



District 11-B1 Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM DG ANNETTE

I am so excited and honored to be able to serve this year as District Governor for 11-B1. PDG Kelly has been by my side, making sure I know what to do and when to do it! I had a great time at Lions International Convention where I met so many fellow new District

Governors, Past District Governors, and regular Lions. The positive energy was inspiring. I will do my best to serve our district, Lions of Michigan, and Lions International over the 2023-24 Lions Year. Please contact me so I can schedule a club visitation! **RSVP today for Banner Exchange on July 16! (details on last page)**

The Story of DG Annette's Pin

I picked my pin based on trees, which to me are the most resilient and flowing object in this world. It shows strength and the ability to bend when things get tough. The center of the tree, which is the trunk, looks like a female stretching her arms up to make the top of the tree. I think this is significant because it shows that we can stretch and become resilient and be that tree. That's also why I made my theme: "**Stretch Your Spirit**".



Lions Clubs International President for 2023-24 is Dr Patti Hill. Her theme is "Changing the World"



The "Elect" tag gets removed as DG Annette graduates from DGE class!

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>

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 501(c)3 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

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

As Lions, we envision and actively seek peace in our neighborhoods, communities, and the world. We dare to dream of making a difference as we serve. With the upcoming Peace Poster Contest, individual District 11-B1 Lions Clubs are challenged to seek out local youth ages 11,12, and 13 through their schools and invite them to envision their path to world peace and create a poster of what they see in their mind's eye when they "Dare to Dream".

If you are a newer Lion like me, you might not be familiar with the Peace Poster contest. Come to find out, Lions all over the world have been inviting kids to create a poster depicting their vision of peace for over 30 years. As with many things, the pandemic made involvement difficult. Each club is asked to appoint a Peace Poster Contest Chairperson. The Chairperson would be responsible for obtaining a Poster Kit, either from Lions Club International website or from Shawn Lige, our District Peace Poster Chair.

In addition to the order form, detailed instructions are available on the Lions Clubs International website - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster#contest>

The website includes a video that walks you through unpacking the Poster Kit and describes each item included. You will also find suggestions for contacting school staff and deadlines for each step of the process.

Lions, let's come roaring back this year and reach out to more kids than ever before through our neighborhood schools! Promote the international Peace Poster Contest while promoting our AWESOME District 11-B1 Lions Clubs.

Contact Shawne Lige, District Peace Poster Chair, for more details. 517-425-1475 or smondaylige@yahoo.com

Important Peace Poster Dates:

Before November 15: Club votes on submitted posters and awards a winner. Cash prizes are commonly given.

November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.

December 15: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.



“Lead With Compassion”
Emma Andreea Paveliuc
13 years old
Romania

Sponsored by
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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



AWARD RECIPIENT CORRECTION

In the May-June newsletter your humble editor listed the wrong Bosse family member. My apologies and congrats to Dorothy Bosse on her Lions Clubs International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.!

LCI WEBSITE UPDATE MEMBER BIRTHDATES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

MyLion and MyLCI are getting a facelift! The updates to the LCI website will include a new service reporting system. This should be available in late July or early August. Training will be coordinated once it is available.

DISTRICT NOW ACCEPTS PAYPAL

District Treasurer PCC Barry Allen has setup electronic payment capabilities for ADMIN payments. You can now send payments electronically for dues, convention registration, fall conference, and banner exchange.

Go to [paypal.me/LionsDistrict11b1](https://www.paypal.com/LionsDistrict11b1) or if already logged in, put @LionsDistrict11b1 in the "Send" field.

Drop a note to Barry so he knows what the money is for and who it's from.

DISTRICT 11-B1 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Visit our district YouTube channel to see the videos from training:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhujN1xesL1Rd0oFjdAtyKUjxTLJ5KWef>

ANN ARBOR HOST

The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club attended the Ann Arbor District Library Vision Fair 2023. Lions Lora Durham, Carol Downton, and Mark Hymes informed visitors about the services and ways that the Lions Clubs can assist people with vision impairment. The Disability Network of Washtenaw, Livingston, and Monroe Counties shared its table with the Lions. Lion Mark represented both DNWLM and the AA Host Lions Club.



ADRIAN BREAKFAST

In the Spring, the Adrian Breakfast Lions donated to a children's book project in Addison High School. The project was taught by Ms. Kylie Guerra, a 10th grade English teacher.

She describes the project as follows:

"The tenth-grade students at Addison High School wrote and illustrated their own children's books this spring. With the help of some very generous donations, including one from the Adrian Breakfast Lions, the students were able to get these books bound and published. When the tenth graders received these books back, they went down to Addison Elementary School and read them to the younger students. This was a very successful project, and the students now have a book that they can keep forever!"





One of the tenth-grade students read her book in the "Reading Boat". The sailboat was refurbished by Adrian Breakfast Lion Larry Atkin.



BEDFORD

PDG Roger and Lion Harriet Spriggs were excited to be asked to install the 2023-24 officers at Bedford Area Lions Club on Tuesday June 6th. During the meeting the club honored two of its long serving members with plaques in appreciation of their continuing work for the club.



Lion Jack Wykoff joined Bedford Area Lions in October 1994 and has served the club for 27 years. He has received a Lion of the Year Award. As secretary for many years, Jack researched the club records of every member of the club going back to before he joined the club. These archives are invaluable to document the history of the club.

Lion Ron Keagle joined the club in 1989 and received the Lion of the year award in 1993/94 and again in 2109/10. He served as president in 1991/92. In 1996 he became the club treasurer, a position he still holds today.

Both of these wonderful Lions are very active in the club and certainly deserve the recognition of their fellow Lions.

BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions had lots of fun at the Cereal Fest doing KidSight Testing and Diabetes Screens! KidSight tested 74 children and found that 19 of them may have sight issues. They were asked to consult an eye doctor and those without insurance were directed to Grace Health, a community medical service whose eye department is supported by Cereal City Lions to provide free glasses.

32 adults bravely stepped up to have their fingers pricked and receive a diabetes test.

Thanks to everyone who helped at this great event! It was a wonderful opportunity to serve and to let the community know about Lions and what we can do to help them.



Brian Trainer, dressed as Lion, waving to crowd.



Dorothy Bosse wearing a sign board that reads, "Diabetic Testing @ Lions Tent!"



Bryan Cook, Jane Cook, Harriet Spriggs, and Darrick Dean



Hope and Scott Swank at Cereal Fest



Lions Scott Swank, Nancy Gallant, and Muriel Walters. Diane Sweeter with Diabetes screening.



Harriet Spriggs, Darrick Dean

Club members dressed up for the annual installation dinner.



Lion Hope Swank shown here with Red O'Leary and Bryan Cook as she is honored as Lion of the Year. Hope is one of the club's newer members, most enthusiastic, and jumped right into serving the community and the club. She served as club Service Chair. Hope spoke at our State Convention to present our pillowcase donations to Camp Quality. She was also the chair of one of our biggest fundraisers, the spaghetti dinner. Hope has been instrumental in getting the club back to KidSight, parade at the Cereal Festival, and so much more. Hope, and her husband Scott attend the International Convention in Boston and are planning on attending the LCI leadership training at Higgins Lake in the fall. Congratulations Hope! A well-deserved recognition!

CLINTON

Clinton Lions participated in the Diabetes Awareness Walk, KidSight at Kindergarten Registration, Summerfest, and held a Mother's Day Essay contest for 3rd graders.



Lions Diabetes Awareness Walk received a donation of bottled water from Sielers Water Systems



Mother's Day Essay Winner



KidSight at Kindergarten Registration



Summerfest

DEXTER



Bob Steptoe and PDG Terri Huffman honor Becky Walters as she becomes a Melvin Jones Fellow



Outgoing club president Mike Head taps gavels with new club president Becky Walters

10 Lions participated in the Memorial Day Parade including Chuck Hughes, Patty Dobbs, Richard Range, Terry Walters, Becky Walters, Charlie, Dave Steptoe, Ray Lowery.

Walkers passed out candy from the wagon.



Twenty-one Dexter Lions participated in White Cane Days this year, raising \$2,474.00. These funds were donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Eversight, Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

Pictured: Jerry and Mary Black, Bruce Forshee, Chair Patty Dobbs, Chuck Eddlemon



Dani Lee and Lisa from Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan attended a recent meeting to thank the Dexter Lions for their \$2000 donation to support Girl Scouts.



Ray Lowery served in the lion costume for the Memorial Day Parade.

Additionally, the Dexter Lions are selling ads for their Sport Program. These ads go toward their scholarship program. The club awarded four \$1500 scholarships at the Dexter High School Honors Convocation. Scholarship awardees this year are Logan Lopez, Noah Enyedy, Anya Kipke, and Bethany Simons. Prayers and best wishes are offered to Rich Cook, Gil Campbell, and Jerry Black for improved health. Dexter welcomes new club members Carol Hutsko, Robin Welshans, and Doug Edwards.

HANOVER-HORTON

The Hanover-Horton Lions celebrated the 4th of July with a Chicken BBQ. They invited the entire town!





Lions serving up BBQ Chicken



DG Annette, Mike Nowak, PDG Kelly



PCCs Peggy and Barry, PDG Barb, PDG Kelly, PDG Terri, DG Annette

JACKSON CASCADES

Jackson Cascades installed their new officers with DG Kelly officiating.



JACKSON HOST

Congratulations to Jackson Host on winning the Karl Sorrick Award (Club of the Year)! DG Kelly Lubbe also presented Governor Appreciation Awards at the 11B-1 Convention to Lions Bert and Bea Furman and the Tail Twister, Chris Lake.



Bea and Bert Furman, Chris Lake, DG Kelly (now PDG), DGE Annette (now DG)



PDG Kelly, Chris Lake in Lion costume



JHLC's Low Vision/Blind Club
Annual April Pizza Party.



The Jackson Host Lions Club's newest daffodil drift in Sparks Park.



Lions Mike Brown and PDG Dave Anderson discuss the finer points of White Cane before heading out.



JHLC President Dick Colony welcomes Membership Drive attendees Mark & Lisa Smith



JH Lion Ed Piper handles the Vidalia Onion arrival at Sercombe Trucking.

**JACKSON HOST LIONS 33RD ANNUAL
DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH/ JIM RICH MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC
August 13, 2023 (Sunday) 7:30am**

Entry deadline is August 1, 2023. Contact Dan Sullivan at 517-740-5084 or Dick Colony at 517-416-8788. Sponsorship opportunities available! We welcome any individual or firm that would like to be a Hole Sponsor or provide Door Prizes.

The team entry fee of \$240 goes for 18 holes of golf with cart, hotdog at the turn, sleeve of balls, and meal. Door prizes for the golfers. Women and men golfers compete for prizes.



**The Jackson Host Lions
33rd
Annual Diamond in the Rough
Jim Rich Memorial Golf Classic**

Jackson Host
Lions since
1921

Please join us Sunday August 13th,

LAKELAND HILLS	<u>How to Register</u>
18 HOLES	Send check payable to the
4-PERSON SCRAMBLE	JACKSON HOST LIONS CLUB
REGISTRATION AT 7:30AM	P.O.Box 241
SHOTGUN START AT 8:30	Jackson, MI 49204
FOOD, DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES	

DESIGNATED HOLE IN ONE WINS \$15,000 toward the purchase or lease of a NEW 2023
BUICK OR GMC (SPONSORED BY JIM WINTER AUTOMOTIVE GROUP)

ENTRY FEE
\$240 PER TEAM FOR 18 HOLES

CHECK FOR \$ _____ ENCLOSED
TEAM NAME _____ CAPTAIN _____
CONTACT PHONE # _____

Make checks payable to "Jackson Host Lions Club"
Mail to Jackson Lions, PO box 241 Jackson MI 49204
Questions ? Call Dan Sullivan 517-740-5084 or
Dick Colony 517-416-8788

ENTRY DEADLINE AUGUST 4TH, 2023



MARSHALL

Marshall Lions held a pancake breakfast. Attendees included PDG Roger and Harriet Spriggs, Kay Smith, DG Kelly and Leroy Lubbe, PCCs Peggy and Barry Allen and many wonderful Lions.



MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS

Michigan Center recently held a Taco Night fundraiser to help a local family whose son was seriously injured in a car accident. There were many raffle baskets available. It was a great way for the family to receive support and bring the community together. If you missed out and wish to provide monetary support, please contact Lion Debbie Chambers at 517-937-8663 or dreamhousedebbie@gmail.com



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