



District 11-B1 Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM DG KELLY



Happy New Year to all of my Lions family. It was a great 2022. As Lions we sure did accomplish a lot! Take time to reflect on all of the hard work you did in your community and please continue for 2023.

It sure has been a fast 6 months of being your District Governor. I look forward to the remainder of my term and our upcoming events so please share the newsletter with your members.

I still have club visits to do. If I have not visited your club, please contact me so I can get it on my books.

Our convention is coming up on April 29. We will be having our first committee meeting soon so please let me know if you would like to help out. This is going to be an awesome event. You don't want to miss it.

I am asking now for all PDGs to send me a picture and a little biography of your journey as a DG. I would really like pictures from your International convention. We will be displaying these on a table at district convention so everyone can learn a little bit of our history.

The Bear Lake Camp Polar Plunge fundraiser is happening February 18. Come cheer on myself and 1 VDG Annette. We both are survivors of domestic violence and we are representing so many that did not survive. Michigan Center Lioness Lions have pledged \$250 and challenge each club to match or beat this pledge!

Sign up to cheer us on, or join us!

<https://www.bearlakecamp.org/index.php/events-details/polar-bear-pledge-event>



IN REMEMBRANCE



We share the sad news of the passing of Lion Woody Booher, long time Pennfield Lion who passed away December 1st. ZC Bryan Cook and President Larry Boyer presented a When A Lion Dies (WALD) certificate at the visitation.

His obituary can be found at:

<https://farleyestesdowdle.tributes.com/obituary/show/Durwood-Woody-Duane-Booher-108548811>

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



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

CORRECTION - In the December newsletter, the middle picture shows new members being inducted into Jackson Cascades. The new member Tim Booth was misidentified as Tim Shafer.

The people in the picture, from left to right: Lion John Hammond – sponsor, New Member Tim Booth, DG Kelly, New Member Cathy Bliss, Lion David Shafer (stand in for sponsor Win Mandody).



ROSTER CHANGES

Shawn Welker, Secretary of Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club, asks everyone to send email to ClearLakeVirtualLions@gmail.com and not his personal account. Please update your roster book (pg 32).

PDG Roberta Sexton has been appointed to the Youth Exchange committee. She can be reached at 517-748-3097 and robertasexton@comcast.net. Please update your roster book (pg 75).

We welcome PCC Barry Allen to the role of District Treasurer. 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). Place his name in your roster book (pg 4).

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions announced the retirement of President Kay Smith from her position in the club due to personal health reasons and announced their new President, Bryan Cook, to immediately take the helm. Bryan is also currently serving as Zone Chair for Region 3 Zone 1 (Clubs: Cereal City, Battle Creek Host, Bedford Area, Pennfield, and Marshall). He can be reached at 989-274-0335 and BryanCook2012@gmail.com. His complete contact information can be found in the roster book (pg 7).

Connie Neese of the Jackson EyeOpeners, serving as chair for Elections and Nominations, has a new email address. Please update your roster book (pgs 73 and 74) to read lionconnie2000@gmail.com

Jackson Eyeopeners will now be meeting in the evenings. See club news (later in this newsletter) for details.

NEWS

Our district was given money by Specialty Eye Institute of Jackson so a little bit more cheer could go to families who have a member with a sight impairment. Recipients were Jackson County Professional Virtual, Huron Valley Sunrise, Adrian Breakfast, and Battle Creek Cereal City. Specialty Eye Institute would like to do it again next year, with a new set of clubs receiving funds.

WINTER CAMP NEWS

Winter Camp is coming soon - **February 3, 2023!** We can always use the help of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for the weekend (Friday afternoon to Sunday noon) or just a few hours, there is a job for you. A list of volunteer opportunities can be found later in the newsletter. For those volunteering for the weekend (overnights), we have lodging in dorms (free) and a few private/semi-private rooms available (minimal fee). Bedding is provided. The food is great; prepared by dedicated staff.

This year, the newly-formed Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club will have their first in-person meeting and Charter event. This club is made up of individuals who have attended Winter Camp, both in person and virtually over the last couple of years. It is a virtual club, which means all their meetings are held on Zoom. Most members live in Michigan, but we also have members from other states as well.

Because we want to keep everyone as safe as possible, we are requiring our campers and volunteers to provide proof of vaccination or negative Covid test within 48 hours of camp. We will also expect the use of masks for indoor activities. If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms, we will ask you not to attend. A health form is included in the registration. This includes emergency contacts and food allergies. We typically don't charge volunteers, but if you would like to donate, that would be appreciated.

Winter Camp is a great experience for all involved, and we are excited to be back in-person this year. If you would like to help, we would appreciate an RSVP by no later than January 22. This will allow us to provide accurate numbers to the camp for meals.

Please Contact:

Roger Bosse – (269) 578-3684 - rogerbosse@att.net

Bea Furman – (517) 581-0325 - healingsongcmt@gmail.com

You can also sign up to volunteer online at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-JJxVX7eCubHEiROO01MFJF6ww3wJzAtR2CtOOx-h_ZAljw/viewform

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 Pearle Vision at Westwood Mall, now through May 1, 2023.



MARCH IS READING MONTH

Let's Read!



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.

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

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. Directions for crocheting or knitting the water filter covers can be found at <https://waterwithblessings.org/crochet-for-a-cause/>

CONVENTION SEASON

We are entering the second half of our Lions year. We are also entering convention season. Have you been to one? They are a great way to learn more about Lionism, meet new Lions, and find information to bring back to the club so we can serve our communities even better.

In February, the Michigan Forum will be held in Grand Rapids. In April, the District Convention will be held in Jackson. In May, the state convention will be held in Muskegon. All three are drivable and close to our area. The culmination of convention season is the Lions International Convention being held in Boston. Think about attending these as you are looking at your new year calendar.

Thank you Cereal City President and Zone Chair Bryan Cook for these words of inspiration!

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/>



UPDATE FROM GST COORDINATOR NANCY HILL

District Service - CONGRATULATIONS to all of our District 11-B1 clubs who have worked so hard to serve our communities especially during our past holiday season. It makes me proud to be a Lion when I hear of the number of clubs who are fulfilling our Lion's motto of "We Serve." It also warms my heart when I hear when clubs are not just doing one service activity but many. Thank you for all the hard work that you are demonstrating!

Now that the work over the holidays is completed and we are moving on to the new year, please make sure that your club is recording the service that you have done in LCI. Reporting this service helps us to specify to others exactly what service we are doing to show our communities and other organizations that we are making a difference. Reporting this service can also help us to grow partnerships with other groups and inspire future leaders to join our cause. If you need help reporting your service, don't hesitate to contact GST Nancy Hill or District Administrator Dave Hill.

District Service Projects - While the weather is cold and damp right now and doesn't exactly encourage us to go out, our District has a couple service projects that can be done by individuals in the comfort of their own homes. We are currently partnering with Water with Blessings in Louisville, Kentucky, to crochet or knit covers for water filters that can be used in underdeveloped areas of our country or other countries. The patterns are not too difficult and take very little yarn. Anyone interested can find the patterns and more information about the project by just googling "Water with Blessings" or going to <https://waterwithblessings.org/crochet-for-a-cause/>. Then grab some extra yarn you have around the house, grab a comfortable spot with a blanket, turn on a good movie, and start making some water filter covers. In April we will gather together to collect what has been made and compare notes on our progress. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Hill at 517-262-3759 or nancy.ann.hill@gmail.com

We are very proud that the Multiple District 11 GST (Global Service Team) coordinator is our own IPDG Terri Huffman. IPDG Terri is doing a terrific job of encouraging service across our state. Terri has started a contest among the District Governors to collect socks for the needy. So, let's help District Governor Kelly do well in the contest by donating socks. These socks can be for men, women, or children, and can be given to IPDG Terri Huffman, DG Kelly Lubbe, or Nancy Hill. We have already donated over 700 socks to the Interfaith Shelter in Jackson and now will donate to the Battle Creek and Ann Arbor areas. If you have a location that could use these socks, please let us know this as well. The contest runs until the Multiple District convention in May, so watch for sales and pick up some socks.

Nancy Hill: 517-262-3759 or nancy.ann.hill@gmail.com

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!

ADRIAN BREAKFAST

The Adrian Breakfast Lions hosted another successful "Evening with Santa" event. It was co-sponsored by the Adrian Evening, Blissfield, Clinton, and Manchester Lions Clubs. 328 children and adults were treated to crafts, music, gifts, hayrides, and snacks, thanks to the efforts of the club members and donations by the Adrian Evening Lions, Community Action Agency, Clinton Lions, Lenco Credit Union, and TLC Credit Union.



Lion Pat K with Santa (Lion Larry Atkin)



PCC Peggy with Santa



Adrian Evening Lions Bill and Wanda Suydam and Julie Moore enjoying helping at the event



Lion Pat K with books given to kids who attended



Lion Bob Guy and PCC Barry Allen setting out cookies



Lion President Terry Hicks with Lion Laura VanSickle and her granddaughter, special guest Julianna, who has been battling cancer for several years

ANN ARBOR EVENING



Ann Arbor Evening Lions heard the call and will be getting together to help fulfill the urgent request from Michigan Donor Family Council.

Perhaps your club has heard this call too?

Volunteers who knit, crochet, or quilt are needed to help with this meaningful project. Fleece blankets are also welcome. Blankets can be approximately 48" by 60" or 60" by 60" or any similar size.

We need comfort blankets in neutral colors as we are low on blankets presented to men and young adults.

You may mail your completed blankets to the Michigan Donor Family Council, 14125 Terrace Court, Plymouth, MI 48170. You may also send or drop them off at Gift of Life Michigan, Alexis Weatherholt, 3861 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Please include your name, address and connection to the transplant community. Thank you!

ANN ARBOR HOST

Through a collaborative effort of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club and the Center for Independent Living of (Monroe, Livingston, and Washtenaw), a disability advocacy organization; club members sponsored and delivered 15 Feasts for Families Harvest Boxes. The boxes contained everything for a fall feast plus two gift cards to a major grocery store for recipients to purchase fresh items, meat and/or poultry, plus an announcement as to what they were receiving and an addressed stamped notecard and envelope to thank their CIL case worker for selecting them.. It was a very successful effort.

Staff at the CIL, Lions Mark Hymes and 1st Year Director Lion Joyce Blair, kept track of referrals. Several club members contributed to the box ingredients. Lions Secretary Carol Downton and her family collected toys and books for recipients with families, and CIL staff contributed goods, time, and transportation to deliver the boxes. Each box was packed with care and hand-delivered to people with varying disabilities by Lions siblings Joyce and Jesse Blair.



PEACE POSTER WINNERS

The winners of the Ann Arbor Peace Poster contest are Ennoccence Courtwright Moody, first place winner and Zalaya Ryan's, Second place winner. Both Ennoccence and Zayala received certificates and cash prizes from the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club.

Ennoccence's poster was sent to DG Kelly for the district competition.

In the pic, l to r: Lion Rich Westbury, Ennoccence, Peace Neighborhood Association Director Bonnie Billups, Zalaya, and Lion Carol Downton.

BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

The Cereal City Lions had a busy December, with several activities combining service and fun! On December 3 and 4, we rang bells for the Salvation Army. On December 8, several of us enjoyed an open house at the Battle Creek Model Railroad Club hosted by Andy Buck. Lion John Stiff is a Railroad Club member.



December 10 brought the club members to the streets of Battle Creek to promote KidSight testing and the Lions Club in the annual Christmas parade.



Lion John Stiff driving the parade vehicle! Lions Mike Guzak, Ron Marlatt, Tom Jacob, and Darrick Dean, plus Nancy Gallant, Teresa Gest (incognito as Lion), and Hope Swank ready to walk in the Christmas parade!



On December 14, the club celebrated together at the Christmas party. Lion Bryan Cook tickled the ivories.



Once again Battle Creek Cereal City Lions came together to source, pack, and deliver Christmas baskets to 25 local families. The term basket is somewhat incorrect as each family receives multiple boxes of goodies, depending on the size and need of the family. Families are carefully selected by our Secret Santa, Darleen Williams, to make sure that no one is left out and we can all enjoy this special holiday. Darleen heads up a huge charity project that serves hundreds of underprivileged people in the area. She is supported by many service organizations including Cereal City Lions

This project gets most of the Lions and their families involved for the opportunity to serve others, fellowship with friends, and meet some great people!

Cereal City Lions and Lions For a Day at First Congregational Church. Thank you for the use of your space!



Lions Dorothy Bosse, Teresa Gest, and Red O'Leary (left)



Part of the Cereal City Lions crew, preparing for the arrival of the delivery team



Delivery team!



In addition to the baskets, Lion Roger and Lion Kay delivered forty-five tie blankets to Secret Santa Darleen Williams for Lion Mary Wallace's blanket project. Several members came to help.



**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

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.



CLARKLAKE

On December 13, the Clarklake Lions celebrated Christmas at the Clarklake Golf Club. They had a great dinner, gift exchange, and conversation. PDG Terri Hoffman was also there to enjoy the festivities. So many happy Lions, says Zone Chair Sana White.



CLEAR LAKE VIRTUAL

The newly-formed Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club invites everyone to attend their Charter event, to be held on Saturday February 4 at 2pm during Winter Camp for the Blind. Many of the club members are regular attendees to this annual camp.

For more information on Winter Camp, please contact Roger Bosse – (269) 578-3684 - rogerbosse@att.net
Bea Furman - (517) 581-0325 - healingsongcmt@gmail.com

CLEAR LAKE VIRTUAL LIONS CLUB CHARTER EVENT

Saturday, February 4
2pm
10160 M-37
Dowling, MI 49050



We Serve



RSVP by January 15
Lion Jesse
(641) 202-6083
jesseo@bolinger.org

Masks required while indoors.

DEXTER

2022 was another great year for Dexter Lions and their annual fundraiser, Christmas Tree sales! They set a new record! The last tree (Scotch Pine) was sold at 2:02pm on Sunday, December 11th. There were only two wreaths left on the lot. Thank you to Lion Chair Bob Steptoe for the great leadership in organizing such a project and all the hours he puts into it! Thank you to Lion Becky Walters in making sure we had the manpower available to do the project. Thank you to all the Dexter Lions who volunteered their time to work the shifts and give of their time to make sure we had enough workers to sell the trees to the public.

One of the great signs of a successful project are the comments you get from the customers. Many have been loyal customers for 30 years or more. They comment on the quality of the trees along with all the special services we provide. On December 16th, 5 Dexter Lions helped Lion Bob deliver and setup 50 trees in Monument Park for the Dexter Chamber of Commerce. If you got a chance to go down there to see all the trees decorated and with lights, you know how fabulous it was. On Saturday December 17th, 10 Dexter Lions helped cleanup up the tree lot and put all the supplies back in the trailer. It's great to have a club where Lions help out on each of the projects!



Dexter Lions proudly support the Dexter High School Basketball program. The Athletic Director has asked the Dexter Lions to once again provide assistance at the basketball games. He would like 3 Dexter Lions for each game. The job is to watch the 2 doors leading to the outside and the one interior door near the concessions. The first home game was held on December 13th and Lion Bruce Forshee, Lion Chuck Eddlemon, and Lion Rex Reeve worked this game.

The chairman for the project is Lion Rex Reeve. Please contact Lion Rex at 734-323-6325 if you can help. Upcoming dates are 1/10, 1/13, 1/31, 2/7, 2/10, 2/16, 2/21, and 2/28. The times for each game is 6pm-8pm.

Additionally, Dexter Lions contributed to Boy Scout Troop 456 and Shop with a Cop.

Coming up January 21 - Dexter Ice Fest at Monument Park

JACKSON COUNTY VIRTUAL PROFESSIONAL

Jackson Virtual recently held a membership drive and were able to promote it through an interview of DG Kelly Lubbe and Lion Doug Brinker on the local JTV Bart Hawley Show. A link to this interview can be found in the Facebook group "Lions Members of District 11-B1". If you're not yet a member of this group, please join.

They participated in Christmas giving to a family that was in need and received money from Specialty Eye Institute of Jackson to provide a bit of cheer for a person with vision impairment.



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 in 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!



Happy 90th Birthday Lion Nancy Anderson!

Pictured (L to R): Esther LaMothe, Margie Horsch, Connie Neese and Nancy Anderson celebrating Nancy's 90th birthday.

JACKSON HOST

Jackson Host Lion, Dr. Ed Mathein, "Rings the Bell" for the Salvation Army - an annual service to our Jackson community. Though delayed by the pandemic, Jackson Host enjoyed a fine celebration of 100 years of service.



Fundraiser (Nut Sales) continues.

President Dick Colony with Nut Official, Marti Willard, shown selling delicious holiday treats at Fall Conference.

The Jackson Host Christmas party brought out the smiles of young and old.



MANCHESTER

Lions Clubs International Foundation Community Grant, Manchester Lions Club matching grant, along with a PCC Barry, and PCC Peggy Allen matching grant funded the opening of the Manchester Resale store named Worth Repeating in 2020.

At Manchester's November board meeting President Pat and trustee Sue came up with the idea for the store's volunteers, which includes Board Members, to become a Forest of Lighted Christmas Trees in the Christmas in the Village Parade. Only having a couple weeks to get organized, this first year featured six "trees"! They passed out candy along the parade route.



Manchester Lions hosted the Manchester Kids Christmas Party. It was a time of family cheer and gifts.



MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS

Michigan Center Lioness Club decorated the Memorial Tree, where each deceased Lions member has a bulb with their name on it. The lighting took place on the 1st Tuesday of December followed by a wonderful Christmas party, where donations were collected for the local senior centers, both Women and Men's. The ladies donated boxes filled with socks, small lap blankets, decks of cards, and search word puzzles.



On a later date, they wrapped Christmas presents for local community children's toys for baskets that the Lions club passes out every year. This year over 60 families in our community were served.



Michigan Center Lioness Club challenges all clubs in our district to match or beat our donation of \$250 to District Governor Kelly Luppe for her Polar Plunge for Bear Lake Camp on February 18th.

Hope you will accept the challenge and make your pledge!

<https://www.bearlakecamp.org/index.php/events-details/polar-bear-pledge-event>

NAPOLEON

On November 22, in coordination with Napoleon Middle School teacher, Angela Russell, and the middle school student council 35 turkey food baskets were delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Students at Napoleon Middle School and Eby Elementary had food drives and all food gathered was distributed with turkeys and fixings.

Napoleon High School Leadership Class delivered the baskets to the recipients in the community. The teachers of the Leadership Class, Dillon Guilfoil and Jack Lee, also assisted in the project.

Napoleon Lions brought the turkeys, eggs, bread, milk, and butter to add to the baskets and assisted in filling boxes. Lions who assisted were Don Anderson, Mike Curry, Bonnie Curry, Mark Kortz, Lisa Kortz, Jo Ivy, Frank Ivy, Levi Kimball and Dick Tallman.

The annual event is sponsored by the following groups:

Napoleon Middle School, Napoleon Lions Club, and Napoleon Benefit Fund. These groups share the cost of the turkeys and fixings which are all purchased at Frank's Shop Rite in Grass Lake.



NORTH JACKSON

North Jackson Lion and Reading Action committee chair PDG Vicki reminds everyone that March is Reading Awareness Month and 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.

PENNFIELD

Pennfield Lions and their annual giving baskets made the local newspaper! Read the full article.

http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/Pennfield_ShopperNews_Article.pdf





TEKONSHA and TEKONSHA WELLNESS

Tekonsha Lions Club was invited to tour Smith's Christmas Tree Farm by Mark Smith, owner of the new choose and cut Christmas Tree farm at the Club's December 19th meeting. Mark provided a slide show and spoke about Christmas trees by type, branch feel, weather/water requirements, acreage of trees, length of time for trees to grow, wreaths, garlands, hay rides, fun picture opportunities, and Santa visits. He also did a bow making presentation.

Smith's Christmas Tree Farm is at 4025 20 Mile Road, Homer, MI 49245.



TEKONSHA WELLNESS

On December 19, 2022, the Tekonsha Wellness Branch Club completed their Christmas service activity by purchasing and delivering Christmas gifts and cards for the 6 adult care home residents living at Whispering Meadows in Marshall, MI.



QUEST SOUTH EAST JACKSON

Kids Gifting Parents Program for the Holidays through responsible actions and QUEST Lions shopping Spree! Hooray and Congratulations to the Cascades Elementary children!!



VANDERCOOK LAKE

Vandercook Lake Lions Club did their part to share the holiday spirit with their community by putting up lighted displays down all the major roads of Vandercook Lake. They hope that many of the District 11-B1 Lions were able to drive by to enjoy them.

They also made holiday donations to the Salvation Army, the Interfaith Shelter, the Friendly Home, and the John George Home. They also partnered with the Vandercook Lake Schools to provide hams for the holiday baskets given to needy members of the community.

Vandercook Lake serves breakfast on their usual 3rd Sunday of the month. Join them on January 15.

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

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

Volunteer sign-up deadline is January 22. Call Roger Bosse or sign-up online at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-JJxVX7eCubHEiROO01MFJF6ww3wJzAtR2CtOOx-h_ZAljw/viewform

The weekend starts with arrival on Friday afternoon, **February 3, 2023**. 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 Ride (with real horses) - 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?

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 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.



BEAR LAKE CAMP

DG Kelly and 1VDG Annette plan to take the plunge. Get your dinner tickets, make a pledge, and watch the polar bears take the plunge. <https://www.bearlakecamp.org/index.php/events-details/polar-bear-pledge-event>

Michigan Center Lioness Lions have pledged \$250 and challenge every club in the district to match it.

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

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

50/50 Raffles Basket Raffles

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

- \$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

Sign up online at [bearlakecamp.org](https://www.bearlakecamp.org) under the "Events" Tab

For More Information Contact
Emily Chamberlain 517-897-2627
Chrissy Andre 989-627-3808 chrissyandre113@gmail.com
Traci Tribley 989-277-7437 traci@bearlakecamp.org

*****Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.*****

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



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

GOLF CART CAMPAIGN

Bear Lake has sent a letter outlining a need for them to replace their aging fleet of golf carts. To contribute to the golf cart campaign, checks may be written to "Lions Bear Lake Camp" and mailed to PDG Rich Pfeiffer, 70350 Henry Ross Dr., Romeo, MI 48065

Contact PDG Leo Schaefer (11-A2 2020-21) at Shae71par@hotmail.com or (586) 843-3222 with any questions.

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

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME
NOMINATION FORM
DUE BY MARCH 1, 2023**

The Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame is a project of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those individuals who have had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan and to preserve a memory and record of their service.

Nominations must be received by the Lions of Michigan Foundation no later than March 1. All nominations must be made using the Nominating Forms provided by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. All portions of the Nomination Form must be completed in order for a nomination to be considered.

The nomination form is available as an active PDF on the Lions of Michigan website at <https://www.lmsf.net/images/pdf/HOF%20Nomination%20Form-Revised%20August%202016-Fill-in.pdf>

Return completed form to: Lions of Michigan Foundation -5730 Executive Drive -Lansing, Michigan 48911
www.lmsf.net (Web) -info@lmsf.net (Email) -517-887-6642 (Fax)

For a paper copy of the nomination form, contact DG Kelly or Lion Cathy Koning.

VIRTUAL LOW VISION/BLIND PEER SUPPORT GROUP

The Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (CIL) a Virtual Low Vision/Blind Peer Support Group that is open to anyone with vision loss or blindness.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 12pm-1pm on Zoom. 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.

Contact Lion Mark L. Hymes, Program Coordinator - Livingston County, Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (AACIL) at mhymes@aacil.org 517-586-0233 x 670 or 734-904-0530

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>

KARL SORRICK TRAVELING AWARD SCORING SHEET

Available for download at http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/Karl%20Sorrick_Scoresheet_2023.pdf

Karl Sorrick Traveling Award District 11-B1 - 2023 Scoring Sheet CLUB: _____		
<p>This contest is to determine the District, Region and Zone Club of the Year to be presented at the District Convention. It will run from February 1, 2022 to February 1, 2023. All entries are to be submitted to District Cabinet Secretary by February 28, 2023.</p>		
SERVICE TO COMMUNITY	Points	Notes
1. Twenty (20) points for providing funds to a community agency within our district. (Maximum 40 points) Example: Red Cross, food bank, church, etc.		
2. Fifty (50) points for sponsoring a Peace Poster Contestant.		
3. Ten (10) points for each pair of glasses provided. (Max 100 points)		
4. Ten (10) points for donations to Youth Activities (e.g. scouts, athletic teams, clubs, Leos, etc. (Max 50 pts)		
5. Ten (10) points for donations to individuals, i.e. scholarships, travel or accessibility needs.(Max 50 points)		
6. Ten (10) points for club involvement in community improvement projects. (Maximum 40 points)		
7. Fifty (50) points for holding a KidSight/SPOT Screening. (Maximum 200 points)		
8. Twenty (20) points for having a Lions Mint Dispenser in your community. (Max 40 points)		
9. Ten (10) points for each eyeglass collection site set up in your community. (Maximum 40 points)		
10. Twenty (20) points for sponsoring a Diabetes Awareness session in your community.		
SECTION TOTAL		
SERVICE TO THE LIONS		
11. Fifty (50) points for each member serving on the District Cabinet.		
12. Twenty Five (25) points for each member chairing a District Committee.		
13. Twenty (20) points for each District 11-B1 All State Band member financially supported by your club.		
14. Ten (10) points for submitting your club newsletter or news stories to the District Newsletter. (Max 50 pts)		
15. Ten (10) points maximum for having a Lions Welcome sign in good condition displayed in your community.		
16. Fifty (50) points for 10% of your club membership collaborating with another club on a project or a fundraiser. (Max 150 points)		
17. Fifty (50) points for participating in the Reading Action Program.		
18. Ten (10) points for donation to EACH of the following projects OR 250 points total for donations made to ALL of the projects at the Parade of Checks: All State Band, Winter Camp, Michigan Braille Transcribing, Diabetes, Radio Reading Services, Hearing and Speech, Leos, Sight Conservation, Children's Services, Youth Outreach (Quest), Penrickton Center, Deaf Picnic, Michigan Youth Challenge Academy.		

19. One hundred (100) points for financially supporting ALL the following projects at the Parade of Checks: Bear Lake Camp, Eversight, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions of Michigan Foundation (LOMF), Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF).		
20. Fifty (50) points (max) if you have a presentation done at one of your membership meetings by the GMT, GLT, or GST chairperson.		
21. Ten (10) points per outside speaker at your regular meetings (Max 50 points).		
SECTION TOTAL		
MEMBERSHIP		
22. Ten (10) points for each new member.		
23. Fifty (50) points for a net gain of members by Feb1, 2022.		
24. Thirty (30) points for having an orientation program in place.		
25. Twenty (20) points for holding Candy Days.		
26. Five (5) points for each member who worked on White Cane (Max 30 points.)		
SECTION TOTAL		
ATTENDANCE		
27. Ten (10) points for every 10% of your club members attending the District Convention.		
28. Ten (10) points for every 10% of your club members attending the Multiple District 11 Convention.		
29. Ten (10) points for each member attending the Fall Conference.		
30. Ten (10) points for each member attending Banner Exchange.		
31. Ten (10) points for each member attending the Spring Leadership Forum.		
32. Ten (10) points for each club member attending the Michigan Forum.		
33. Ten (10) points for 5% of your members visiting another club. (Max 100 points)		
34. Thirty (30) points for each member attending Higgins Lake Leadership Institute		
SECTION TOTAL		
GRAND TOTAL		
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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15 (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.

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 3-5, 2023 (Friday-Sunday)

Lions Winter Camp for the Blind at Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center

Contact Roger Bosse Roger at (269) 578-3684 or rogerbosse@att.net to get an application.

February 4, 2023 (Saturday)

Blissfield Lions presents Reverse Raffle. Includes dinner, silent auction prizes, and chance to win big!

Contact Dick Saxton at (517) 260-1590 or jrs19821@outlook.com to get your tickets.

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.

Buy your tickets at <https://www.bearlakecamp.org/index.php/events-details/polar-bear-pledge-event>

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>

March 16, 2023 (Thursday)

Tour of Leader Dog

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

Contact Dave Hill for more information at 517-227-1253 or coldhill@gmail.com

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/>