



District 11-B1 Newsletter

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A HOLIDAY POEM FROM DG KELLY



Time flies, and we've already reached the conclusion of 2022. I'd like to express my gratitude for your hard work. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. To all of you, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

A couple quick reminders -

The Bear Lake Camp Polar Plunge fundraiser is happening February 18. Come cheer on myself and 1VDG Annette. We both are survivors of domestic violence and we are representing so many that did not survive.

Save the date for our District Convention coming up on April 29. If you would like to be on the committee, please let me know. You can reach me at 517-745-4404 or klubbe1065@gmail.com.



Please enjoy this poem I wrote for you -

‘Twas the night before Christmas when all through Our District
Not a creature was stirring, not even a Lion;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that District Governor Kelly soon would be there;

The Lion Members were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of Candy Days danced in their heads;
And PID Esther in her 'kerchief, and I in my vest,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw off the yellow vest.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight mighty Zone Chairs,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be District Governor Kelly.
More rapid than eagles her coursers they came,
And she whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, Cathy! now, Anita! now, Bryan and James!
On, Greg! on Bea! on, Sana and Louvenia!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and District Governor too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each red-tipped White Cane.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney the Governor came with a bound.

She was dressed in her formal, cabinet dress,
And her blazer was shiny with her well-earned medals.
A bundle of socks she had flung on her back,
And she looked like a Lion just opening her pack.

Her eyes -- how they twinkled! her dimples how merry!
Her cheeks were like roses, her nose like a cherry!
Her droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the scarf wrapped 'round her chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe she held tight in her teeth,
And the smoke encircled her head like a wreath;
She had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when she laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

She was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw her, in spite of myself.
A wink of her eye and a twist of her head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

She spoke not a word, but went straight to her work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying her finger aside of her nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney she rose;

She sprang to her sleigh, to her team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard her exclaim, as she drove out of sight

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL
A GOOD-NIGHT!

Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year too!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Ann Arbor Host Lions mourns the death of Lion Alison Kilduff. Through her fight with kidney issues, she became a dedicated volunteer for Gift of Life and Eversight. She is survived by her parents, Linda and Gary. She will be greatly missed.



Alison



Alison with Mom, Linda

WHEN A LION DIES

The vast majority of Lions accepting membership in our organization do not join expecting to receive special recognition. They live by our motto of "We Serve." The sadness of a member's passing, however, gives us an opportunity to recognize and honor that Lion. We enact this tribute through the program, "When a Lion Dies".

When you hear of the passing of one of our District Lions or former District Lion's passing, please contact our District Governor. Notifying the District Governor will allow us to determine the best way to pay tribute to that person by:

- attending the visitation or funeral or provide other support as needed
- presenting a "When a Lion Dies" certificate to the family to thank them for the work their loved one did and the support the family gave
- sharing the Lion's passing with the District in our newsletter/email
- including the Lion in our Memorial Service at the District Convention



Let us be thankful for those kind people that come into our hearts and make life a little more beautiful!

CORRECTION - In the November newsletter, this photo's caption indicated the Melvin Jones recipient was Cereal City Lion Lula Gardfrey. Lion Lula is, in fact, 1VDG Lula from District 11 A1. She is a member of Detroit Westtown-Hartford Lions Club.

This Melvin Jones Fellowship was presented to her at the October 8, 2022 Council of Governors meeting. PCC Peggy Allen did a presentation on Melvin Jones Fellowships with the follow-up presenting 1stVDG Lula with her very own Melvin Jones Fellowship!

1st VDG Lula and PCC Peggy Allen, we thank you for your service!



KIDSIGHT

KidSight has a new, enthusiastic leader for this vital program this year. Immediate Past President Teresa Gest of Battle Creek Cereal City is our District Kidsight Chair.

Note, that as required by the Lions of Michigan Foundation who sponsor the KidSight program, all participants at the event must be trained and certified and have background checks to enable them to work with children.

If you have any questions related to KidSight, want to arrange to have the trailer for a special event, or learn about certification, contact Teresa and she will help you. She can be reached at (269) 625-4378 or CCLionTG@gmail.com

NEW DISTRICT TREASURER

We welcome PCC Barry Allen to the role of District Treasurer. He's been in this role before so we expect great work from him! wink> His first published accomplishment - updating the District Reimbursement Form, found on our district website at <https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1/page-7.php> (District FORMS/Minutes)

KNIT/CROCHET FILTER SOCKS

To protect the glass water filters provided to at-risk communities, Nancy Hill invites you to join her in supporting "Water for Blessings". Contact Nancy Hill at 517-262-3759 or nancy.ann.hill@gmail.com or Kay Smith at 269-579-1947 Web: <https://waterwithblessings.org/crochet-for-a-cause/>

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM

February 24-25 (Friday-Saturday)
Double Tree (Airport), Grand Rapids

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/calendar-and-forthcoming-events/michigan-lions-forum-february-2023>

DISTRICT 11-B1 CONVENTION

April 29, 2023 (1 day only)
Commonwealth Commerce Center, Jackson

LIONS OF MICHIGAN MD11 CONVENTION

May 18-20 (Friday-Sunday)
Delta Hotels Muskegon Marriott Convention Center, 939 3rd St, Muskegon, MI 49440
Get the details at:

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/calendar-and-forthcoming-events/md11-state-convention-may-2023>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2023

Boston, MA - July 7-11, 2023
Registration is open! <https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2023/>



9 REASONS TO ATTEND LCICON 2023 (And just about any Lions event!)

Friendship and Fellowship - Show your Pride - Listen and Learn at Seminars
Join the International Parade of Nations - Explore the Exhibit Hall - See the City on the Hill
Enjoy world-class entertainment and speakers - Serve with your fellow Lions and Leos!
Make life-long memories

CHILDHOOD CANCER



The Childhood Cancer committee, led by Susanna White, organized a Backpack drive. Lions packed the donated items into the backpacks in the morning before Fall Conference.

The 60 backpacks, filled with supplies for kids, were delivered to Mott Children's Hospital for children fighting cancer.

MARCH IS READING MONTH



On behalf of the Reading Action Committee, funds are available to provide books to your elementary schools, day care centers, shelters etc.

Funds are distributed on first-come basis and are limited. You may pre-purchase your books and send your paid receipt with explanation of the organization for which the books were purchased or send your request to purchase books and our treasurer will send you a check to cover the expenses once approved.

Please send your request to Chair Vicki Lautzenheiser at lautzevl@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 6581, Jackson, MI 49204

If you have any questions, please email Vicki or call 517-569-2677.

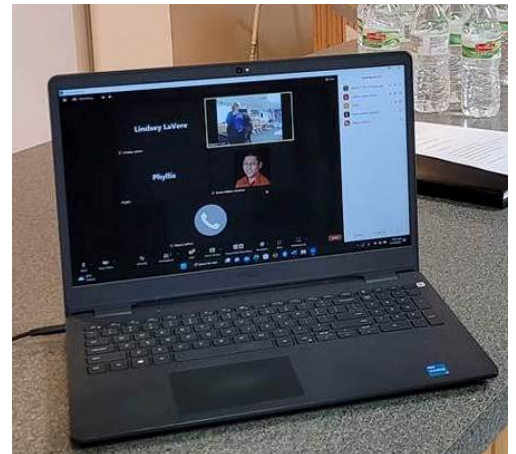
TRAINING EVENT and ZONE MEETING - HOW TO INTERACT WITH BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (VI) INDIVIDUALS

Zone Chairs Bea Furman (R2Z4 and Jim Phelan (R2Z3) hosted the Jackson-area zone meeting at the Vandercook Lake clubhouse. Attendees learned a lot from the presentation on 'Interacting with blind and visually impaired individuals. Key speakers were Beatrice Furman, Teresa Gest, Mary Robinson, Dave Robinson, Harry Owsley, and James Phelan Jr.

If you missed it, don't fret. Here is the recording on zoom.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/55OMHprUK8Hu-L2j0l2dArmkk4ALacc9PUfyso-B3V_KPRo4rmb3jR1u-PqvQHAhv7dcY27VClxRoj_.Xbjt0CI1m-qTNRc0

To learn more, contact ZC Bea at healingsongcmt@gmail.com or Jim at pizzajim2@aol.com



WE SERVE - WE VOLUNTEER

By Lion Kay Smith (edited)

Lions Club International is the largest service organization in the world. We have all heard that claim, and we are all proud to be part of this organization. But what exactly does “Service” mean? In the dictionary it is defined as **“The action of helping or doing work for someone”**. As Lions, we consider serving our communities a privilege. It’s an act of kindness and it benefits all involved.

At this time of year, we are looking for service that keeps us warm and out of the bad weather. We have Lions and other friends that are homebound, or in nursing homes. Consider visiting in-person, on the phone, or on the computer. Who doesn’t love getting a letter or a card in the mail?

Do you play the piano or guitar? Consider sharing a performance to isolated groups such as nursing home residence or hospitalized pediatric patients. Like to read? Consider contacting the local library or school to read to groups of children.

Consider holding a food drive for the local food bank. Offer to help with food distribution, at a soup kitchen or doing home delivery. Consider a sock drive or coat and mitten drive for the local homeless shelter or school.

Do you knit or crochet? Consider being part of the “Water with Blessings” Service project. Volunteers knit and/or crochet covers to protect glass water filters. This is a District project that all Lions can participate in. To get a copy of the instructions, please contact Kay Smith at 269-579-1947. They are very easy to do and require very little time to complete and very little yarn. This project is open to everyone; invite your friends who may not be Lions to join in...and invite them to join Lions!

Tell us about what your club does to serve your community!

SOCK CAMPAIGN

The District Governors for MD11 have asked every club to participate in a campaign to collect socks for distribution to homeless shelters.

Collect them in your local area and bring them to DG Kelly at Pearl Vision at Westwood Mall, now through February 1, 2023.



WINTER CAMP

Winter Camp thanks you for the generous donations we received during Fall Conference. It puts us on good footing for this winter's camp at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center (OEC)! Please share this camp opportunity with adults who are blind or visually impaired. Contact Roger Bosse Roger at (269) 578-3684 or rogerbosse@att.net to get an application. Application submission deadline is January 13.

We do have another request - for volunteers. **Volunteers are vital** to making the weekend a success.

The weekend starts with arrival on Friday afternoon. We need volunteers to help with check-in, assisting campers get to the cabins, and locating a bed that suits them (e.g. distance to bathroom, ability to do stairs, prefers the warm room or the cold room, etc).

The first real activity is dinner Friday night. Cadets from Michigan Youth Challenge Academy do a fabulous job with setup and helping campers throughout the meal. We need a couple volunteers to help with cleanup and evening snack.

Campers spend the evening visiting with each other in the lounge by the fireplace or in the big room where music is performed and enjoyed.

On Saturday, we have breakfast, social time, lunch, and an afternoon full of activities. Pennfield Lions have signed on to help with breakfast both Saturday and Sunday (Thank you!)

This year, the newly formed Clear Lake Virtual Lions is planning to hold their Charter ceremony at camp and would love to have district Lions attend. We would love to see you there!

Saturday Afternoon Activities and Volunteer Needs:

Bingo - Run by the Bedford Lions, they provide the callers and prize runners (Thank you!). There is always need for a few volunteers to buddy up with campers throughout the Bingo games.

Bingo prize donations are much appreciated, in the form of objects, dollars, or gift cards. We invite all to join Bedford, Jackson Eyeopeners, and others in supporting us in this way. (Thank you!)

Cane Repairs - Teresa Gest of Cereal City Lions provides cane repair (Thank you!). She brings the supplies and does the work. Supplies, including replacement canes, are paid for by the Sight Conservation fund. If someone would like to learn the process, she'd love a helper.

Craft - The craft is different every year but there is usually a need for several volunteers. It would be great to have a combination of Cadets and Lions help here.

Bird Cabin Hike - Staffers from the Outdoor Education Center (OEC) lead the hike from the main building to the bird cabin, where microphones are placed on the bird feeders so visitors can sit inside the cabin and hear the birds. This requires several volunteers, to allow all the hikers to move at their own pace on the trail.

Technology - Graduate students from Western Michigan University, arranged through Dr. Connors, present technology for campers (Thank you!). There are phone apps, programs for computers, volunteer and subscription agencies who help identify objects for those who call-in using smart phones, research trials that allow blind and visually impaired individuals to try devices that help with object identification and mobility, and so much more. Campers can bring their devices (e.g. phones, tablets, laptops) and get assistance from the

grad students. We have a couple other technology resources who come periodically, sometimes with rebuilt computers to setup and give away. Want to share what you know or learn more about these technologies? Come on out!

Wagon/Hay Ride - We need a few volunteers to help campers get on and off the hay wagon and a few to ride along and share with campers the landmarks along the way. Rick Eschuis has volunteered to drive (Thank you!!)

Snowshoeing - Do you have a love for snowshoeing? Do you have extra pairs of snowshoes you could loan to camp for the weekend? We used to do cross-country skiing but after so many decades, the equipment and the campers are ready for a change and we feel snowshoeing will be a good fit.

Campfire - Do you have a love for campfires? Would you be willing to take charge of the campfire, in coordination with OEC staffers? We would need a few volunteers to help guide campers to the fire pit, setup chairs, and help keep a safe perimeter.

4-wheeler - John Koerner of Pennfield Lions has offered to bring his vehicle and drive. (Thank you!) We would need a couple volunteers to help campers get in and out of the vehicle.

Saturday evening is filled with music and other talents. Our usual musician is taking the year off so he may fully enjoy camp as a camper. We have a couple options pending. Let us know if you would like to be considered for the position as weekend band leader.

There is a little-known position we could use a volunteer for - dorm attendant. This person would be available to campers, help answer questions, deal with situations that may arise, and miscellaneous tasks. In the women's dorm, this person would work alongside PCC Peggy Allen, in the men's dorm, PCC Barry Allen.

Our Medics this year are Diane Sweeter and Dorothy (retired nurses) (Thank you!)

All campers and volunteers will need to provide proof of Covid-19 vaccinations when they register/sign-up. Anyone not vaccinated must show proof of negative test BEFORE arrival at camp.

Questions? Please contact Lion Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684, Lion Bea Furman at (517) 581-0325 or PCC Barry Allen at (734) 428-7034.

Note: All activities are subject to change based on weather, availability, etc.



CLUB HAPPENINGS

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our district newsletter. It is AWESOME to see all of these community service projects happening. Keep on sending things in to me and sharing to your community newspapers and Facebook pages!

INTERNET INFORMATION

District Website: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1>

"Lions of District 11-B1": Public group for sharing to the world. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/372012908261994>

"Lions Members of District 11-B1": Closed group for support and encouragement of our district Lions - Join the discussion! Share your events! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/164726954206924/>

Lion Pride - The magazine of Michigan Lions <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/downloads/lion-pride>

ADRIAN BREAKFAST

In September, an arsonist set fire to the Associated Charities building in Adrian and destroyed the back-to-school items the organization had purchased for students. The Adrian Breakfast Lions were one of the first to reach out and provided a check for \$500.00 to help replace the destroyed items. With the help of local radio station, WLEN, over \$17,000.00 was raised.

Shown here is Lion member Laura VanSickle with the donation signs.



The Adrian Breakfast Lions will also be providing over \$300.00 worth of toys to the Associated Charities annual Christmas Toy Drive. Shown are a few of the toys that have been purchased.



Once again this year, the Adrian Breakfast Lions Club will be hosting "An Evening With Santa" on December 10th.

The free event will be co-hosted by the Adrian Evening, Blissfield, and Clinton clubs, and generously supported by Community Action Agency, Clinton Lions Club, Lenco Credit Union, McDonalds of Adrian/ Hudson, and TLC Credit Union.

Last year over 200 children enjoyed crafts, candy and cookies, free books, and an opportunity to sit and talk with Santa.



Members of the Adrian Breakfast Lions have participated in the Comstock Park Christmas River Walk tree decorating event since its beginning eight years ago.

With hundreds of trees decorated and their lights glowing, the park looks spectacular every evening throughout December.

Pictured here with this year's tree are club members Terry Hicks, Laura VanSickle, Charlene Dickerson, and Bob Guy.

ANN ARBOR EVENING

The ladies of Ann Arbor Evening recently participated in the Eversight fundraiser, baking cookies with the Zingerman's BakeHouse instructors. Lots of yummy-ness and laughs ensued!

Shown: Kathy Harper, Cathy Koning, Donna Wicker



The club supported U of M Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools' Thanksgiving Basket Drive by delivering 4 well-stocked, re-usable containers of food along with a gift card to each recipient family.

ANN ARBOR HOST



Ann Arbor Host Lion Amy Shepherd joined Battle Creek Cereal City Lion Teresa Gest in a recent visit to Leader Dog for the Blind.

Lion Amy and Teresa provided instruction to parents during a Cane Quest hosted by Leader Dog and presented by the Michigan Department of Education Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO).

Shown: Teresa is blindfolded while walking with guide dog Riley along with Merideth (COMS).

BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

President Kay has resigned her position as president of the Cereal City Lions Club on health considerations. According to the Club By-Laws, the Vice President will immediately take over the responsibilities until the end of the term. Congratulations Bryan Cook on your new position! Thank you Kay for your service!

On Saturday, November 12th, Lions from the Battle Creek Cereal City and Pennfield Lions Clubs brought their rakes and brooms and their “We Serve” spirit to do some Fall clean up at the home of Winter Camp for the Blind, Battle Creek Public School's Outdoor Education Center. They were joined this year by 11 associates from the Michigan Job Challenge Program. Camp Events Director, Matthew Santner had several jobs lined up waiting for the group of volunteers.

After a brief meeting, they separated into groups to tackle the projects. Window washing, raking and moving leaves, along with stacking firewood, were all accomplished during the day. They had a nice lunch along with snacks, coffee, and water to keep everyone fueled up on this chilly November day. By the end of the afternoon, the camp looked cleaner and ready for the Winter. There is always more to do, but Matthew was happy with everything that got accomplished.

Lions helping were: District Governor Kelly Lubbe, Cereal City Lions Bryan Cook, Roger Bosse, Dorothy Bosse, Mike Guzak, Red O’Leary, and Darrick Dean and Pennfield Lion Steve Phillips with his wonderful back pack leaf blower!

Thank you very much for those that came and made this project a success!

Lion Bryan Cook, Zone Chair Region 3 Zone 1



Some helpers weren't out in the cold - they managed to clean 54 windows plus vacuumed screens and windowsills.



BLANKETS FOR SECRET SANTA

When your club gets a phone call saying a local seamstress is unable to complete a sewing project for Secret Santa, your Board of Directors quickly says, Yes we can!

With fleece material from the seamstress and a bit more from the store, several elves (Lions), a few happy hours of time and effort, 45 blankets were knotted and delivered so that needy families may have this gift of warmth for Christmas.

Maybe this wonderful indoor (i.e.. warm) project for those cold Winter days will become a new annual club project!



Partnered with RISE Corp. at a food distribution event in Battle Creek. A gentleman was using an old cane that no longer had any reflective qualities. He was fitted with a new cane and his old cane was re-taped and returned to him.



On November 10th, Eversight held a fundraiser in conjunction with Zingerman's Bakehouse. The virtual event raised funds by charging an entry fee of \$50 which provided a cooking class to make a batch of Funky Chunky Chocolate Chip Cookies and a batch of Ginger Jump Up Cookies. Participants were provided a shopping list to shop for the ingredients before the event. Instructions were also provided so that the ingredients could be measured, and suitable mixing bowls and measuring could be arranged prior to the class. Each batch should have been 18 cookies, but ours ran to 24 cookies. We apparently had a smaller ice cream scoop. The class was informative and fun. (Roger and Harriet Spriggs)



BEDFORD

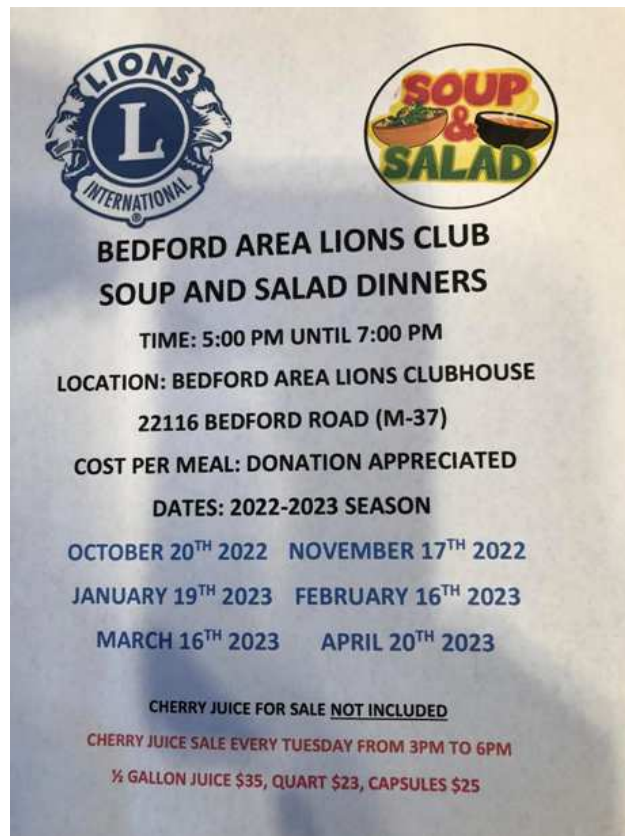
Bedford Area Community Lions invite you to their monthly Soup and Salad Dinner, held on the 3rd Thursday.

Next event: January 19: 5pm-7pm

Soups vary. Recent selections have included: Chili, bean and ham, chicken noodle, white chili

No meal is complete without their famous honey cornbread!

Donations appreciated.



They recently hosted Battle Creek Cereal City Lions.



BEDFORD -BATTLE CREEK HOST - CEREAL CITY - MARSHALL - PENNFIELD

"Area Lions Clubs Donate Glasses"

By Bryan Cook – Zone Chair and Cereal City Lion

On Tuesday, November 1, several members of the area Lions Clubs met at the Bedford Lions Den for lunch and to sort eyeglasses that had been donated. 30 members from Bedford, Battle Creek Host, Cereal City, Marshall, and Pennfield Lions Clubs joined forces to clean, count, and box up the items. Many hands make light work, and within 2 hours they had over 4500 pairs of glasses boxed up! Prescription glasses, reading glasses, sun glasses, and old lenses were all part of the mix in this collection amount.

On Thursday, November 3rd, Cereal City Lions Roger Spriggs, Harriet Spriggs, and Bryan Cook delivered the glasses to the Special Needs Vision Clinic in Saginaw. The clinic is attached to the Millet Learning Center, which is a school for disabled and handicapped children and young adults. The students help clean and organize the glasses for use in the clinic. The donated glasses not only help Michigan's handicapped population, but also are used by mission groups in Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Special Needs Vision Clinic executive director Dr. Dolores Kowalski and board chairman PDG Lion R.G. Barnum, were very appreciative of the donation. The Lions Clubs have always supported their goal of ensuring disabled children and adults receive the best optometric care possible.

If you have glasses to donate, you can call your local Lions Clubs or drop them in one of our many collection boxes around town. The big yellow mailboxes with the Lions logo are located at the Kool Center near Senior Partners, Family Fare on Columbia, Family Fare in the Pennfield Plaza, and in Bedford across from the Post Office. Several optometry offices also have glasses collection boxes. The Lions Clubs would like to thank the community for their continued support and donations. Where there is a need – there is a Lion!





Marshall Lions sorting



Pennfield Lions sorting



Harriet Spriggs sorts eyeglasses



CEO Dr. Dolores Kowalski and
Director R.G. Barnum



Bryan and Jane Cook pickup eyeglasses from Athens



**BLISSFIELD AREA LIONS CLUB
24th ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE
(And Silent Auction)**

FEBRUARY 4, 2023 (Saturday)

TICKETS \$50.00 EACH

DINNER AND BEVERAGES INCLUDED



1ST PRIZE \$2500, 2ND PRIZE \$500, 3rd PRIZE \$250

DINNER AND BEVERAGES INCLUDED

OTHER CASH PRIZES DURING THE DRAWING

CONTACT

LION DICK SAXTON FOR TICKETS

517-486-3429 OR JRS19821@OUTLOOK.COM

JACKSON CASCADES

David and MaryAnn Robinson visited St. John School earlier this year and spent time with the sixth graders. The Robinsons were open to the students' questions about blindness, and were very informative about living with a disability. Both Robinsons are members of the Cascades Lions Club of Jackson.

They blessed the school library with three different series of books: The Hometown Hunter Series, The Fishing Chronicles, and the Incredible Adventures of Rush Revere. We truly thank the Robinsons and the Cascades Lions Club for this amazing and wonderful gift, and sharing a bit about their lives!



DG Kelly inducted new members. Pictured: Tim Shafer, John Hammond, DG Kelly, Cathy Bliss, David Shafer



The club is busy selling nuts!

Lion Marti Willard reports that everything is set for the Nut Sale at the Crossing. The selling location is at the top of stairs on the Target end.

Lion Marti also shared that she has Terri Lynn nut products at her house and can do early sales for any member that needs it.

Proudly Serving the Jackson Community for over 100 years!

JACKSON COUNTY VIRTUAL PROFESSIONAL

Everyone is invited to an Open House at Christoff's Community Room on December 27 (Tuesday) at 7:30pm. Contact DG Kelly for details at 517-745-4404 or klubbe1065@gmail.com

A recent mitten drive allowed for a donation to Kris Hubbard's classroom at Parma.



JACKSON EYEOPENERS

Hot off the Presses! After 45 years of being a breakfast club, effective January 1, 2023 the Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club will hold both of their monthly meetings AT NIGHT.

They will meet at Christoff's Community Room downtown Jackson the first Wednesday of the month at 5:15PM. No meal with this meeting. They will meet the third Thursday of the month at the Country Club of Jackson at 5:30PM. The meal is to be ordered off the menu at the member's expense.

Everyone is invited to join their meetings anytime!



Wendy Burns, Executive Director for Lions of Michigan, visited Jackson Eyeopeners on November 17. She has been a member of the club for 10 years (PID Esther is her sponsor) and executive director for 11 years.

She spoke of the state's goals for the near future. With Covid-19 hindering many things over the past couple years, there is effort to revitalize clubs, districts, projects, and activities, including reactivating Lions of Michigan All State Band. The Michigan Forum will be held in Grand Rapids February 24-26. The key note will be Dustin Dale, a motivational speaker on service. The MD11 Convention will be in Muskegon May 18-20 with a Lions parade on Saturday.

(Links to event details and registration forms are at the end of this newsletter)

NORTH JACKSON

Region II Zone III Chairperson Jim Phelan gave the club a brief update on new and upcoming events and meetings.. Jim helped the club choose the winners of our club's Peace Poster contest.

36 Peace Posters, drawn and submitted by students from Northwest schools, were voted on during the club's business meeting in November. Hailey Trachet (pictured with Lion Connie Fention) won 1st prize of \$50. Her poster will go on to the district governor for the next round of voting.

The 2nd prize of \$25 went to Gwen Faulkner and 3rd prize of \$10 was awarded to Zoe Dalrymple. All who submitted a poster received a roll of Lions mints as a consolation prize.

This year's theme was "Lead with Compassion". Lion Connie Fenton chaired this event. Great job, Connie!



TEKONSHA

Tekonsha Christmas Festival! - Sunday, December 4, 2022 - Come out for a great time!

We welcome you to join us at the 2022 Tekonsha Christmas Festival at the Tekonsha Township Fire Department! The address is 166 Spires Parkway Tekonsha MI 49092.

The show runs from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Tekonsha Lions Club will have a booth set up for lunch.

For questions or concerns, please call Dawn Copas at 269-986-3488.

VANDERCOOK LAKE

Vandercook Lake served breakfast on their usual 3rd Sunday of the month, with DG Kelly helping out. Join them next month on December 18.

And they hung Christmas lights to brighten up the town!



BEAR LAKE CAMP

Bear Lake has announced their 2023 Blind and Visually Impaired Youth Camp date - July 9-15.



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

YOUTH CAMP 2023

JULY 9-15

Join us for a week long overnight camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 5-16. Kids enjoy a jam packed week of fun while making friendships, developing independence, and learning life skills.

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1st, 2023

Activities

- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Outdoor/Indoor Games
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Team Building/Challenge Course
- ✓ Climbing Tower & Zip Line

Lions Bear Lake Camp

3409 N Five Lakes Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446
www.bearlakecamp.org



Register Online



More Information 810-245-0726 desiree@bearlakecamp.org

DG Kelly and 1VDG Annette plan to take the plunge. Get your dinner tickets and watch the polar bears take the plunge.



Lions Bear Lake Camp

"Sub-Zero Hero" Polar Plunge and Dinner

February 18th, 2023
2:00 PM Jumper Check-In
3:00 PM Polar Plunge
5:00 PM Dinner

COME CHILL WITH US AND MAKE A SPLASH BY JUMPING IN THE LAKE TO RAISE MONEY FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP. DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A POLAR PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DINNER.

Costume Contest

Prizes for
Best Costume
Best Jump (no diving)
and Crowd Pleaser

Dinner Includes

- Soup Bar
- Bread Bowls
- Salad Bar
- Hot Chocolate Bar
- Dessert
- Cash Bar

50/50 Raffles
Basket Raffles

Warming tent available with hot coffee, tea, cocoa, cider.
Alcohol available for purchase.

- \$20 Dinner for Spectators Only
- \$40 Pledge- Jump, Dinner, T-shirt
- \$100 or More- Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tumbler & 2 drink tickets
- \$250 or More- Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler & Drink Tickets x2, T-shirts x2
- \$500 or More- Priority Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler & Drink Tickets x2, T-shirt x2, Event Hoodie

*Buy an event tumbler and receive 2 drinks tickets \$15



Sign up online at
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****Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.****

SIGHT CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

To all District 11-B1 Lions Clubs

Each year, the state Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee awards three \$3000 scholarships to students who are seeking a higher education degree and are blind or visually impaired. This year, with the approval of the Council of Governors, the committee has been authorized to award a fourth scholarship of \$3000. The scholarships are funded through the Grace Lang Memorial fund, set up in the 1970's to assist blind and visually impaired students achieve their academic goals. The basic requirements for the scholarship are to be a Michigan resident, acceptance to a higher education institution (university, community college, etc.), and have a diagnosed visual impairment. Other requirements are detailed on the application form.

The application for the 2023 White Cane scholarships is available upon request. It is an accessible, fillable PDF, so that a person with blindness can fill it out without assistance (depending on their visual acuity).

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 30 to be considered for the 2023 awards.

Scholarship winners are recognized at the annual Michigan Forum in February 2023.

If you know a student who is blind or visually impaired and could use this scholarship or you have questions, please contact myself or the state office.

Together We Can!

Lion Roger Bosse

Sight Conservation/White Cane committee chair

269-578-3684

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GAT - THE GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

WHAT IS THE GAT AND WHY DO WE NEED IT?

The GAT is the Global Action Team, made up of Lions who serve in roles for these teams:

GLT: Global Leadership (Development) Team

GMT: Global Membership (and Retention) Team

GST: Global Service Team (growing impactful service)

The GAT Team leadership starts with the Constitutional Area 1 (USA) and flows through to the clubs, with specific leaders identified for the Area (MD 11, 13, 25), Multiple District (MD11/SD10), District (11-B1), and Local Club Roles.

The purpose of the GAT is to help districts and the District Governor achieve their goals by fostering positive membership growth in clubs, increase visibility of Lions in the community through impactful service, and to build strong and innovative leaders in the clubs and districts.

District GAT team members work with Zone Chairs and Club Officers to help set goals and achieve them. The concept was developed in 2017 to combine the three leadership areas (GLT/GST/GMT) to provide a unified approach to Leadership, Growth, and Service. The GAT network of leaders directly supports districts in inspiring action at the club level, as well as championing the vision of Lions International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

CLUB GAT Team:

GLT: Vice President, GST: Club Service Chair, GMT: Club Membership Chair

District 11-B1 GAT Team:

GLT: Lion Roger Bosse, GST: Lion Nancy Hill, GMT: Lion Cheryl Bradshaw

MD11/SD10 GAT Team:

GLT: IPDG Roshni Patel, GST: IPDG Terri Huffman, GMT: PDG Brent Beracy

Area Coordinator: PDG Dave Wineman

Constitutional Area Leader: PID Jerome Thompson

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN LIONS

District 11-B1

Spring Training (Forum) @ Vandercook Lake High School May 4, 2023 -In Person Event (virtual by request)
District Training Recordings from 2020/2021/2022 on website - <http://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1/>

Multiple District 11 (Michigan lower peninsula)

Michigan Forum – February 25, 2023 – In Person – Grand Blanc, MI

Lions Club International

Always Available (online). Requires setting up a MyLion Account. <https://myapps.lionsclubs.org/>

Once logged in, click "Learn", then enter the "**Lions Learning Center**" by clicking "Go".
Choose from many available online courses to complement your club role or interests.

Suggestions:

Club President/Vice President e-book <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79864376>

Club Secretary e-book <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79864207>

Club Treasurer e-book <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79864052>

Club Membership Chair e-book <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79864155>

Club Service Chair e-book <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79864106>

Club Marketing Communications Chair e-book <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79861717>

Club LCIF Coordinator e-book <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-lcif-coordinator>

Lions Club Virtual Events – Different types of training and webinars

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center>

Example: Club Leadership and Resources: Recording: <https://vimeo.com/425599434>

Lions Virtual YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/LionsVirtualLive>

View all kinds of educational/inspirational videos

USA/Canada Lions University: <https://lionsuniversity.org/>

Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate programs – Graduations conducted at USA/Canada Leadership Forums

Contact GLT Roger Bosse with any questions, at 269-578-3684 or rogerbosse@att.net

VIRTUAL LOW VISION/BLIND PEER SUPPORT GROUP

The Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (CIL) has set up a new Virtual Low Vision/Blind Peer Support Group that is open to anyone with vision loss or blindness. You don't have to be a resident of Washtenaw, Livingston or Monroe Counties (Our service areas) to join us.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 12pm-1pm on Zoom. Below is the flyer for the Peer Support Group. At the CIL, we have three blind peer staff facilitators, including myself, where we discuss challenges, help people navigate vision loss, and support our peers through guided questions and lively discussions.

Please share this far and wide! We want to grow our participation. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

~Lion Mark L. Hymes

Program Coordinator - Livingston County

Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (AACIL)

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Your World

Navigating Life with
Blindness and Low Vision



The **Center for Independent Living**, serving **Washtenaw, Monroe and Livingston** Counties, is proud to announce a new peer support group for adults who are blind or low-vision.

Your World is a welcoming, participant-driven peer support group for people who are blind or are experiencing vision loss. Sessions will consist of topics of interest to people who are low-vision or blind with the goal of empowering group members to embrace their self-identities and individuality as people with low vision, while strengthening belonging and community inclusion.

The facilitators are trained professionals from a wide range of backgrounds. All of us have experience as people who are blind or have vision loss.

- ❖ Monthly meetings starting September 7
- ❖ First Wednesday of every month at Noon
- ❖ Virtual meetings
- ❖ Yes, we can offer Assistive Tech support

Register in advance by contacting us:

734-971-0277 and ask for **Renee**
or email rechols@aacil.org



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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4 (Sunday) 10am-3pm

Tekonsha Christmas Festival, Township Fire Department, 166 Spires Parkway Tekonsha Mi 49092
Booths available. Contact Dawn Copas at 269-986-3488 (see notice above for booth details)

December 18 (Sunday) 8am-11:30am

Vandercook Lake invites everyone to breakfast, 3rd Sunday of every month.

Biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, and coffee/milk. \$5 Donations are accepted.

December 27 (Tuesday) 7:30pm

Jackson County Virtual Professional is hosting an Open House, Christoff's Community Room

Contact DG Kelly for details at 517-745-4404 or klubbe1065@gmail.com

January 14, 2023 (Saturday)

Tour of Leader Dog

Organized by Battle Creek Cereal City Lions. All are invited to join.

Contact Bryan Cook for more information at 989-274-0335 or bryancook2012@gmail.com.

January 19, 2023 (Thursday) 5pm-7pm

Bedford Area invites everyone to dinner on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Homemade soups, salads, and desserts. Contact Ron and Margaret Keagle for more information - ronmarg925@aol.com or 269-721-3616

February 18, 2023 (Saturday)

Bear Lake Camp "Polar Plunge" fundraiser

Jump in the lake or just cheer for the jumpers and stay dry. Stay for dinner.

Contact DG Traci Tribley at 989-277-7437 or traci@bearlakecamp.org

See flyer above for more details.

February 24-25 (Friday-Saturday)

Lions of Michigan Forum, Double Tree Airport, Grand Rapids

Get the details at

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/calendar-and-forthcoming-events/michigan-lions-forum-february-2023>

April 29 (Saturday)

District 11-B1 Convention at Commonwealth Commerce Center, Jackson

May 4 6pm-8pm (Thursday)

Spring Leadership Forum at Vandercook Lake High School

Contact Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684 with questions.

May 18-20 (Friday-Sunday)

Lions of Michigan MD11 Convention 2023

Delta Hotels Muskegon Marriott Convention Center, 939 3rd St, Muskegon, MI 49440

Get the details at:

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/calendar-and-forthcoming-events/md11-state-convention-may-2023>

July 7-11, 2023

Lions Clubs International Convention, Boston, MA

Registration is open! <https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2023/>