



**LIONS OF MICHIGAN
DISTRICT 11-E2
MARCH, 2014 NEWSLETTER**



**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**



Think Spring!

I believe there is hope. I saw my first robin in the yard, the seeds are showing up in the stores, and potholes are in full bloom. These are sure signs that spring is on its way.

There is no doubt that we have had a rough winter and we're all a little tired of the snow and frigid weather, but it's time to lose the winter blahs and start planning for a busy spring and summer. At the Cabinet meeting on February 22nd, I commented on the need for stronger clubs to help some of our smaller or more mature clubs with service and fund-raising opportunities. I have learned this year that some clubs are a very proud lot and aren't likely to ask for help. But we need to help and support all clubs, big and small, whenever we can. This includes the Lioness clubs also. Its all about service to our communities.

Clubs will be electing new officers for next year. As soon as your elections are complete, please submit your PU-101 Club Officer Report to Lions International. In a few short weeks, the District Convention will take place and we'll elect new leadership for our District. There is still time to submit nominations to IPDG Lynne Jauss.

This years convention promises to be a lot of fun. The theme is a salute to the troops. Many awesome events are planned, and maybe a few surprises also. Registration packets have been sent to all clubs, so don't delay and get your registrations in early. I just received word from Convention Chairman PDG Al Kelpinski that the room rate has been reduced to \$65.00 per night plus taxes. He will be sending a note to all clubs. Just a reminder, ALL participants must register in advance. Also, tickets for the District Raffle were sent out. This raffle is always a great hit and funds a major portion of the convention. So please purchase your tickets. Contact PDG Wayne Schultz if more tickets are needed or to make a donation to the raffle.

In light of PDG Mitch Smith's resignation, I have appointed PDG Florence Kelpinski to fill his vacancy as a Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee for the remainder of this years term. We will elect a Trustee for 1 year and a Trustee for 2 years at the convention.

Donations are slowly coming in for our District projects. As reported at the Cabinet meeting, 14 clubs have made a donation to the projects. So, if your club hasn't made a donation yet, please consider making it soon. Every little bit helps.

District 11-E2 was well represented at the Michigan Lions Forum on February 14-15th. There were many great sessions and a lot of opportunity to see friends from across the state. Even IPDG Lynne had a chance to get into the act...(see picture on page 6). Congrats to the Forum committee for a job well done.

This morning I received a note from 1st VDG Mike Brown. With regrets, he is not going to pursue the office of District Governor. At his request, his notice is included in this newsletter. The Cabinet and Honorary Committee will meet shortly to explore the options. A notification will be coming out shortly. VDG Mike will finish his year as 1st Vice-District Governor.

As you can see, the format for the newsletter has changed. Lion Mary and I are filling in for PDG Lion Mitch, so please be patient with us. We do ask that if you have items for the newsletter and/or Lions Pride, please try to get us the information asap. Lion Mitch did a fabulous job with the newsletter. Thank you Mitch and Jackie for your service!

Yours in Service,

District Governor Gus & CS Lion Mary

Important Message from 1st VDG Mike Brown

It is with regret that I am writing this. I suspect that many of you knew this was coming and you warned others of it. I am withdrawing from the pursuit of the District Governorship of Multiple District 11-E2. I hope that this leaves time for an organized search for a replacement. I will not change my mind. I cannot apologize for this. Our District needs help. I have not been able to comply with the necessary training that would pave the way for one to take the reins of this District. Many would say that they have confidence in my ability regardless of training. I do not have that confidence any more. I am not going to place blame on anything. This is the right thing to do. The District will need to appoint someone from the Past District Governors'. This PDG will have to be strong and well respected to create and foster changes for the upcoming year. I wish I could feel different about this, but I cannot.

I thank all of you for your encouragement on my path. I appreciate every friendship kindled on this journey.

Michael T. Brown



From The Desk of 2nd VDG Barb Durlinger

Fellow Lions,

Duane and I love the Olympics, summer or winter. We have spent the past two weeks 12 hours a day in front of the television watching skiing, skating, luge, bobsled, curling and more. I was trying to figure out why I am so fascinated by it all, besides the obvious pleasure of seeing beautiful moves in ice skating, and have decided that it is because the best of the best are all getting together and competing to see who is a champion.

While we are not competing in our Lions clubs, we are striving to do our best to serve the people of our communities, and those that excel at doing this should be recognized. There are a number of ways to do this, including just a simple thank you to the hard working members of your club. But now is the time to start thinking about how to further recognize these excellent Lions when you have your end of the year awards ceremonies and new officer installations.

The foremost award, of course, is a Melvin Jones Fellowship, which is the highest award a club can present to a member. This fellowship is from Lions Clubs International Foundation, and is named after Melvin Jones, the founder of Lionism. The fellowship involves a contribution from your club of \$1000, but it can be paid over a five year period. You may also recognize a member with a Contributing Member Pin from Lions Clubs International with a contribution of \$20, \$50 or \$100. For this contribution, your member will receive a lapel pin with the year of the contribution on it.

There are also fellowships available at the state level. The Lions of Michigan Foundation offers the Noel and Lautzenheiser fellowships. The Noel Fellowship honors John Noel, Michigan's first President of Lions Clubs International. The fellowship is available with a contribution of \$1000 to the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The Lautzenheiser Fellowship honors Ken Lautzenheiser, who was instrumental in organizing the Lions of Michigan Foundation. This fellowship is available for a contribution of \$500 to the Lions of Michigan Foundation. These fellowships may be paid over a period of two years.

The Michigan Eye Bank has added two fellowships this year, the Charles Weir and William Barr fellowships. The Weir Fellowship honors Charles Weir, a long-time member of the Eye Bank's Board of Directors. It is available for a \$500 contribution to the Michigan Eye Bank. The Barr Fellowship honors William, "Doc" Barr, who joined the Eye Bank, and then their Board of Directors, where he has held office for many years. This fellowship is available for a \$1000 contribution to the Eye Bank. Both of these must be funded within one year.

I am preparing a spreadsheet with the accumulated contributions that clubs have toward the above rewards, and it will be sent out to your club President and Secretary soon (or they may have already received them depending on the publish date of the newsletter!). If you are close to completing one of the above fellowships, please consider sending whatever additional contribution you need to complete the requirement. These are a great way to recognize an outstanding member, and you don't want to lose the opportunity to award one by losing credit for a prior year's contribution.

Have a great rest of the winter, and stay warm!

Global Membership Team Report

- As of December 31, 2013 we have 1,153 members.
- We added **57** new members since July 1, 2013
- We have lost **69** members since July 1, 2013
- A year ago we had 1,185 members

We prove every month that we can bring in new members, but for some reason we lose more members than we bring in. So what is the problem?

Why is it that a Lioness Club with 4 members can have more activities than a Lions club with 18 members? (This is true)

Complacency, lack of enthusiasm, etc.

A reminder to the Zone Chairpersons that they are a part of the GMT. When visiting Clubs encourage them to continue their fine work and improve their club by using the resources at the LCI or to take the surveys to look at how they are doing. (They are doing something wrong if they are losing members) We have to bring back their enthusiasm for Lionism and helping others.

- WE need more new Membership Orientation by the Clubs. (I'm starting to put something together)
- I and Dave Zeller are also putting together a power point program on orientation for a presentation at Zone/Cabinet meetings so the new members can understand fully what we are about.

PDG Lion Lewis Moeller

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much - Helen Keller

MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

(AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 2014)



	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,148	1,165
Added Members	1	70
Dropped Members	3	89
Closing Balance	1,146	1,146
Net Gain / Loss	-2	-19

Welcome New Member

Tammie S. Lewis

sponsored by

Lion Randall Boboltz

Alpena Lions Club

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bellaire Lions Club 57 years

March 12, 1947

Grayling Lions Club 38 years

March 15, 1976

Houghton Lake Lions Club 54 years

March 14, 1960

Indian River Lions Club 61 years

March 31, 1953

Tawas Area Lions Club 55 years

March 19, 1959

THANK YOU

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE IN THE DISTRICT THAT HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO SEND A CARD, CALL OR SAY A PRAYER OR TWO FOR ME DURING THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. IT'S REASSURING TO KNOW THAT SO MANY OF YOU CARE. SINCERELY, LION MARY MALMBERG

KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please keep the following Lions in your thoughts and prayers, Lions Mitch and Jackie Smith. District Governor Betsy Farrell of District 11-B-2. For those of you who know Gov. Betsy, she has been transferred to the Heartland Rehab Center in Three Rivers. For those wishing to send cards, the address is 517 Erie Street, Three Rivers, Mi. 49093.

I'm sure there are other Lions who are ill or have lost family members or friends in the past month. Please keep them in your prayers as well. It means a lot to know people care.

*****Club Activities*****

ALPENA LIONS: The club is helping those in need of glasses. 700 pairs of glasses were sent with a group of doctors and technicians to Peru.

CENTRAL LAKE LIONS: Donated funds to the Antrim Baby Pantry, Moms and Tots, Luv Paks, The Giving Tree, Bellaire Food Pantry, and Central Lake Congregational Church Food Pantry to assist families in need. Made a donation to the Story Lady to purchase story books for elementary students which are then donated to the school or public library. Donations were also made to the Michigan Eye Bank, Central Lake VFW, and Good Samaritan Food Bank.

GLENNE LIONS: Purchased glasses for a young girl.

GAYLORD LIONS: Approved funding for a hearing aid and 3 sight cases. Club volunteered to host a Friday Night Community Meal. Lion pastor Ernest Wolfe did a presentation to the club about his efforts in organizing a triathlon for Gaylord children, grades 1 through 8.

HALE LIONS: Made a donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind in memory of James Carmichael. Awarded scholarships to Danielle Benedict and Lauren Brown.

HILLMAN LIONS: Their annual Vадalia Onion Sale fundraiser is underway. If you would like to order a 10, 20 or 50 pound bag, please contact Lion Mike at Fochtman Carquest in Hillman at 989—742-4597.

MIO LIONS: Donated funds to the All State Band and Lutheran Services for Operation Gratitude. Collected funds from Lions Mints and ink cartridge recycling. Held their Winter Kids Free Fishing Day where they served hot dogs and hot chocolate.

OSCODA LIONS: Held their 7th annual Bowling Bonanza. Made a donation to the Library Summer Reading Program. Made a donation to support the Family Fun Fair.



**IPDG LYNNÉ'S MAGICAL MOMENT
AT THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM!**



2013-2014 Lions/Lioness District 11-E2 Convention
Ramada Inn, Grayling, Michigan
May 2, 3, 4, 2014

“Let Freedom Roar”

Complete one form for each person

Circle all that apply: LION LIONESS SPOUSE LEO GUEST

Club Name:

Attendee Name:

Address:

Phone:

If you were in the Armed Forces please list any honors awarded:

Indicate each event you will attend:

- _____ Friday evenings mixer: Cash Bar - munchies and entertainment - Free to registered members and guests
- _____ Saturday: Breakfast on your own
- _____ Saturday: Yankee Doodle Pot Roast & Fish Buffet \$16.00
- _____ Saturday: All American Freedom of Choice – Plated Banquet *(please circle one)* \$25.00
Champagne Chicken Pork Loin w/ Apple Chutney Sliced Sirloin w/Demi Glaze
- _____ Sunday: Bugle Bonnie Breakfast Buffet \$10.00

PLEASE REMEMBER: YOU MUST REGISTER EVEN IF YOU ARE JUST COMING TO VOTE ON SUNDAY!***

Also: There will be **no** refunds given on cancellations made after April 25, 2014. Make Checks payable to:
 District 11-E2 Convention Fund and mail to:

Lion/Lioness Pam Stewart
2659 Linwood Rd.
Au Gres, MI 48703

Rooms: Make your reservations directly with Ramada Inn in Grayling - Forms are in your packet.

Enclosed is my check for meals as indicated above \$_____ **Note:** If one check is written for two or more registrations please put the check number on each of the registration forms that are included in the check.

Your convention hosts are the Grayling Lions Club and the Rogers City Lions Club. If you have any questions or need more information please contact PDG Al Kelpinski 989-728-4664 or afklepinski@gmail.com

Campaign for Leader Dog-Kennel Project



Our Mission

For 75 years, Leader Dogs for the Blind has been empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through quality Leader Dogs, highly effective client instruction, and innovative services.

Our actions are guided, supported and measured by our values:

- Respect and compassion for people and dogs
- Passion for the work
- Safety in all we do
- Do what is right
- Innovation in the field
- Teamwork
- Superior experience for stakeholders

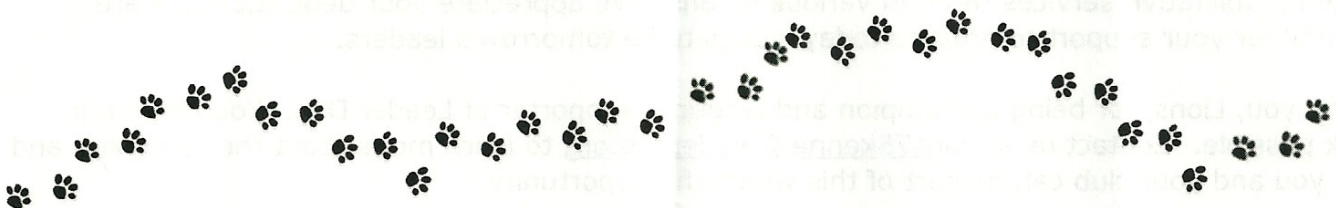
Adapting to Evolving Client Needs

When Leader Dogs for the Blind opened its doors in 1939, we trained a very specific type of dog to meet the needs and lifestyles of our clients. All training procedures were specifically designed to develop this type of dog.

As society evolved over the decades, so did our clients and the environments in which they travel. Today's client requires a dog that can thrive in calmer settings, like an office building, while also being able to guide in various other types of environments such as: busy stores, hectic streets and mazelike college campuses.

Our ability to develop this type of dog is constrained by our dated facilities, which were built when the needs of our clients, our training methods and standards in veterinary care were vastly different. Today, our veterinary clinic is too small to accommodate the latest medical and breeding tools; our training facilities lack space for the stimulation and human interaction necessary to develop calm and well-adjusted dogs; and our puppy area, housed in a converted garage, is not suited to training young puppies during this critical time in their development.

Our dogs travel a long and challenging path to become Leader Dogs. This is only fitting because Leader Dogs are entrusted to guide our clients on their own journeys through life. Our Leader Dogs have the immense responsibility of being the eyes of their human companions. They are trained to make life and death decisions.



Campaign for Leader Dog

To make our vision for the future a reality, we must invest in a **comprehensive kennel redesign** to create a facility that is designed specifically to support our work, from breeding to training, and help develop the highest quality Leader Dogs for today's client.

Project components include:

- A renovated training and kennel area
- An expanded puppy area
- An enhanced welcome lobby
- A centralized veterinary clinic
- Room for our dedicated campus volunteers to interact with our dogs
- A new intake area
- A new breeding area



By investing in the kennel, we will:

- Develop the best Leader Dogs for our clients
- Increase the capacities of our educational programs
- Create an environment with the potential to positively impact our graduation rates
- Create a space specifically designed to develop the kind of dogs that our clients need

Lions for Leader Dog

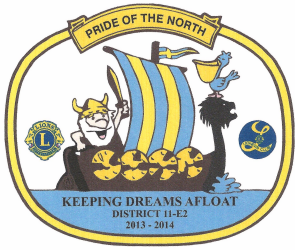


With the help of Lions, we have changed the lives of more than 14,500 clients worldwide by providing them increased independence and a chance to live life to its fullest. More than ever, people who are blind are traveling independently for work, family and recreation. They are challenging themselves to get more out of life and be more active in their communities, which will require more from their Leader Dogs.

The need to continue developing the best Leader Dogs and delivering our services is imperative. With support from Lions, and our plans to develop the ideal 21st century kennel training environment, we will best prepare future Leader Dogs for their critical work.

The Lions have been by our side from the beginning and have helped sustain our ability to provide these rehabilitative services through various means. We appreciate your dedication and are grateful for your support to prepare today's dogs to be tomorrow's leaders.

Thank you, Lions, for being a champion and longtime supporter of Leader Dog. You make our work possible. Contact us at lions75kennel@leaderdog.org to learn more about the campaign and how you and your club can be part of this wonderful opportunity.



District 11-E2

Quilt Raffle

To benefit the Leader Dogs for the Blind Kennel Project



***Tickets
\$5.00 ea.***

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\$5.00 ea.***

Finished size is 84" x 60"

***Drawing will be held on
Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 9 PM***

Following the Banquet at the

District 11-E2 District Convention - Ramada Grayling

For more information, please contact Lion Mary Malmberg

Cell: 586-770-8545 or email: memalmberg1@aol.com

Raffle License # X85489

Co-sponsored by the Rogers City Lions Club



28TH ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

**GREAT
PRIZES**

Including:
Top Selling Lions Club
Top Selling District

EASY MONEY !

16-24 Tickets Sold = \$2.50 Per Ticket For Club
25-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club
100+ = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club



The PRICE is RIGHT !

\$10.00 Per Ticket

IT'S RISK FREE !

No Promotional Costs & No Sales Commitments

***** DRAWINGS *****

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 3, 2014

Lions of Michigan State Office - Lansing, MI

FINAL DRAWING

May 17, 2014

MD 11 Convention - Battle Creek, MI

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, MI 48911
517-887-6642 (Fax)
www.lmsf.net

Please send _____ tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes to:

Club: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____



94TH ANNUAL MD 11 CONVENTION REGISTRATION & TICKET FORM



MCCAMLY PLAZA BATTLE CREEK, MI • MAY 16-17, 2014

Name _____ Lion Lioness Spouse Guest
Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Lioness Spouse Guest
Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home: () _____ Office: () _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No

QUANTITY

AMOUNT

_____	5/15/14 Picnic @ Cornwell's Turkeyville \$10.00	\$ _____
_____	Registration @ \$10.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____	Registration @ \$10.00 for each Lioness or Leo	\$ _____
_____	Registration @ \$10.00 for each Spouse or Guest	\$ _____
_____	Friday Evening Buffet @ \$20.00 per person	\$ _____
_____	Friday Night Welcome Reception @ No Charge	\$ 0.00
_____	Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Night Banquet @ \$26.00 per person	\$ _____
_____	(Choice) of:	
_____	Whitefish# _____ Pork Loin# _____	
	TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ _____

**Remittance or credit card information must accompany this form.
(Make checks payable to "Lions of Michigan.")**

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: Visa Master Card Discover
Credit Card No.: _____ Exp Date: _____
Signature: _____ CVC/CID Code: _____

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

1. Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless (excluding Saturday Banquet) registration fee is paid .
2. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 1, 2014 No refunds after May 1, 2014.
3. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the McCamly Plaza Hotel. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16 and from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2014

MAIL THIS FORM TO: LIONS OF MICHIGAN • 5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911

LIONS OF MICHIGAN MD 11 CONVENTION
McCalmly Plaza, Battle Creek, MI
RACE TO YOUR DREAM!

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Picnic – Cornwell’s Turkeyville
International Guests IPIP Wayne and Lion Linda Madden
Meet at 5:30 in Hotel Lobby to car-pool, or meet at Cornwell’s
Cost: \$10.00/person

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014

10:00 a.m. - **Golf Outing**
Location TBD

10:00 a.m.-
12:00 noon. **Council of Governors Meeting**
Hamblin Room

12:00 noon.-
6:00 p.m. **Convention Registration/Credential Certification**
Gallery- Located off Hotel Lobby

12:00 p.m.-
9:00 p.m. **Exhibit Station**
Pre-Assembly Located off Hotel Lobby

12:00 p.m.-
1:30 p.m. **LUNCH & BATTLE CREEK TOURS**
On your own

1:30 p.m.-
3:30 p.m. **Governor-Elect Meeting**
Hamblin Room

3:30 p.m. - **MD 11 Convention Committee Meeting**
Hospitality Suite 205

6:30 p.m.- **Happy Hour Welcome Reception & Pit-Stop Buffet Dinner**
Branson Ballroom
8:30 p.m.-
10:00 p.m. Musical Entertainment, Dancing , Cash Bar

9:00 p.m. - **Hospitality Room Hosted by Convention Committee**
11:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite 205

9:30 p.m. - **Lions After- Glow**
11:00 p.m. J.W. Barleycorn’s –Hotel Restaurant
Special pricing on drinks for Lions Club members and guests

RACE TO YOUR DREAM!

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

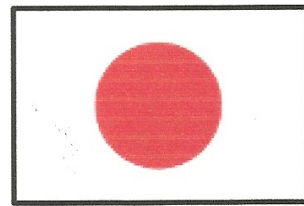
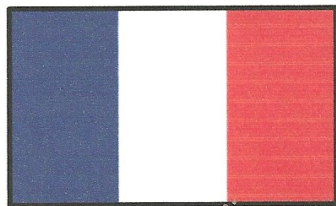
- 8:00 a.m.- **Convention Registration/Credential Certification**
6:00 p.m. Gallery- Located off Hotel Lobby
- 8:00 a.m.- **Exhibit Station**
4:00 p.m. Pre-Assembly (*located off Branson Ballroom*)
- 8:30 a.m. - **Breakfast of Champions Awards Celebration!**
10:30 a.m. Branson Ballroom
- 10:30 a.m. - **Business Session**
12:00 p.m. McCamly Room
- 12:00 p.m. - **LUNCH AND BATTLE CREEK TOURS**
On your own
- 2:00 p.m.- **Power Session – Tools to Becoming an Extraordinary Lion!**
2:50 p.m. Montgomery Room
- 3:00 p.m.- **Power Session – LCI Convention Elections: What's it all about?**
3:50 p.m. Montgomery Room
- 3:00 p.m.- **Publication Advisory/District Editor's Committee Meeting**
Board Room
- 4:00 p.m. **Travel to Toronto Informational Overview**
Montgomery Room
- 6:00 p.m. - **Winner's Circle Cocktail Hour**
7:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour –Pre-Assembly (*located off Branson Ballroom*)
- 7:00 p.m.- **Winner's Circle Awards Celebration Banquet and Memorial Service**
10:00 p.m. International Guest Speaker, Immediate Past LCI President, Wayne Madden
SA Dodge/Recognition of Presidential & Leadership Medal Recipients
Branson Ballroom
- 10:00 p.m. - **Hospitality Room Hosted by Convention Committee**
Hospitality Suite 205
Lions After -Glow
J.W. Barleycorn's –Hotel Restaurant

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014

- 8:30 a.m. **Past District Governors Breakfast**
Branson Ballroom



LYEP Unites Young People...
Promoting an Understanding of Other Cultures



Lions Youth Exchange needs Host Families Homes
for International Ambassador Home Stays

(It is not necessary to be a Lion)

- **French Male- Oliver Delemazure**
16 years old - likes theater, movies, internet, tennis, swimming
Staying in USA, August 1-4 - August 28, 2014 (4 weeks)
- **Japanese Male - Yuta Nameki**
16 yrs. - Likes astronomy, collecting fossils, baseball, swimming, watching sports
Staying in the USA, August 4 - August 28, 2014 (4 weeks)

Italy and Finland have also asked for homes. Call if you prefer a country.

Contact your LYEP State Chair or Lion Debra VanTol, 989-430-1824
liondebravantol@gmail.com for more information. Please call ASAP.



**ROGERS CITY
LIONS**



**GOURMET
PANCAKE BREAK-FAST**

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH

9 AM TO 12 PM

FREE WILL DONATION

GOURMET PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS,

BAKED FRENCH TOAST,

CORNED BEEF HASH,

SAUSAGE, BACON,

ORANGE JUICE, COFFEE, TEA, MILK

ROGERS CITY AREA SENIOR CENTER

131 E. SUPERIOR ST.

PROCEEDS TO LIONS CLUB CHARITIES