



District 11-B1 Newsletter

December 2023 Edition

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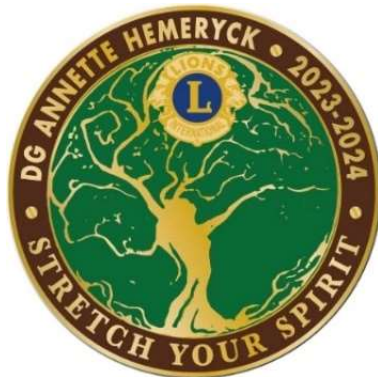
A NOTE FROM DG ANNETTE

Tis the season for celebrating the holidays and giving goodwill and cheer! There are 12 holidays in the month of December with diverse backgrounds. We each have 1.4 million friends, brothers, and sisters in Lionism. We have the privilege to be able to, in the near future, serve 1 billion people. It starts with the joyful service we do every day in our communities. Every life we touch may be in the smallest but most meaningful ways. Think of the difference a food basket makes to a family in need. Think of the holiday parties we have for our communities to bring a little more cheer into their lives. Think about the hearing and vision gifts we give students so they may succeed on many levels. Or simply providing encouraging words to our shut-ins and seniors. And helping your brothers and sisters in their time of need.

These examples are just a few of what we do in our communities and worldwide. It all started with the warmth of your heart for others. It is why "We Serve." Take some time this season to do cheerful service for others and each other. Whichever holiday you celebrate during this season, may it be filled with the joys of the holiday, peace, and love.

In Lionism.

Together we are Changing the World!



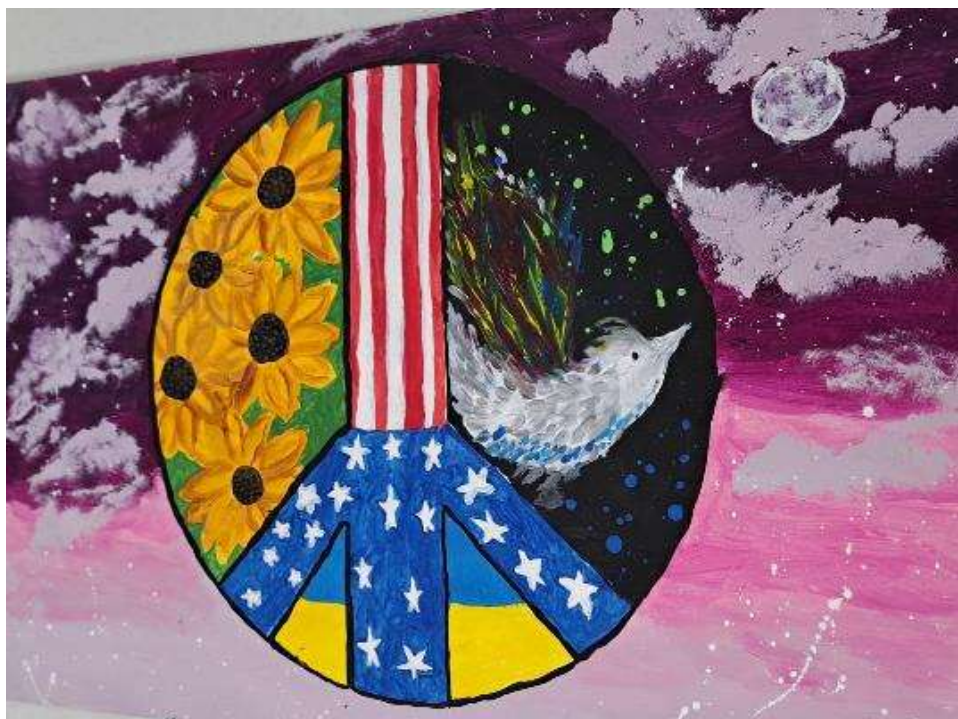
PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to our District's winning Peace Poster entry by Madeline Zahner, sponsored by the Manchester Lions. Nine clubs including Clinton, Dexter, Quest, North Jackson, Jackson Eyeopeners, Ann Arbor Host, North Adams, Homer, and Manchester brought entries from eleven separate schools with over 235 student artists participating. Judging took place on Friday, November 24th in Vandercook Lake. Thanks to the Vandercook Lake Lions Club for use of their building.

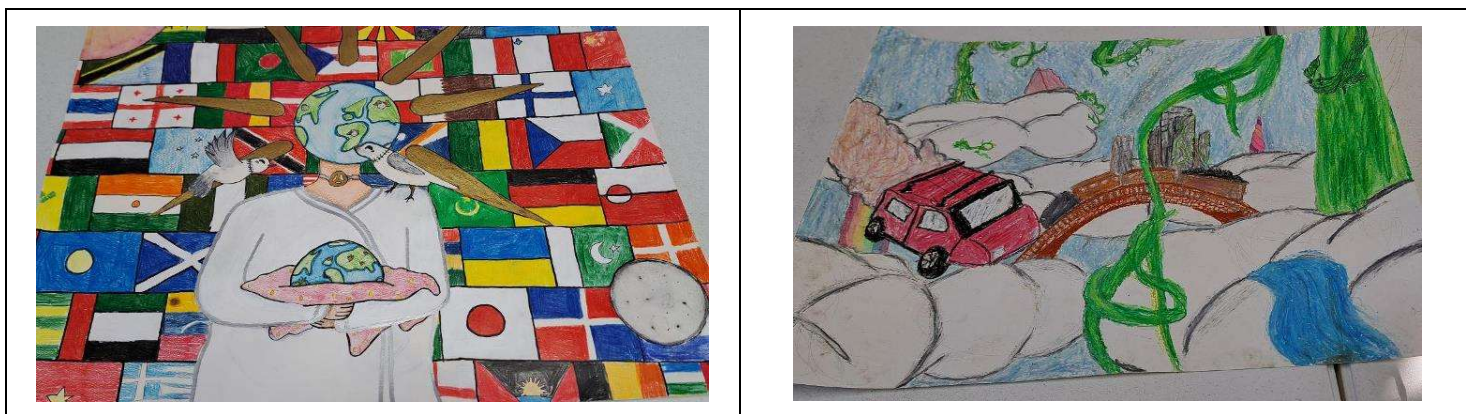
DG Annette proudly delivered the winning entry to the Council of Governors meeting for the next level of judging. The winner from that round will be sent on for International judging.

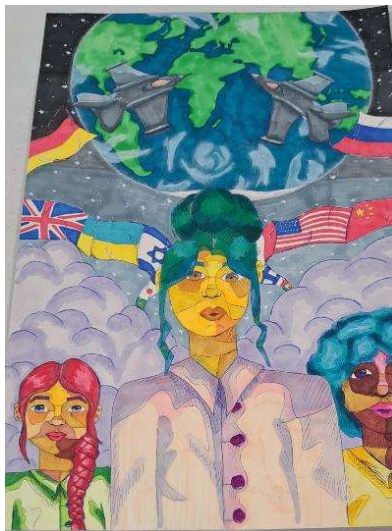
Thanks so much for your excitement and interest in District 11-B1 Peace Poster Contest!
Shawne Lige, Peace Poster Coordinator

Peace Poster District Contest Winner



Peace Poster Club Contest Winners





ROSTER BOOK CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES

August

Gregg Brindamour - C: 517-605-5611 - brindamourphotography@yahoo.com (page 26)

Harriet Spriggs - C: 630-926-8836 (page 68)

Roger and Harriet Spriggs - remove home phone (page 68)

Louvenia Shack-Seals - address and phone: 905 S. Gorham Street, Jackson, MI 49203 - 517-914-9600 (page 4)

Teresa Gest - whitecane3@gmail.com (page 7 and 65)

Becky Walters - bwalters01@comcast.net (page 27)

Vicki Ruiz - misvicki46@gmail.com (page 63, 64, 67)

Roberta Sexton - Michigan Center Lioness Lions (page 68)

September

David Burlingame - Battle Creek Host - 269-979-3324 (page 23)

Craig Bishop - no longer using email - new/only phone: (H) 269-965-7117 (Page 63 and 66)

October

Kathy Emerson - Vandercook Lake – remove home and business numbers. Add cell 517-581-0039 (Page 40)

Pennfield - meeting location changed to Riverside Golf Club & Banquet Center, 245 E. Columbia Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014 (Page 37)

December

Robert "Bob" Myers, c/o Barbara Myers-Simmons, 1500 W Michigan Ave, Jackson, Michigan 49202
(C) 517-202-4526 - Simmons8937@yahoo.com (Page 67)

PDG Bob Myers (1979-80) - Vandercook Lake - Bob is suffering from Alzheimers. His daughter, Barbara Myers-Simmons, has asked that we direct any Lions correspondence to her so she can share it with him.

Please let us know if you have roster book changes to share.

The district roster book is available in PDF format by sending a request to Cabinet Secretary (CS) Nancy Hill or District Editor Cathy Koning.

Non-roster book changes:

Ed Rockwell, Vista Grande Villa, Apt 2305 (Trellis), 2251 Springport Rd, Jackson, MI 49202 * 517-764-0964

Sharon Davis – (C) 269-967-7863 and De Davis – (C) 269-275-1471

The Davis landline no longer exists. Remove (269-964-7442) from contact lists.

INTERNET INFORMATION

District

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/>

State

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

Lions of Michigan - Website for Michigan Lions (Districts 10 and 11) - Connects you to state projects, convention information, leadership training. lionsofmi.com

Lions of Michigan Foundation - Non-project charity for Michigan Lions. Provides grants for emergencies, projects, hearing aids, eyeglasses. Accepts tax deductible donations on club's behalf using their 50113 status. lmsf.net

International

"Global Lions Forum" - Public group for discussing topics and asking questions of Lions around the world. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lciCyberClubs>

Lions Clubs International - Website for our international organization. Marketing resources, training, service reporting, and more! lionsclubs.org

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Our two historic brands, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), are uniting under one "umbrella" brand—Lions International—so we can talk to the world about our collective service and impact. Because the world sees us as one. They see us as Lions. And the truth is, we are united in our mission of service.

To strengthen our association and foundation, we needed greater integration of the two. One of the most visible ways to do this is to unify Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) under a single “umbrella” or master brand—Lions International—and align our causes to show the world that we are united in our mission of service.

We are introducing “Lions International” as our unified “umbrella” or master brand to represent our association and foundation together, but the individual names of the association and the foundation will not change, and they will continue to be separate legal entities. We will still use “Lions Clubs International” when referring specifically to the association, and “Lions Clubs International Foundation” when referring to our foundation. Together, they will be referred to as “Lions International.”

Read more:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/lions-international-brand>

WHEN A LION DIES (WALD)

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



IN MEMORIAM

JANICE YESH



It is with heavy hearts that the Branch Area Lions share that their dear friend Lion Janice Lynn (Coe) Yesh, 76, of Coldwater passed away Monday, November 13, at her home, surrounded by her loving family and her dog “Daisy.” She was a lovely person and devoted Lion who will be greatly missed.

Jan was born February 15, 1947, in Hillsdale, MI to Harold, Sr. and Beulah Jean Coe.

Jan was an active member of the Christian Pilgrim Church in Coldwater and also participated at Today’s Church of God in Quincy. She was very giving of her time to others and the community through her volunteer work with many service clubs, including Lions, Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (BCCADSV), and Hope Café. Jan loved the outdoors and living life on her family farm.

She was an artist, writer, decorator, designer, and crafty, to say the least. She loved indoor plants and playing Mahjong with her friends.

Jan was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She adored her family and her animals and spent many years raising her grandchildren as her own.

Memorials may be directed to the Lions club or BCCADSV.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION REPORT
&
FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

From July through November 2023 the Michigan Lions Foundation has provided financial support to MD-11 Lions Clubs to:

- PROJECT KIDSIGHT - 15,840 children have been screened and 1,732 children have been referred.
- HEARING SCREENING – 170 children and 80 adults have been screened and 19 referred.
- DIABETIC RETINOPATHY – 112 screened and 13 referred.
- EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE & DISASTER RELIEF – 18 grants totaling over \$32,000 to help people in 9 of 11 Lions Districts.
- EYE CARE ASSISTANCE – 38 adults and 18 children have received assistance.
- HEARING AID ASSISTANCE – 70 adults and 1 child has been provided hearing aids.

The Michigan Lions Foundation is totally dedicated to assisting Lions Clubs as they provide assistance to those in need in their communities. Our largest fundraiser is our Annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes raffle and a great opportunity for your club to raise money. Every club has been sent some tickets to sell.

Raffle tickets sell for \$10 each and clubs receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale in accordance to the following schedule:

- 30 to 99 tickets sold – Club receives \$3.50 per ticket
- 100 to 249 tickets sold – Club receives \$5.00 per tickets
- 250+ tickets sold – Club receives \$5.50 per ticket

In addition, the club or person who sells the ticket becomes eligible for a drawing for a \$1000, \$500, \$250, and \$100 prize.

The Grand prize of the raffle is \$5000. Subsequent tickets that are randomly selected receive \$2500, \$2000, \$1,500, \$1000, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100. The drawing will take place on May 4, 2024 during the MD11 Convention that will be held at the Delta Marriott in Kalamazoo, MI.

This is a great opportunity for your club to do some easy fundraising and support your Foundation. Every club has been sent some tickets to sell. If you have any questions, contact Executive Director Chad McCann or Kim Creger at (517) 887-6640.

PCC Dave Hill
President – Lions of Michigan Foundation
coldhill@gmail.com – (517) 262-8928

AMP and EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YCE)
Contributed By: Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson

Interested in experiencing life in a different country? Join the exchange program where you can participate in the day-to-day life of a local family and meet other students from around the world.



Most countries have a filing deadline range from February 15 to March 31. The deadline depends on the country you pick. Please choose your country early and contact us right away.

A \$100 Youth Exchange Supplies fee is required with all applications. Fee includes shirts, backpack, MD-11 Youth Exchange pins and banners, and orientation booklet. There may be additional charges for camps within your chosen country that are not included in the price of our program. You will be required to purchase your own airfare and international travel insurance. The travel insurance must be accepted in the country you are visiting.

Age requirements are typically 15 – 22 years.

Our students usually depart the U.S. the last weekend of June or beginning of July for a 3 to 5 week stay depending on the Youth Exchange program in those countries. Please note that all counties are on a first come basis and fill up fast so the sooner you apply the sooner we can confirm your acceptance.

Deadline for outgoing student application form submission: March 30, 2024

Australia	Finland	India	South Africa
Belgium	France	Israel	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Hungary	Italy	Turkey
Canada	Japan	Denmark	Mexico

Apply to Sponsor or Host

Apply to become a sponsor club and/or host family today by contacting Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or epmarfil5@yahoo.com.

Deadline for host family application form submission: April 30, 2024

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YCE)

Contributed By: Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson

Is the YCE Program Right for Me?

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing adventure that will open your mind and heart? Are you curious about other cultures and ways of life? Do you want to develop your skills in a second language? Would you like to cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs than you? The Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program may be the opportunity you are seeking.

Benefits of Participation

As a YCE you will:

- Live with a family in another country
- Meet people your age from around the world
- Learn about what it means to be a Lion or Leo in another country
- Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you
- Learn how to foster peace and understanding among peoples of the world

What to Expect

As a Youth Camp and Exchange you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural experience with Lions and Leo club members supporting your YCE journey. Your host family will treat you as a member of the family, awaiting your engagement in typical daily routines and family meals. You will participate in social activities, possibly service projects and visit cultural places of interest. You are expected to familiarize yourself with the customs, expectations, and basic language of the host country prior to your visit and have a desire to learn more. You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a Youth Exchange by checking out the [Youth Camp and Exchange Handbook!](#)

Participant Eligibility

The suggested age range for Youth Camp and Exchange is 15-22. Please note age range can vary by specific Youth Camp and Exchange program.

Youth Camp and Exchange must:

- Be sponsored by a Lions club
- Be ready to represent your community, country and the sponsoring Lions club
- Welcome the opportunity to explore the customs of another culture
- Provide proof of insurance (health, medical, travel) and a liability release agreement
- Take initiative to learn the language of the host country (i.e. basic greetings and phrases)

What are the Costs?

Local program costs vary from country to country. Financial arrangements for transportation may be paid by the Sponsor Lions Club, by the Exchange Youth, the Exchange Youth's family or a combination of these sources. Host Lions clubs cover the costs of room and board with a host family. Exchange Youth are typically responsible for:

- Round-trip airfare
- Camp Fees
- Health, medical and travel insurance
- Travel documents (such as passports and visas)
- Spending money

WINTER CAMP INFO and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 at (269) 578-3684 or rogerbosse@att.net to get an application. **Application submission deadline is January 16, 2024.**

We have a request - for volunteers. Volunteers are vital to making the weekend a success. **Volunteers can sign-up using this Google form:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMi70mmrps3T5DtLPP0UDViEkfet45Z9eBg1N3kgWZ4k4s2Q/viewform>

CLUB OPPORTUNITY: If you can't come out and volunteer in-person, maybe your club can collect some items for bingo prizes. The campers love toiletries, novelty items, stuffed animals, gift cards, and clothing items such as gloves, sweaters, etc. If you have some clean items in good shape that you are looking to find a new home for, consider donating them to the Winter Camp for Bingo. The Bedford Area Lions coordinate the bingo activity and we thank the Jackson Eyeopeners for their continued support with prizes for the most popular activity at camp!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS: - Volunteers are vital to making the weekend a success, please look over the camp activities listed and consider coming out for the day or the weekend.

Friday Afternoon

The weekend starts with arrival. 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 (mezzanine) or the cold rooms (main floor), etc).

Friday Night

The first real activity is dinner. 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.

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!)

Saturday Afternoon

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

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 - Cathy Koning of Ann Arbor Evening will provide the craft again this year. Her club has sponsored beads, ribbons, pipe cleaners, and more for making jewelry and such. (Thank you!) There is a need for a few 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, and 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. 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

We gather to enjoy music and other talents.

Our Medic again this year is Dorothy Bosse (retired nurse). (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.

WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIPS

To all District 11-B1 Lions Clubs

Each year, the state Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee is now awarding four \$3000 scholarships to students who are seeking a higher education degree and are blind or visually impaired. 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 2024 White Cane scholarships is available using the links below. **Applications must be postmarked no later than December 30** to be considered for the 2024 awards. Scholarship winners are recognized at the annual Michigan Forum in February 2024.

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.

Standard Scholarship Form - Click link to download. Print. Fill in by hand and mail it in.
https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/whitecane/scholarship%20application%202024_IN.pdf

Scholarship Form with Fillable Fields. Click link to download. Fill in using computer. Save and submit electronically.
<https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/scholarship/WC.Fillable24.pdf>

Lion Roger Bosse
Sight Conservation/White Cane committee chair
269-578-3684
rogerbosse@att.net

Thank you for all that you do and keep on Changing the World!

PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Is your club interested in holding a Project KidSight screening event? Contact Teresa Gest at
C: 269-625-4378 or whitecane3@gmail.com to learn more!

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Dear Lions Club Officers:

As you are almost through the first half of the Lions year, do you have questions, concerns about your role and how to do a better job? Maybe you attended the spring leadership training and are ready for some review, or to learn some finer details about being a president, secretary, or treasurer? There are recordings of past trainings for most of the club officer roles, and excellent on-line training through LCI.

Our District Governor Annette has a goal to have our club officers trained in their roles. As your GLT Leader (Global Leadership Team), I am committed to helping achieve it.

If you weren't able to attend training in April, please contact me, and I can help you navigate the LCI website for training webinars that not only give you some valuable training, but count towards DG Annette's goals. I can also direct you to the recordings of our Spring Training sessions for roles other than the main officers. These include the officers, membership, Tail Twister/Lion Tamer, Social Media, and MyLion service reporting.

I know it's a busy time of the year, but if you have an hour to spare, we can get you set up to take an on line class or watch a video at your convenience.

Roger Bosse

Global Leadership Team Leader

(269) 578-3684 * rogerbosse@att.net

MARCH IS READING MONTH



Funds are available to purchase books for your school, day care center and other places where books are needed.

Contact PDG Vicki Lautzenheiser at lautzev1@gmail.com or call 517-569-2677 to secure funds. You may secure funds after purchasing books by sending the receipt or the completed order form to PDG Vicki. Include whom the books will be given. A check will be prepared by Cabinet Treasurer (CT) Allen and sent to you. You may request up to \$300.

ADRIAN BREAKFAST

The Adrian Breakfast Lions are preparing for their annual "Evening with Santa" event, which entertained nearly 250 parents and children last year. Open to everyone!

“AN EVENING WITH SANTA” SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

It is a yearly tradition and a wonderful, family-friendly holiday event. It is **FREE** and all ages are welcome!

- Hayrides, Holiday Crafts, Gifts, Refreshments, and Santa!
- Sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Lenawee County and the Manchester Lions

WHEN: **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Stubnitz Environmental Center in Heritage Park
3221 North Adrian Hwy. (M-52), Adrian, MI

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Members of the Adrian Breakfast Lions decorated their tree for the 2023 Christmas season at Comstock Park in Adrian. The theme of the tree is White Cane and Leader Dog. This is the tenth year of the event with over 500 decorated trees honoring clubs, businesses, organizations, and loved ones. The lighting ceremony took place on December 1st and the trees will remain until the first week of January 2024. It is a beautiful setting well worth the drive to Adrian to see!

Pictured here are Lions Laura VanSickle, Charlene Dickerson, Terry Hicks, and Robert Guy putting the finishing touches on the tree, and Lions Guy and VanSickle goofing around decorating Charlene.



ANN ARBOR EVENING

The Ann Arbor Evening club supported U of M Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools' Thanksgiving Basket Drive by delivering 3 well-stocked, re-usable containers of food along with a gift card to each recipient family.



ANN ARBOR HOST



The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club donated 27 pairs of new reading glasses along with glasses cases to the Delonis Center for the homeless.

The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club and the WIHI Leos Club joined together to do the autumn cut-back and mulching of the Sensory Garden in the Liberty Plaza. Six Leos, two Ann Arbor Host Lions, one Ann Arbor Evening Club Lion, and Melissa from the Parks Department all worked to put the garden to bed for the winter. Two AA Host Lions delivered pizza, pop, and bread sticks to the Leos after all their hard work. The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club is the sponsor Club for the WIHI Leos Club.



BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

The Cereal City Lions recently inducted new member Lion Jane Prahl, sponsored by Lion Mary Wallace. Service projects are a great way to introduce new people to club activities and keep members engaged. While many clubs start to slow down this time of year, this club keeps going! Recent and upcoming projects include the assembling 25 food baskets to be delivered to local families with South Michigan Food Bank, tying 45 blankets for Santa's Helper, delivering turkeys to several families with RISE Inc, participation in the Battle Creek Christmas Parade with the District KidSight trailer, a meeting speaker from the Gilmore Car Museum, Winter Camp cleanup (painting and moving leaves), Salvation Army bell ringing, KidSight training, and a zone chair meeting with service project at ____.

The club is very thankful for being selected to receive a \$5000 donation from Meijer and their Simply Give program. They selected only 2 local groups to donate to this year so the honor is extra special. This money will be used by the club to help fund many activities this year in the community.



Cereal City Lions met at First Congregational Church at noon on Saturday, November 18 to decorate the KidSight Trailer and John Stiff's truck for the Battle Creek Christmas Parade. They had 6 walkers handing out 175 pounds of candy, which was donated by generous club members, one candy bag filler in the back of the truck along with the Lion mascot riding and waving, and 3 Lions members in the truck waving and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas from Cereal City Lions!



The club thanks all the Lions who participated, starting with Hope and Scott Swank for organizing, Roger and Dorothy Bosse for going to get the KidSight trailer and returning it, Ronnie Grobbel as the head elf, Brian Trainor as “the Lion”, Mike Guzak, Roger Bosse (driver), Darrick Dean, Dianne Sweeter, John Stiff, and Muriel Walters as walkers and riders, and great decorating help from Mary Wallace, Jane Prahl, Ron Marlatt, and Lynn Johnson.



BEDFORD

Bedford Area Lions Club continues its **Soup and Salad Fundraising Program** each. There is no direct charge, but they have a collection box for donations. It's open to everyone and is a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun for a great cause. Dinner is served from 5pm-7pm on Thursdays.

Upcoming: January 18th, February 15th, March 21st, April 18th.

Bedford Lions are collecting blankets, both new and gently used, for the homeless community. If you have any that you would like to donate, you can drop them at the Lions building in Bedford any Tuesday from 3.00pm to 6.00pm or contact any members of Bedford Area Lions Club for pick-up.

With your help, Bedford hopes to make these cold days a little more tolerable for those in the community who are often forgotten.

Bedford Area Lions Club gained several members when the Bedford Area Lioness group was discontinued. The impact of the lady Lions has been incredible. They are an important element in the club's leadership. After much work by President Margaret Keagle, they received their beautiful Lioness to Lions blue pins that Margaret presented to the lady members. Congratulations!

The Lioness Lions will retain their years of service:

Susan Gehrman 7.1 years

Kristina Smith 8.8 years

Nancy Chantrenne 12.42 years

Kaci Hodge 14.72 years

Donna McQuire 14.92 years

Becky Laurence 16.17 years

Muriel Walters 19.42 years

Margaret Keagle 34.58 years

Kay Gray 37.75 years

Versa Harrison 45.42 years



Two new members were recently inducted into Bedford Area Lions Club.

Robyn and John Royer were welcomed by the Lions.

Incidentally, it was Robyn and John's 37th wedding anniversary so they shared their celebration with the Bedford Lions.

**BLISSFIELD AREA LIONS CLUB
25th ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE
FEBRUARY 3, 2024
TICKETS \$60.00 EACH**



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

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CLEAR LAKE VIRTUAL

Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club Suspends "Virtual Walk to Winter Camp" Fundraiser Due to Technical Difficulties

In a recent turn of events, the Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club has announced the suspension of their much-anticipated "Virtual Walk to Winter Camp" fundraiser. This decision comes in the wake of unforeseen technical challenges that have made it difficult to continue the event as planned.

The "Virtual Walk to Winter Camp" was organized to support Winter Camp for the Blind, a program close to the hearts of many. This setback, however, does not dampen the club's commitment to the cause. Understanding the importance of Winter Camp for the Blind, the Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club is encouraging individuals who wish to contribute to the cause to do so through donations.

Interested individuals are kindly requested to send their contributions by mail to the following address:
Clear Lake Virtual Lions, 24 Sunny Cir., Mason City, IA 50401.

These donations will play a crucial role in ensuring that the Winter Camp continues to provide enriching experiences for its attendees.

For those who have questions or require additional information, please contact Lion Jesse Bolinger, the Marketing and Communications Chair of the Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club.

Jesse can be reached at (641) 202-6083 or through email at marketing@clearlakevirtuallions.com.

CLINTON

The school winners of the Peace Poster contest, sponsored by Clinton Lions are: Anna from Britton Deerfield and Josslyn from Clinton. These posters were entered into the District competition. Great job and good luck!.



DEXTER

Dexter Lions are doing a Christmas Tree Sale. They are located on Baker Road next to Creekside School. They are open Monday-Friday 2pm-8pm and Saturday-Sunday 9am-8pm. Come shop for your tree!





The Dexter Lions sponsored the Annual Peace Poster Contest and Lion John Gochis was the chairman. The Art teacher at Mill Creek Middle school had about 75 students doing posters. They had a committee who selected the top three. John provided cider and donuts to the classes that were participating. The three winners received prizes.

First place Peace Poster Contest winner for Dexter Lions is Anya Dazzo from Mill Creek Middle School.



GRASS LAKE

Grass Lake Lions Club provided free hot chocolate to community members during The Magical Festival of Lights parade in town. They passed out over 400 cookies to the community during the Grass Lake Cookie Tour.





JACKSON EYEOPENERS

The Eyeopeners were proud to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army on Monday, Dec. 4. Pictured here are Connie Neese, Margie Horsch, Cyndie Gorton, and Jackie Hunter.



JACKSON HOST

Bert and Bea Furman (Jackson Host Lions Club) and Peggy Allen (Manchester Lions Club) traveled to Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan recently, bringing an abundant assortment of tea cups, snacks, makeup bags, and blankets! These will be included in welcome bags which are given to each child when they first visit the Wellness Center and in the Enchanted Tea Room for their special life celebration tea parties.



Nut Sales Chair, Bob McCreery leads the "Nut Team" at the warehouse as members turn in their orders.



JHLC marks their 12th year "Hanging the Greens" for their Jackson community. The Fab 5 County Parks Crew make this community service event a reality!



Dave Foster takes a shift for the Salvation Army Red Kettle drive. President Dick Colony presents appreciation award to Nancy Connell for her work with our Sight Challenged Club, directed by her husband Dave Foster.



MANCHESTER

"Dare to Dream" - this year's theme for the Lions Clubs International PEACE POSTER contest. Shown are the winners: Abigayle Naebeck (3rd place), Cassidy Hieber (2nd place), Madeline Zahner (1st place), and Art Teacher Ms Lehrer. First place award is \$100, 2nd is \$75, and 3rd is \$50. Presentation was made by Manchester Lions Club President Colleen Schoenfeld.

Madeline's poster was submitted to the District 11-B1 judging, along with winners from 10 other schools. Her poster was selected as the district winner which sent her on to the MD-11 contest with judging at the Council of Governors. The MD-11 winner goes on to the International level. The winner could get a trip to the next international convention in Melbourne, Australia.



MICHIGAN CENTER

Michigan Center Lions President Michael Hochstedler invites everyone to visit their Christmas Tree sale. They are open Monday-Friday 4-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. selling Fraser Fir and Balsam Fir trees, starting at \$55.



MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS

Michigan Center Lioness had a float in the Michigan Center Lions parade. After the parade they had the lighting of the Christmas tree and invited families to have cookies & hot chocolate.



The Michigan Center Lioness Lions are selling raffle tickets to support their community projects. Contact a club member to buy a ticket. Drawing will be on December 16th during Breakfast with Santa.

Need not be present to win.

They are also collecting underwear for a new homeless shelter that just opened in November of 2023.

MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS CLUB

"CASH FOR CHRISTMAS" RAFFLE

Drawing: Sat, Dec 16th, 2023- Breakfast with Santa

Winner will be drawn at 11:00am

1st Prize: \$500 - 2nd Prize: \$250 - 3rd Prize: \$100.00

4th Prize: New iPhone SE w/Accessory Package

Donation: \$10.00 per ticket- Need not be present to WIN!

Michigan Center Lions Club: 600 Fifth St. Michigan Center MI 49254

Proceeds benefit Michigan Center Lioness Lions / License #R72379

NORTH JACKSON

North Jackson Lions sponsored the Parma Western Middle School and Northwest Kidder Middle School for the 2023 Peace Poster contest.



Parma Western Middle School
From left to right (1st, 2nd, 3rd places)
Gabriela Zunig, Jayda Klimmer, Makaylah Stewart



Kidder Middle School Winners
From left to right (1st, 2nd, 3rd places)
Makynli Hemphill, Kenzy David, Gabriel Szittai

PDG CHRISTMAS DINNER

Every year the Past District Governors of District 11-B1 get together to celebrate the season.



Back Row (L-R): Dave Hill, Terri Huffman, Gary Babcock, Terry Walters, Dick Dettling,
Roberta Sexton, Kelly Lubbe, Barry Allen, Vicki Ruiz
Front Row (L-R): Craig Bishop (Lucy), Annette Hemeryck, Esther LaMothe, Peggy Allen

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. PATTI HILL

PDG Kelly Lubbe was spotted with Lions International President Dr. Patti Hill at USA/Canada Forum in Reno, Nevada in September 2023.



SALINE

Saline Lions roared in the Saline Holiday Parade.



VANDERCOOK LAKE

Vandercook Lake Lions invite you to breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the clubhouse, between 8am and 11:30am. Enjoy all the food and great company for a donation of \$5 (or more, if you see fit).



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Supporting VCL in November was PCC Peggy Allen from Manchester Lions, IPDG Kelly Lubbe from Jackson County Professional Virtual Lions, DG Annette Hemeryck from Hanover-Horton Lions, PCC Barry Allen from Manchester Lions and PCC Dave Hill from Vandercook Lake Lions.

Rang bells for the Salvation Army at Jackson Crossing.



You know the Holidays are here when the Vandercook Lake Lions Club put up the Christmas lights.

WINTER CAMP CLEANUP

On Saturday, November 11, eleven members of the Cereal City Lions Club, Pennfield Lions Club, Battle Creek Host, and Vandercook Lake gathered at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center to help get the camp ready for the winter. The main project this year was painting a new stairway that had been built leading up to the second level of the lodge.

After we gathered, we determined that we had enough people to tackle several different projects for the day. We split up into small groups. One group painted the stairway. One group scraped and did painting touch up work on the lodge, which had recently been power washed. The final group fired up some leaf blowers and cleared the area around the dorms, lodge, and parking lot of leaves.

A subway lunch and snacks were provided by the district. Camp program director, Matthew Santner helped us out and provided all the equipment we needed for the day. We also had Beth, a college student helping us, as a Lion for a Day, and getting volunteer hours. We had a chilly start, but the sun came out and made it a fun and productive day.

Those helping this year were:

Cereal City Lions Club: Bryan Cook, GLT Roger Bosse, Dorothy Bosse, Red O'Leary, Darrick Dean, ZC Teresa Gest, and Hope and Scott Swank

Pennfield Lions Club: Steve Phillips

Battle Creek Host Lions Club: PDG Craig Bishop

Vandercook Lake Lions Club: ZC Jim Phelan



ZONE PROJECT – FOOD BANK

A recent Zone Project had 11 people volunteering at the Food Bank in Jackson. 6 Lions and 5 'Lions for the Day'. Three 'Lions for the Day' came with Derrek Dean, and 2 'Lions for the Day' came with Mary Wallace, all the way from Alaska. Lions represented Cereal City, Host, and Pennfield Lions clubs, plus Zone Chair Jim Phalen from Vandercook Lake.

We are proud to say that we exceeded the expectations of the Food Bank on how much we were able to accomplish. We filled 3 1/2 pallets, which translates to 1176 cereal boxes. The project was to take the full size cereal box, open the box, pull the bag of cereal out, collapse the empty cereal box, place 3 new stickers onto the bag of cereal, and then place the bags of cereal into a large box, seal the box, and then place the box on the pallet.



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP POLAR PLUNGE 2024

Brace yourselves for a chilling adventure! Join us at Lions Bear Lake Camp's 2nd Annual SubZero Hero Polar Plunge Fundraiser and take the plunge for a great cause! Let's make a big splash together at 3pm on February 10, 2024. A great dinner follows at 5pm for just \$25.

Date: February 10th, 2024

Location: Lions Bear Lake Camp 3409 N Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, making a donation, joining us on the ice, or enjoying a delicious meal, please let us know by January 30th, 2024. Thank you for considering supporting our cause and making a positive difference in the lives of the children we serve. Please see the attached letter and flyer for more information.

Visit bearlakecamp.org and sign up under the events tab. Sponsorship opportunities are available as well.

Lions Bear Lake Camp

POLAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER

Plunge starts at 3:00pm
Dinner at 5:00pm

February 10th, 2024

Tickets \$25 Dinner Only
\$50 or more- Plunge,
Dinner, & Swag

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3409 N Five Lakes Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
KIDS ACTIVITIES
50/50 & BASKET RAFFLES
SOUP & SALAD BAR
CASH BAR



DG Annette challenges each of you to take the plunge, like she did in the 2023 Polar Plunge!

Greetings from Bear Lake Camp,

I hope this letter finds you doing well. We are reaching out to you on behalf of Lions Bear Lake Camp, an incredible organization that is devoted to making a difference in children's lives. Our summer sessions cater to an array of needs, including Visually Impaired, Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Juvenile Diabetes, Juvenile Arthritis, Siblings of Kids with Cancer, Sandcastles Grievance Camp, as well as PB&J Foster Camp. We are proud to have had over 850 children attend the camp this year, and we are on track to serve over 1,000 kids next year. Our mission is simple yet powerful: to offer children the opportunity to experience the joy of summer camp, make new friends, and create lasting memories.

Lions Bear Lake Camp has been transforming the lives of children with visual impairments and deaf & hard of hearing children for over two decades. Our inclusive summer camps provide a unique environment where kids can learn, grow, and thrive. It is a place where they discover their own potential and build a sense of belonging that lasts a lifetime.

Our programs are designed to be inclusive and accessible. Our campers engage in a wide range of activities, from arts and crafts to nature exploration, water sports, and leadership development. We even have a fully accessible climbing tower and zipline.

We are underway in preparing for our annual SubZero Hero Polar Plunge and Dinner Fundraiser which will be held February 10th, 2024. We are currently seeking sponsors as well as participants in this year's plunge. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$100-\$1000. Sponsors will have their name or logo printed on event shirts as well as recognition during the event and online. Raffle donations are also always greatly appreciated.

We invite you to visit our website at www.bearlakecamp.org to learn more about our camp and the impact we make. We would be delighted to arrange a tour of our facilities or schedule a meeting to discuss our programs further.

Please consider supporting Lions Bear Lake Camp with a donation, and help us continue our mission of bringing joy, self-confidence, and unforgettable memories to all the campers who experience our camp each year. Your support can help create a brighter future for these remarkable children.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us at traci@bearlakecamp.org or 810-245-0726 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Warm regards,

Traci Tribley

Executive Director

Follow us on Facebook @LionsBearLakeCamp

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9 (Saturday) 6pm-8pm

Adrian Breakfast Lions presents, "An Evening with Santa"

Hayrides, Holiday Crafts, Gifts, Refreshments, and Santa!

Stubnitz Environmental Center in Heritage Park, 3221 North Adrian Hwy. (M-52), Adrian, MI

December 16 (Saturday)

Michigan Center Lioness Lions presents, "Breakfast with Santa"

January 6 (Saturday) 10am

District 11-B1 Cabinet Meeting

Christoff's Community Room, 400 N. Mechanic Street, Jackson, MI

February 2-3

Winter Camp for the Blind – See article above

February 10 (Saturday) - Plunge at 3pm. Dinner at 5pm.

Lions Bear Lake Camp's 2nd Annual SubZero Hero Polar Plunge Fundraiser. Sign up at bearlakecamp.org

February 23-24, 2024 (Friday evening) (Saturday 8:30am-3pm)

Lions of Michigan Forum, Delta Hotel by Marriott Conference Center, Kalamazoo, MI. Details at lionsofmi.com (as available)

March 16, 2023 (Saturday) 1pm

Tour of Leader Dog for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester, MI 48307

All are invited to join. Contact Dave Hill for more information at 517-262-8928 or coldhill@gmail.com.

April 6, 2024 (Saturday)

District 11-B1 Convention, Gene Davis Banquet Hall, 3575 Francis St, Jackson, MI

May 4 (Saturday) 10:00 a.m.

District 11-B1 Cabinet Meeting

Christoff's Community Room, 400 N. Mechanic Street, Jackson, MI

May 11 (Saturday) 9am

Lions Bear Lake Camp Spring Cleanup

June 21-25, 2024- Lions International Convention, Melbourne, Australia

September 5-7, 2024- USA/Canada Forum, Louisville, Kentucky