



District 11-B1 Newsletter

January/February 2024 Edition

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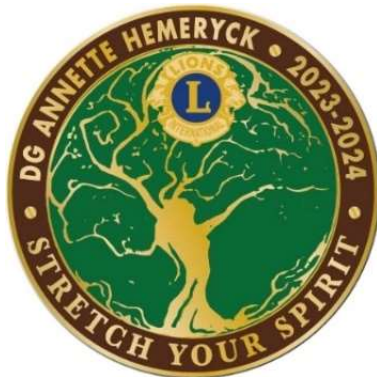


A NOTE FROM DG ANNETTE

I want to start by saying Happy New Years to all of you. New Year denotes new beginnings and being able to let go of the wins and challenges we had last year and start anew. We do have some challenges, definitely, and our goal is to meet these challenges face on. We know there's always the big drop in December when it comes to membership, because of the time of year for dues. We know January is a great time to start over and build our clubs stronger. We had a fantastic installation of 17 people at the Grass Lake Lions Club in December. It was fantastic to see their club has almost doubled just by using the Global Membership Approach. It does work and we are on a Mission 1.5 to build our clubs. Think of all of the new opportunities for new friends, new family, and new service projects we can provide to our communities. Think of the lives that we can change by just growing to be one more member in each club. One more member can provide one extra hand to complete a service project and one extra hand to be able to make changes in your communities. Reach out. Let's meet our challenges head on and celebrate our wins together. May this be a peaceful and joyous year for us all.

In Lionism.

Together we are Changing the World!



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.

January

Jackson Eyeopeners - meeting info changed to 1st and 3rd Thursday, 5:30pm, Country Club of Jackson, 3135 Horton, Jackson 49203 (page 31)

Jackson Cascades -add club mailing address of P.O. Box 202, Jackson, MI 49204-0202 (page 30)

Melvin Jones Fellows - add Donald Parker and David Shafer to Jackson Cascades list (page 49)

Cultural & Community Activities, Roger Yoder, C: 517-539-1903, rogeryoder@yahoo.com (page 62)

Radio Reading Services Committee, Roger Yoder, C: 517-539-1903, rogeryoder@yahoo.com (page 65)

Scott Walters - Blissfield - Change email address to swalters@blissfieldstate.com (page 24)

Terry Walters - Leo Advisor - Add entry to committee list (page 64)

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 MEMORIUM

MIKE ANDERSON

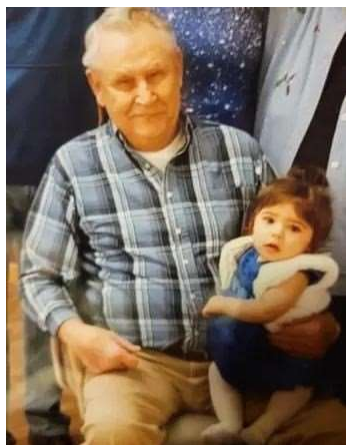


Jackson Host regretfully informs us that Mike Anderson passed away on January 12, 2024 at the age of 63 after a brave struggle with long term health issues. Mike served as a Jackson Host member, President, and District Zone Chair in addition to serving his community in many other ways as well. Mike is survived by his wife of 37 years, Melissa, as well as his sons, Christian and MacKenzie (Alyssa) Anderson and a granddaughter, Celeste.

Cremation, per Mike's wishes, has taken place. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Eversight.

We thank Mike's fellow Lions and his family for his many years of service and want them to know we are thinking of them.

LARRY DEFOREST



The Hanover-Horton Lions regret to inform you that Lion Lawrence Edwin DeForest Sr. passed away on January 6, 2024 at the age of 80. He was born on September 29, 1943. Larry's visitation and funeral were Friday, January 12, at St. Catherine Laboure in Concord. DG Annette presented a WALD (When a Lion Dies) certificate to the family.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Plaga) DeForest of 59 years; 2 children, 9 grandkids, and 1 great-grandkid.

Lawrence was involved in the Hanover-Horton community, working with the Historical society in town, collecting and mixing maple syrup, which he loved doing and he was a member of the Lions club. Lawrence enjoyed a challenge now and then, by completing puzzles and word search. He was a member of St. Catherines Laboure for 59 years.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Lawrence's name to St. Catherine Laboure (stcatherinelaboureconcord.org) and the Hanover-Horton Historical Society (<https://www.hsmichigan.org/about/support>).

MERTON HEINTZ



Merton George Heintz of the Michigan Center Lions, a man of warmth, care, and love, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2024. Born on November 12, 1939, Merton lived a full and enriching life, leaving behind a legacy of kindness and generosity. Merton is survived by his beloved wife, Beverly Heintz, 2 kids, 6 grandkids, and 7 great grandkids.

There was a memorial service to celebrate Merton's life on January 21, 2024 at the Michigan Center Lions Club.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been set up for "Merton Heintz Memorial Expenses". Donations can be made at the following web address <https://everloved.com/life-of/merton-heintz/donate/>

Merton left an unforgettable mark on this world and will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Training News from your Global Leadership Team for Winter/Spring 2024

If you aspire to move up to a district leadership role, become a better club leader, or improve your Lions Club, please take advantage of the opportunities that Lions of Michigan and District 11-B1 have to offer.

Coming this month(February) is the Michigan Forum, presented by Lions of Michigan. It will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan on February 23 and 24. This is a tremendous opportunity to meet and network with Lions, make new friends, and learn through the workshops offered. You will have an opportunity to learn more about our state projects, such as Bear Lake Camp, Eversight, Leader Dog; increase your leadership skills with Zone Chair training, Leadership Styles, and Social Media and Marketing. To go along with Lions International Mission 1.5, improve your club health through Lions and Service, Building Healthy Clubs, and Membership. There will be other workshops of interest; something for everyone. Please see the link to learn more and register. **Online registration and payment is available.** (note the link says 2023, but it takes you to the 2024 event)

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

April 25, 2024 will be our District 11-B1 Spring Training Event at Vandercook Lake High School. Similar to last year, we will be offering courses in club leadership positions (President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tail Twister) and also classes in Membership Strategies, Opportunities in Lions, and two others to be determined. A light dinner will be served along with opportunities for fellowship and networking.

I encourage all Lions to take advantage of these opportunities and please don't forget the on-line training available through the Learn application on the LCI website. DG Annette is looking for 80% of our District Lion Officers to attend training. On-line training counts if you are not available for the District Training in April. There is also the Lions University, which offers Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate Degrees in Lionism.

Contact me if you have questions about access or anything else regarding training. Never stop LEARNING!

Lion Roger Bosse
269-578-3684
GLT - District 11-B1

Please check out the following links for access to training through Lions Clubs International and the USA/Canada Lions University.

Lions Clubs International - Lions Learning Center

On-line courses for your club role and areas of interest.

Always Available – Requires setting up MyLion Account

<https://myapps.lionsclubs.org/>

Sign in to Member Login, select Learn, click Go for the Learning Center, select Content Library from left-hand menu.

Lions Club Virtual Events

Upcoming events to join live. Recordings and Presentations of Past events.

No Log-In required.

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

Example: “Club Officer Training and Resources” - Recording: <https://vimeo.com/425599434>

Lions Virtual YouTube Channel

Educational and inspirational videos to enhance your Lions experience.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LionsVirtualLive>

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum - Lions University

Comprehensive Leader Development Program. Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate programs available.

Set up a free account and start learning.

<https://lionsuniversity.org/>

LEO ADVISOR

We are pleased to announce that PDG Terry Walters has agreed to serve as our District 11-B1 Leo Advisor. As we are hearing that several Leo Clubs are restarting, we look forward to involving ourselves with these young leaders in our schools. PDG Terry will do a terrific job as he has worked with the schools a great deal in the past and has previously served as our District and Multiple District Leo Advisor. Thank you, PDG Terry and Congratulations!

If you are involved with a Leo Club now or are helping to start or restart a Leo Club, please contact PDG Terry at 734-474-6914 or twalters02@comcast.net so he is aware.

Learn about Leo Advisors: www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/leo-club-advisors

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!

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.

DISTRICT 11-B1 INFORMATION FOR NOMINATIONS

For District 11-B1 Lions Interested In A District Leadership Position of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor:

If you meet the candidacy requirements on the attachment, please complete the 2024-25 Nominating Form with all the necessary documentation and appropriate signatures. Submit by the deadline to the Nominations Committee Chair, Cabinet Secretary and District Governor. Incomplete and late submissions will not be considered. Please note that this information must be **received by February 28, 2024.**

To District 11-B1 Lions Interested in a Two-Year Term for Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee:

If you meet the candidacy requirements on the attachment, please file a Letter of Intention to Run with the Nominations Committee Chair, Cabinet Secretary, and District Governor. The letter must include club offices held and years served in each position. Please note that this information must be **received by February 28, 2024.**

Below are the names and emails to whom your forms are to be submitted:

Committee Chair:

PDG Vicki Ruiz

misvicki46@gmail.com

Cabinet Secretary:

CS Nancy Hill

nancy.ann.hill@gmail.com

District Governor:

DG Annette Hemeryck

annettetravis95@frontier.com

Nominations Committee

LIONS DISTRICT 11-B1 OFFICER 2024-2025 NOMINATING FORM

These materials are confidential. Upon completion of voting, the Nominations Committee will submit all forms to the Chair for destruction after the final report has been distributed to the District Governor / Cabinet Secretary.

Are you interested in nominating yourself for a District leadership position? If so, please complete the form below.

To be elected and to hold office for District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor or Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) Trustee, a member must meet the requirements outlined on the following page.

For the following, complete this Nominating Intention

Form:

___ District Governor
___ First Vice District Governor
___ Second Vice District Governor
Term

For LMF Trustee, candidates must file a Letter of

to Run, including club offices held and years served, with the Nominations Committee Chair, Cabinet Secretary and District Governor. This form is not needed.
___ Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee - Two-year

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

To assist the Nominations Committee members in their research and deliberations, please attach:

- Any additional information you would like to include about this candidate.
- A description of any club and district offices held by the nominee (include dates of service, if possible).
- Why you believe the nominee should be considered for the specified position.

I, Lion _____ am pleased to have my name placed in nomination by the _____ Lions Club and if elected, I will do my utmost to fulfill the position satisfactorily.

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Club President: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Club Secretary: _____ Date: _____

PROVIDE COPY OF CLUB MINUTES TO CONFIRM APPROVAL OF NOMINATION

This form must be completed for each candidate and submitted to and received by the Nominations Committee Chair, Cabinet Secretary, and District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District Convention. Incomplete and late submissions will not be considered. **Deadline is February 28, 2024.**

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTED OFFICES**

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR LIONS OF MICHIGAN TRUSTEE SHALL:

- (1) Be an active member of a Lions Club in good standing in his/her District.
- (2) Have served as President or Secretary of a full term or major portion thereof or as a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than three (3) years.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, FOLLOWING ARE THE CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRICT ELECTED OFFICERS:

Section 4 . CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR. A candidate for the office of district governor shall:

- (a) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (c) Currently be serving as the first vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- (d) Only in the event the current first vice district governor does not stand for election as district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of first vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the district cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

A candidate for the office of first vice district governor shall:

- (1) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/ her single or sub-district.
- (3) Currently be serving as the second vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- (4) Only in the event the current second vice district governor does not stand for election as first vice district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of second vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (3) of this section.

A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

- (1) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/ her single or sub-district.
- (3) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:
 - (a) As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
 - (b) As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
- (c) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

**Please note that Past District Governors are ineligible to be a nominee for District Governor.

NOMINATIONS DUE BY FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Entries for the Karl Sorrick Traveling Award and nominations for District Lion or Leo of the Year are both due by February 28, 2024. The scoring sheets are included below and on our district website. You can enter the information needed, save it, and email it back. The Karl Sorrick should be sent to CS Nancy Hill at nancy.ann.hill@gmail.com or printed and mailed to 5877 Marengo Street, Jackson, MI 49201.

The Lion/Leo of the Year nominations should be sent to DG Annette Hemeryck at annettetravis95@frontier.com or 9551 Harrison Street, Jerome, MI 49249.

If you need help filling out either of these documents, contact CS Nancy (517) 262-3759 or by email.

Please don't hesitate to apply for these awards. The chances of winning are sometimes much better than you think. And, of course, just being nominated as District Lion/Leo of the Year is an honor and a good way to bring recognition to a deserving Lion.

LION-LEO OF THE YEAR NOMINATION 2023-2024 DISTRICT 11-B1

This contest is to determine the District and Zone Lions and Leo of the Year to be recognized at the Banner Exchange. All entries must be submitted to the District Governor by **February 28, 2024**.

Region: Zone: Club:

Nominates:

Submitted by:

Office:

Date:

List committees, offices, achievements, honors, and years. (Use additional paper, as necessary.)

Multiple District Involvement (State):

District Involvement:

Club Involvement:

Awards:

Community Involvement:

Remarks:

Karl Sorrick Traveling Award - District 11-B1 - 2024 Scoring Sheet CLUB:		
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, 2023 to February 1, 2024. All entries are to be submitted to District Cabinet Secretary by February 28, 2024.		
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. Two hundred and fifty (250) points total for donations totaling \$250 across the following 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 Feb 1, 2024.		
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		
SUBMITTER NAME:	SUBMITTER SIGNATURE:	
TITLE:	DATE:	

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION REPORT & FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

When your club receives a request to help an uninsured or underinsured member of your community to obtain glasses, please remember that you can request a VSP certificate through the Foundation that provides up to \$150 for an eye examination and new glasses. For students under eighteen years of age you only have to fill out the one-page application. For those over eighteen years of age you have to fill out the one-page application and attach proof of income from either the Social Security Administration or an IRS 1040. To obtain a copy of the application you just need to email, text or call me. Once the application is completed, you can return it to me for submittal or send it directly to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is totally dedicated to assisting Lions Clubs in providing help to those in need in their communities. Our largest fundraiser is our Annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes raffle. It is also a great opportunity for your club to raise money. Raffle tickets sell for \$10 each and clubs receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of 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 \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$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

MICHIGAN BRAILLE TRANSCRIBING



Cindy Olmstead, President/CEO of the Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund. It is located at the G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility in Jackson and the Women's Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti, preparing braille materials to schools and individuals all over the United States, Canada and Mexico. Incarcerated men and women who are trained in braille transcribing can pursue a similar career upon release. It can take many years to complete the training to be certified. The Lions of District 11-B1 and 11-C2 were instrumental in helping this program get started in 1962. It is now self-supporting from the sale of braille materials (mainly textbooks) and donations and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

ADRIAN BREAKFAST

With Adrian Evening, Blissfield, Clinton, and Manchester Lions

Another successful "Evening With Santa" was held by the Adrian Breakfast Lions with help from The Adrian Evening Lions, Blissfield Lions, Clinton Lions, and Manchester Lions. Nearly 400 guests were treated to refreshments, activities, games, hayrides, gifts, and Santa. Every child received a book purchased with funds provided by District 11-B-1 or donated books by the Adrian and Tecumseh District Libraries. We wish to thank our many other sponsors, McDonalds of Adrian and Hudson, TLC Credit Union, Lenco Credit Union, the Clinton Lions Club, The Adrian Evening Lions Club, the Community Action Agency, the Lenawee ISD, and the City of Adrian.



Lion Melissa Jacobs looks on as a successful throw is made in the Snowball Toss.
Alex rolls a strike in Snowman Bowling resulting in a reward of candy.



Volunteers Pat, Julianna, and Maxine kept the cookies well stocked.
Adrian Evening Club members Bill and Wanda Suydam handed out crafts and toys.



Coloring Christmas drawings is always a popular activity.
Many guests took the hayride through the park to see the holiday lights.



Barry Allen and Ron Kohmescher of the Manchester Lions generously donated toys for lucky raffle winners.



Thanks to the generosity of District 11-B-1 and the Adrian and Tecumseh District Libraries, there were plenty of books to give out to children. Anthony Ford reads with his daughter Jaydin.



Santa listens to the Christmas wishes of two of the many children attending.

ANN ARBOR EVENING

The Ann Arbor Evening Lions invite you to hear Lion Donna Wicker share a presentation on her Lions Vision Mission with Gary Anderson and the Grand Rapids Lions to Suriname, on the north coast of South America in early February.

Tuesday February 27 at 5:10pm. You can attend in-person or via Zoom. RSVPs are appreciated.

Donna's house: 3880 Waldenwood Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3121443607?pwd=ZjdzNXBQMVhwOE9vV3RBUmgyZz09>

One tap mobile: +16465588656,,3121443607#,,,,*909072#

Dial in: +1 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 312 144 3607

Passcode: 909072

ANN ARBOR HOST

The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club collected and donated warm winter clothing to 20 homeless men of the Delonis Center who are staying at the First Presbyterian Church's nighttime overflow shelter. The club donated 20 neck scarves, 24 beanie hats, 24 pairs of heavy socks, 15 waterproof ski gloves, 48 chapsticks, and 10 double pack hand warmers. This project was the club's January project.

In February, the club will collect and donate additional supplies of the same warm winter items to the First Congregational Church's daytime warming shelter. This shelter will serve a different group of homeless people who will have a need for these items.



BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

On Saturday December 2, many Cereal City Lions gathered at the First Congregational Church in Battle Creek to start work on 45 blankets which are donated to offer a little Christmas warmth to those in need.

This project started last year when they discovered that Darlene Williams (Secret Santa) could not get her supply of blankets from the lady who usually made them for her because she had health issues. Cereal City Lions stepped in and offered to supply the blankets and continued the tradition this year. Thank you Lions!



MORE CHRISTMAS BLANKETS

On Saturday December 2nd many Cereal City Lions gathered at the First Congregational Church in Battle Creek to start work on this years 45 blankets that will be donated to offer a little Christmas warmth to those in need.

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Pictures by Lion Harriet who was finally strong enough to attend a Lions project but unable to make any blankets due to her neck injury.

Thanks to all who participated.



Instead of a gift exchange at the Club Christmas party, the committee asked each member to bring a warmth item to the party. These items were taken to a local charity shop, Charitable Union, where they will be freely donated to underprivileged members of our community.

Items donated:

6 warm coats, 12 scarves (1 with a headband and 1 with gloves), 12 neck warmers, 2 blankets, 42 hats, 22 hat/glove sets, 66 pairs of gloves, 54 pairs of socks





Battle Creek Cereal City Lions donated Christmas Baskets. The basket packing and distribution crew comprises current club members, several non-member spouses (yes, we're still trying), children, and 'Lion for a Day' volunteers. We even had a couple of ex-club members who still find time to help with this enormous project. Missing from the line-up are Lions Roger and Dorothy Bosse who had to leave early and Lion Jerry Mackey (photographer).

Dry goods are packed in advance and shipped to the Congregational Church for final assembly on delivery day.

On the morning of the delivery day, the boxes are completed with goods such as eggs, bread, and milk. Vegetables and fruit are added along with minor items and, if available, small gifts that have been donated. The standard delivery to each family is four boxes. Each family gets three 'standard boxes' (the brown ones) that are all identical and a fourth box (the white one) containing additional items depending on the family size. Each family also receives a meat selection of their choice, a turkey, chicken, or ham.



The names of the families are provided by Darleen Williams (Secret Santa) who gathers information on underserved members of our community. This year, as in prior years, we had 25 families, one of which moved out of the area, so we found a suitable replacement family.

The organization for this project is spectacular. Lion Jerry has typically prepared a map of the distribution area with colored pins. Each driver, who typically delivers to two families, checks out their set of boxes and is given a delivery address with details of the family. For larger families, they may make additions to the white box.

Our check-out Lions keep the process moving smoothly and ensure that every family gets their boxes of Christmas Cheer.



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: 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.

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

Congratulations Josslyn of Clinton Middle School for your second place finish in the District Peace Poster Contest. Great job!

Award presented by Lion Gregg Brindamour.



Lions from Clinton, Adrian Breakfast, and Ann Arbor Evening attended the Blissfied Lions Reverse Raffle.

Lion Peggy Allen from Manchester had the winning ticket, earning \$2500!

Great fun. Great food. Great Lions!



DEXTER

The Dexter Lions participated in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest. Lion Chairman, John Gochis worked with the Art Teacher, Amara Karapas at Mill Creek Middle School. She had over 80 students participate in drawing a Peace Poster. There were three finalists. The first place poster was done by Anya Dazzo. Second place went to Delia Smaby and third place went to Mary Hobbs. The Dexter Lions furnished cider and donuts for all the students who participated. The Lions club gave a cash award to the top three Peace Poster students. Anya attended the Dexter Lions meeting with her parents and art teacher to receive her award. Her poster was sent on for District and State judging.



The Dexter Lions have been working for the past six months to replace the community sign that is at Bates on Baker Road as you enter town. The old sign was rusting and needed repair. The Dexter Lions and the Dexter Community Schools shared the cost of having a new sign done. Lion Dave Steptoe was in charge and worked to contact other churches and organizations that were on the sign as you come into town. He also did a lot of the prep work getting ready for the sign and Dexter Schools Maintenance staff put the sign up. Each church donated to have their name printed on the sign. It was installed on December 21, 2023. Take time to look at the sign when you come into Dexter. Thank you to everyone who helped with the community sign. Good work, Lion Dave!



JACKSON CASCADES

Please make note of the Jackson Cascades club mailing address: P.O. Box 202, Jackson, MI 49204-0202
You may wish to add this to the bottom of page 30 in the district roster book.

2023-24 Handbook page 49, add the names of Donald Parker (13 June 2022) and David Shafer (11 December 2023) as Melvin Jones Fellows for our club.

2023-24 Handbook page 62, add the name of Roger Yoder, C: 517-539-1903, roger.yoder@yahoo.com for the Cultural & Community Activities Committee Chair (Effective August 2023).

2023-24 Handbook page 65, add the name of Roger Yoder, C: 517-539-1903, roger.yoder@yahoo.com for the Radio Reading Services Committee Chair (Effective August 2023).

VANDERCOOK LAKE

The Vandercook Lake Lions Club had another great breakfast today. They even had a puppy in training for Leader Dog for the Blind visiting. The gal handling the puppy is on her 5th or 6th dog. What a great thing to be doing!



JACKSON EYEOPENERS

The Jackson Eyeopeners have changed their meeting dates and location. Beginning this January, they will meet the first and third Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM at the Country Club of Jackson. The Club is located at: 3135 Horton Rd., Jackson, MI 49203

The Club is closed for the month of February so Jackson Eyeopeners will be meeting via Zoom. While the club is now meeting in the evening, they will retain their Eyeopeners name.

Editor's note: Perhaps Eyeopeners no longer refers to opening one's eyes to the morning sun but opening the eyes of the public to the needs of the community and the Lions role in serving those needs. Smile.



The Eyeopeners sponsored a Peace Poster Contest at Paragon Charter Academy under the direction of our Peace Poster Chair Shawne Lige. Shown are the nine participants, the top three winners, and Shawne holding the winning poster. Shawne is also the District Peace Poster Chair.

MICHIGAN CENTER

The Michigan Center Lions Club received names from Michigan Center and East Jackson Schools of families in need during the Christmas Season. Each family received food and presents for each child. They gave the 70 baskets out on Dec 20. All the families were overjoyed.



The Michigan Center Lions Club President Mike Hochstedler presents a check in the amount of \$3000.00 to Traci Tribley from Lions Bear Lake Camp.



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

February 23-24, 2024 at Delta Marriott Kalamazoo

Register online, by mail, or by calling the Lions of Michigan office at 517-887-6640
<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/michigan-lions-forum-february-2023/pay-online>

FORUM UPDATE – JANUARY 24, 2024

Lions Michigan Forum is coming up February 23-24 in Kalamazoo. A 2nd hotel has been added with additional rooms at the Best Western Kalamazoo Suites. Information is on the attached registration form.

This hotel is located down the street about 1 mile from the Delta Kalamazoo. Deadline for registration to ensure group discount is February 5, 2024.

Session Highlights:

**A new presenter* has been added to the breakout session titled *Membership 1.5*. We are pleased to have LCI Constitutional Area Leader PID Pat Vannett join us from North Dakota! Learn all about the membership campaign at this session.

**Michigan Forestry and our Environment*, led by DG Michael O’Lonegan. Did you know trees absorb carbon from the atmosphere, conserve soil and water, provide homes for animals, shade for humans, and are a source of food and medicine? Attend this session for ways in which your club can start a tree planting project and so much more!

**Lions & Service*. It’s what we’re all about! This is a 2-part session starting with the group service project on Friday night. Drop in and help make blankets for “Sleep in Heavenly Peace”, and while you’re there you can learn to record club service hours or just freshen up your reporting skills. Saturday’s breakout session will dive into the importance of serving, led by Global Service Chair Terri Huffman, Council Chair Elect.

**Hope to Walk*. Coming to us from Guatemala are a team of Lions from the non-profit organization, Hope to Walk. Hope to Walk invented a low-cost prosthetic leg that can be fabricated anywhere with just a few simple tools. They work with clients in Guatemala, Honduras, Vietnam, Haiti, Belize, and Tanzania, making this a truly global session we can all get on board with.

Witness firsthand a LIVE DEMONSTRATION in which they will build a prosthetic leg for an amputee before your eyes!

White Cane Orders:

Everyone’s heard that postage prices just went up. Save money and have us deliver your order to the Forum for pick up.

Please forward this information on to club members today, so that no one misses out on this educational opportunity.

The Forum Planning Committee looks forward to welcoming you to Kalamazoo February 23-24, for what will be another exciting and educational event for Michigan Lions!

PDG Jim Leach, Committee Chair and Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

Wendy Burns, Executive Director, Lions Clubs of Michigan, 517-887-6640 ext. 103 * 517-887-6642 (fax)
www.lionsofmi.com



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

MICHIGAN LIONS CHANGING THE WORLD! Feb. 23-24, 2024

Forum Location: Delta Marriott Kalamazoo

2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

ROOMS SOLD OUT!

Reservations available at the

BEST WESTERN SUITES KALAMAZOO

269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$117.00

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.23163.html?groupId=8D6QX5G2

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to: Lions of Michigan

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____

District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

Register online at www.lionsofmi.com

____ Registrants at \$50.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911**

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

REGISTER EARLY

To help us plan, prepare materials, and guarantee lunch!

FRIDAY EVENTS:

- Service Project at Delta Marriott Conference Center
- Hospitality Suite – **9:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY SESSIONS: *Please note some sessions may change due to last-minute scheduling conflicts.*

7:00 a.m. – Registration Delta Marriott Conference Center

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Lunch to follow

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Harnessing the Power of Leadership** – Lion Beth Slade
- Demystifying Dementia & Brain Health** – PDG Bert Sexton
- Zone Chair Training** – PCC Jeff Mayuiers
- Lions and Service** – PDG Terri Huffman

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Eversight** – Lion Alex Teska
- Lion Traditions** – PDG Julie Mayuiers
- Building Healthy Clubs** – VDG Carl Webster
- Lions All-State Band** – Lion Deborah Davis

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Lions Bear Lake Camp** – Executive Director Lion Traci Tribbley
- Childhood Cancer** – Lion Darlene Anderson
- Servant Leadership** – PDG Brent Beracy
- Hope to Walk** -Kristen Staples

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Diabetic Retinopathy Screening** - LMF
- Michigan Forestry and our Environment** – DG Michael O’Lonergan
- Social Media & Marketing Your Club** – Lion Doug Klein
- Membership 1.5** – PID Patricia Vannett, Area 1 Leader

12:30 p.m.: Lunch, Scholarships, Keynote Speaker VDG Carl Webster: **Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club-Why Lions’ Clubs Die. Raffle Drawing after!**

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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UNDER THE EVENTS TAB

Lions Bear Lake Camp
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

CHANGES AT LEADER DOG

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2-3

Winter Camp for the Blind – See article above for list of activities and volunteer opportunities

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.

Register online: <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/michigan-lions-forum-february-2023/pay-online>

February 27, 2024 (Tuesday) 5pm

Ann Arbor Evening Lions invite you to attend “Donna Wicker Presents: Eyeglass Mission to Suriname”

In-person or via Zoom. RSVP to Cathy Koning at cathykoning@yahoo.com or 616-745-0119

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

May 16-18, 2024 (Thursday-Saturday)

Michigan Multiple District MD-11 Convention

5700 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/md11convention-23>

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

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/registration-information/individual-registration/>

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