurers report:

We participated in the “Speed Networking” program put on by the Mt. Pleasant Chamber for young business professional to meet non-profit organizations in town.

We performed several vision screenings with the new PediaVision Screening at area day care and at our 60th Chicken BBQ.

We helped sponsor a new program by donating \$100 to the “Ready to Read” program –a program developed by one of our members Lion Jane Ashby through the CMU Psychology department to catch reading problems early so parents and teachers can help these children.

At the request of LCIF President Palmer who wanted to make April Friends and Family Month, we had a Friends and Family picnic on April 14th. Due to the weather it was not something that we could have outside so we had it in our regular meeting room at the Comfort Inn Conference Center and had a menu of hamburgers with the fixings. We had 31 members present and 25 guests of friends and family. it was a nice evening to socialize and describe what we do as Lions.

In March 2014 our members answered phone for the last day of the CMU Public TV telethon.

Our Lions Chili Dinner in November 2013 netted \$3,000.

Our 60th Chicken BBQ netted \$22,000.