



District 11-B1 Newsletter

March 2024 Edition

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A NOTE FROM DG ANNETTE

Did you know that March used to be the beginning of the year? It was considered the month of new beginnings. In 700 BC, January and February came along and they were supposed to be at the end of the calendar but instead were put in the front of the calendar. So what was first, now is third. But March is still a time of New Beginnings, a time of cleansing and change.

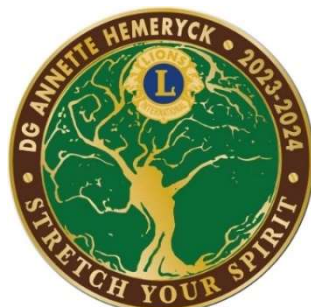
This is the month to celebrate Ramadan and Lent, a time of holy fasting, celebrating community, and supporting charitable causes. This cleansing of the soul inspires us to live better. We can use this time to cleanse our clubs as well, to improve the community service that we provide.

We could bring in new members, listen to new ideas, encourage new leadership, support new members to move up the ladder, add a new project to the club's repertoire, remove projects that no longer work, or even bring back an old tradition in a new way.

Lions Clubs can bring new beginnings to our communities and our members. We may be someone's only social contact or source of sight-bringing eyeglasses. Our clubs are wonderful places to build new friendships and families. Jump into each meeting, project, and fundraiser with excitement. Fun, food, and fellowship are just a few things we offer our members. Share your experiences and your stories with others. Sit next to someone new at the next event. Be the new beginning that keeps our clubs fresh and alive!

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, asked that we direct 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, rogeroder@yahoo.com (page 62)

Radio Reading Services Committee, Roger Yoder, C: 517-539-1903, rogeroder@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)

March

Peggy Allen - Add to list of International Presidential Medal award recipients (page 44)

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

Rodney Kirtland



Rod passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at the age of 92 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Colleen Kirtland; "Little Dog" Chloe of 13 years; nieces and nephews, Donna (Owen) Stetler and Linda McGarvey; and nephew, Jerry Adams.

Rod was the past president of the Jackson Host Lions Club where he assumed the duties of collecting eyeglasses and collected over 10,000 pairs. He was the past president of the Jaycees, a longtime member and usher at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, Staff Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve, a member of the Elks Lodge #113, served on the Summit Township Electrical Board, and retired president of McGowan Electric.

A Funeral Service was held at Queen of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church on Monday, February 19, 2024 at 1:00 PM with Father Tyler Arens and Deacon Mike McCormick officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Rod's memory may be made to the Jackson Host Lions Club or the charity of your choice.

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.

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.

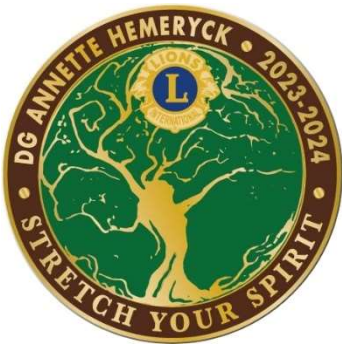
<https://www.youtube.com/c/LionsVirtualLive>

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/>



DISTRICT 11-B1 and 11-C2 SPRING LEADERSHIP TRAINING
The More You Know.....!

Thursday, April 25, 2024
5:30 PM - 8 PM

Vandercook Lake High School
1000 E. Golf Ave, Jackson, MI 49203

RSVP by April 19

5:30 PM - REGISTRATION OPENS

Meet and Greet, Light Dinner includes Sub sandwiches, chips, water, dessert

5:45 PM WELCOME - DG Annette Hemeryck

6:00 PM SESSION 1 (choose one)

- Membership Round Table (panel discussion) – PDG Brent Beracy and Cheryl Bradshaw to moderate. Discuss membership successes, strategies, and GMA.
- MyLion/Service Reporting – PCC Dave Hill will demonstrate to participants how to enter future and past activities into MyLion. Please bring activities (details) for Dave to enter.
- Tail Twister – Chris Lake. Teach your club how to have fun!
- Treasurer – PCC Barry Allen. Anita Hoyt to assist. Keep your Club in Good Standing!

7:10 PM SESSION 2 (choose one)

- Opportunities to Serve Beyond Your Club (Round Table) - PDG Terri Huffman to moderate. A sharing of activities Lions are involved in and what they can do beyond their club.
- Secretary – Dorothy Bosse. Lion Dick Saxton to assist. Secretary essentials: basic responsibilities, helpful contacts at LCI, use of club administrator/service chair, tips for being the best you can be.
- President/VP – Nancy Hill. Leading your club to success!
- Time Management (A Day in the Life of a Lion) – PDG Kelly Lubbe. Tips for managing it all!

Register 1 of 3 Ways:

1. Online registration link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSca0CFiqSqEcmJU2iOhqnf3-bVSho2ih9k6isy9MGLDW9a1tA/viewform>

2. Contact Roger Bosse at rogerbosse@att.net or 269-578-3684

3. Mail attendee info to Roger Bosse, 20349 White Pine Blvd, Battle Creek, MI 49017

Attendee information shall include Name, Club name, Title/Role, Session Preferences for 1 and 2.



District Governor Annette Hemeryck invites you to 11-B1 Convention!
April 6, 2024 - 9am-3pm

Name	Club	Registration (\$15)	Lunch (\$15)	Total

Registration (\$15) includes breakfast (coffee, tea, pastries). Reserve a seat for lunch (\$15).
 Must register for meals, to allow for proper planning.

Where: Gene Davis Banquet Hall, 3575 Francis St., Jackson, Michigan 49203
 When: Saturday April 6, 2024
 9 AM - 3 PM

→ RSVP to Anita Hoyt, 131 N Sunset Dr., Coldwater, MI 49036 ←
Make check out to "District 11-B1"

Contact Anita at 517-278-3175 or ah6219@hotmail.com with questions.
 Contact Barry Allen at 734-904-4695 or PDG.BarryRAllen@gmail.com to arrange electronic payment.

Registration and payment must be made to the District by March 29, 2024

A day of fun and business! Wear your camping attire!

Salute to Veterans - Memorial Service - Visit Project Tables

Tasty Lunch - Awards - Business Meeting (open to all)

Elections - PDG Recognition

50/50 Raffles - Pie/Dessert Auction - Can Raffle for Gift Baskets

DISTRICT 11-B1 LEO CLUBS
A note from Leo Advisor Terry Walters

Thank you to DG Annette for appointing me District 11-B1 Leo Chair. I am excited to work with all the Lions Clubs in the District to revive the interest and support of our youth in every community by sponsoring a Leo Club. This is by far one of the greatest areas that we can do to get our youth involved in community service! It is exciting to see the leadership abilities of our youth and being able to increase service in our schools and community. There are two types of Leo Clubs: Community based and School based. The Leo clubs are comprised of youth from the ages of 12-17.

We need your help in sponsoring a Leo Club in your community. I am willing to make a presentation to your club about Leos, how to organize a club, and what you need to do to get a club started. We presently have an active Leo Club in Ypsilanti called WIHI and they are sponsored by the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club. I would like to hear from the other Lions Clubs who have had a Leo Club over the past five years and know what happened to the club. I know that the pandemic caused many of the Leo clubs to end but I see that at least two of the other Districts in Michigan are doing quite well in holding on to their Leo clubs. District 11-B1 has always been a strong District and I would like to see us meet the challenge and get back to supporting the youth and schools in each of our communities!

Please contact me for additional information or if you are willing to consider the sponsorship of a Leo Club by your Lions Club. My email is: twalters02@comcast.net or call 734-474-6914.

Lion Terry Walters

* Please see Ann Arbor Host below for WIHI Leo update.

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.

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Multiple District 11 is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 - August 22, 2024.

Host families need not be Lion members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults come with spending money. Additional activities will be at your discretion.

Application forms are available for the following ambassadors.

Males: France, Mongolia, Spain. Females: Hungary, Japan, Netherlands, Switzerland.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:

State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email epmarfil5@gmail.com

ZONE MEETING: MICHIGAN ALL-STATE BAND

ZC Michael Nowak invites everyone to a Multi-Zone Meeting on Thursday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Building, 121 Theft Street, Hanover, Michigan.

ZC Mike has arranged for Deb Davis to speak regarding the Michigan All State Band. You will also be able to hear from some of the students in our District who will be participating in the band.

RSVP to ZC Michael Nowak by texting 517-414-7033 or emailing Melman392@gmail.com.

PENRICKTON

Just a quick reminder – Patty Obrzut is the Executive Director of Penrickton Center for Blind Children since the retirement of Kurt Sebaly in 2023. You can reach Patty using the email address listed in the roster book (mail@penrickton.com) or her personal email address (patty@penrickton.com).

EVERSIGHT

Eversight plays a very important role in each of our communities when it comes to sight restoration. Last year in Michigan there were 2,082 donors. There were 1,444 cornea tissue transplants with 832 tissues used for research. In District 11-B1, there were 173 donors in 2023 and 125 recipients of cornea tissue transplants. This included transplants in every county in our District!

We know that many clubs support Eversight at the Parade of Checks but there are also other ways you as a Lion or your club can support the mission of Eversight. The one area that I would ask for your support is getting involved in their yearly fundraiser- "GOLF for GOOD".

This event runs from May 23rd-June 15th, 2024.

There are many ways to support this event:

1. Register a team.
2. Fund one of their sponsorships.
3. Participate in the online auction - June 7th-15th.
4. Attend the Luncheon on June 15th at Washtenaw Golf Club.
5. Donate a bottle of wine for their wine pull at the luncheon or a gift card for drawings at the luncheon.

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Terry Walters at 734-474-6914 or Alex Teska at 734-780-2675 if you can help out!

Terry Walters
Michigan Eversight Advisory Board



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION – VSP CERTIFICATES

By Dave Hill, PCC, PDG

One of the great benefits of your support of the Lions of Michigan Foundation is the support the Foundation gives back.

I, Dave Hill, recently got an inquiry from a club concerning my last newsletter article. One of the club's primary service projects is to help the local school system. They regularly receive requests to help students obtain prescription glasses and the club has provided payment for the students to obtain them. The club wanted to know how to obtain assistance from the Foundation to provide students with new glasses.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation can provide a VSP certificate good for up to \$150 to obtain new prescription glasses for the uninsured and under-insured. Please note that the certificate covers a comprehensive eye exam, single vision or lined multifocal lenses, and up to \$150 for eyeglass frames.

The club asked three questions. The following is my reply on how to obtain a VSP certificate from the Foundation:

1. Is the application completed by a member of our Lions Club on behalf of the un(der)insured member of the community or is it completed by the un(der)insured person?

Answer - The parent or guardian of a child under eighteen years of age would typically complete the form. If the person who needs the glasses is over eighteen years old, they would complete and sign the form. If the applicant is over eighteen years of age, you must attach a Social Security document or IRS document that shows their income for the last year. The form requires that they state their income, insurance, other personal information and to sign it.

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2. Once the application is completed and submitted to the Foundation, what is the turnaround time for the VSP certificate?

Answer - I have scanned and emailed the completed forms to Chad McCann at the Foundation and the VSP certificate is typically received by the community member in less than a week.

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3. Does the VSP certificate get sent to our Club or to the un(der)insured community member? or to the VSP provider?

Answer - Typically Chad would send the form to the mailing address on the form unless you ask for it to be delivered to another address or picked up in Lansing.

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4. Is it possible for our Club to pay the \$150 on behalf of the un(der)insured community member and then be reimbursed by the Foundation? or is that outside of the process?

Answer - To receive assistance from the Foundation, you must apply and receive approval before the person receives the procedure. I do not believe that the club can receive reimbursement for assistance they have already given without prior approval from the Foundation.

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The VSP certificate is only honored by providers that accept them. You would have to check with the providers in your area to see if they will accept the VSP certificate.

If any club would like to start using the Foundation's assistance to obtain VSP Certificates, just email me at coldhill@gmail.com or Chad McCann at cmccann@lmsf.net to get the form.

It has been a privilege to be District 11-B1's Foundation Trustee for the last four years, but I will not be running for a third term. During the last four years, the District has received Foundation assistance that has far exceeded

our contributions. The Foundation has been a great supporter of 11-B1 clubs and is very deserving of our support.

Thank you for your support during the last four years. I will continue to be a member of the Foundation Board for the next year as the Immediate Past President and will continue to provide assistance to any club concerning the Foundation. Just call, text, or email me.

Thank you for being a Lion!

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Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION



Eye Care Assistance



Affordable Hearing Aids



Emergency Disaster Relief



Military and Veterans Families



Medical Care and Equipment

Emergency Individual Assistance

WINTER CAMP FOR THE BLIND 2024

By Roger Spriggs

Winter Camp for the Blind is on the books for 2024 and all our campers are safely home with fond memories of another weekend with old and new friends. This is the warmest camp I can remember. While there were frosty mornings and chilly evenings the daytimes were cool but pleasant, requiring jackets for the outdoor activities. There was almost no snow, so the camp favorite sleigh ride was replaced by a two-horse drawn wagon ride through the wooded area around the camp. The big attraction for this event is the beautiful horses (Percherons) and the campers love to feel and pet the animals before they take a ride.

We were honored to have Bobby Holley and Tyrone as our entertainers for Friday evening and the youth of the MYCA/MYJC assisted the campers. There were lots of Lions to help, both at the camp and the railway station. I thank everyone for their service in this challenging and fun project.



On Friday evening the campers get to relax after their train journey with dinner and a chance to meet up with old friends. This is the only major outing of the year for many of the campers and they are eager, and excited to get going.

Friday evening is concert night, and we have a keyboard player from the Detroit area that has been a favorite for many years. This is Tyrone at the keyboard. He is blind. The campers love him and sing along. He even wrote a special song for the camp called 'Welcome to Winter Camp' that most of the campers know. You can hear the song and experience many other aspects of camp on our Winter Camp YouTube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@lionswintercampfortheblind7972/videos>

Our other 'star' is Bobby Holley, a local entertainer and activist. Bobby is a real ball of fire! You can see how well he interacts with the campers. Some of them get up and dance with him or sing along with him.

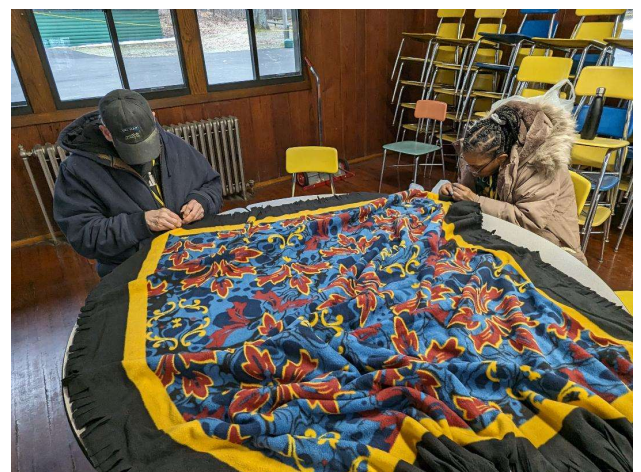


Bingo is one of the most popular events at camp. The event is run by the Bedford Area Lions Club which is an amalgamation of the original Bedford Lions Club and the Bedford Lioness Club. The campers are helped by Lions volunteers and youth from the MYCA/MYJP. Campers who can read braille can use the braille bingo sets. The Bedford Area Lions provide most of the prizes. As you can see, there are at least twice as many prizes as there are players.



New this year was a service project coordinated by Clear Lake Virtual Lion Gina and Manchester Lion Peggy Allen. PCC Peggy Allen brought all of the supplies. Campers did all of the work. The idea for this gained ground after a blanket making session in Manchester that had our blind 2nd VDG Bea Furman showing that sight challenged people can make tie blankets that have been prepared, with the cuts around the edges done ahead of time.

It was a great hit at the camp, with many campers and a few volunteers lending a hand. The finished blankets will be donated to Maggie's Wigs for Kids to be used by the children with cancer to use as travel blankets as they go to their numerous doctors appointments.





Another highlight, and much appreciated service at the camp, is white cane repair and replacement. Hosted by Cereal City Lions Teresa Gest and Mary Wallace. The campers get their canes repaired, retaped, or new tips. If the canes are beyond repair, they receive a new cane, This service is complimentary from the camp and there is usually a line of campers anxious to get their lifeline canes fixed after a year of wear and tear.



Camp always includes a craft table. This year Lions Cathy Koning and Jenny Stowell, with help from other Lions and MYJA, worked with the campers to make beaded necklaces, bracelets, and wall hangings. Here she is setting up her table with Art Turner, our camp photographer.

Crafts have been a popular option for campers for many years.



Another camp favorite is the gadgets and devices tables where Western Michigan University students demonstrate new technologies available to the campers to help with their disability.

The picture shows J J Medaugh demonstrating devices that he has developed or modified to assist blind people. JJ's devices are made with consideration for being affordable, which is important to our campers who have limited financial resources due to their restricted, or non-existent, vision.

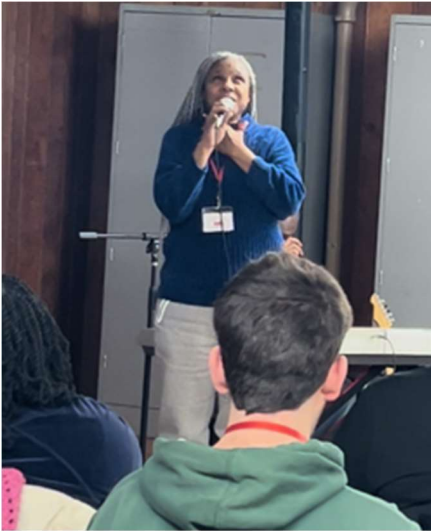
Thanks for all your work, JJ and students!

Saturday afternoon activities wrap up with a vespers service before heading off to dinner.

This year the camp food was catered and the campers remarked on the improved food quality. This did result in higher costs to run the program, but it seems that it was well worth it. Campers sit at round tables, each of which includes a youth helper from the MYCA/MYJP. Volunteers serve each table family style and make sure that the large serving platters are refilled as required. They serve the individual campers and when everyone is finished, they break down the tables, take all the plates and silverware to the kitchen, wipe down the tables, and then mop the floor.

Saturday evening is a talent show put on by the campers themselves, and boy are many of them talented! We have singers, dancers, and even a comedian and musical instrument players. They are accompanied by Tyrone on the keyboard and enjoy an evening of fun and comradery, which is a great ending to the camp.

The camp King and Queen are crowned, they are elected by their fellow campers.



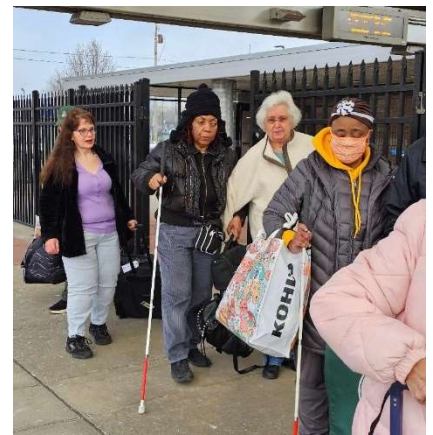
The Winter Camp chair Roger Bosse takes to the dance floor with his wife Dorothy.

This is a night for the volunteers to join in too and everyone has fun.



We all had a surprise this year when we had a proposal during the talent night show. It's really satisfying that our campers consider the camp so special that they would use the camp as a venue to pop the question. Jesse Bolinger and Kristin Brown became engaged at the 2024 camp. Congratulations to our future Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bolinger.

On Sunday morning the camp breaks after breakfast and the bus arrives to take the campers back to the railway station where another team of Lions and friends wait to get them on the train.



We are always amazed at how much luggage the campers bring, and with their bingo prizes and other goodies they collect at camp there is always more going home than coming in. Bag tagging and constant checking is a key element of the train operation. It takes about 30 minutes to get the campers on the train. Sometimes the train staff are understanding and helpful. Sometimes it's up to the Lions to get everyone on board and make sure we get off before we get an unscheduled ride to Jackson. (ha ha!) Each camper gets a packed lunch to eat on the train.



Picture shows this year's Sunday train team.

Ideally, we need one volunteer for each camper plus more to handle luggage. It never happens so the train loading is always exciting and an anxious time for the campers who always worry about their luggage.

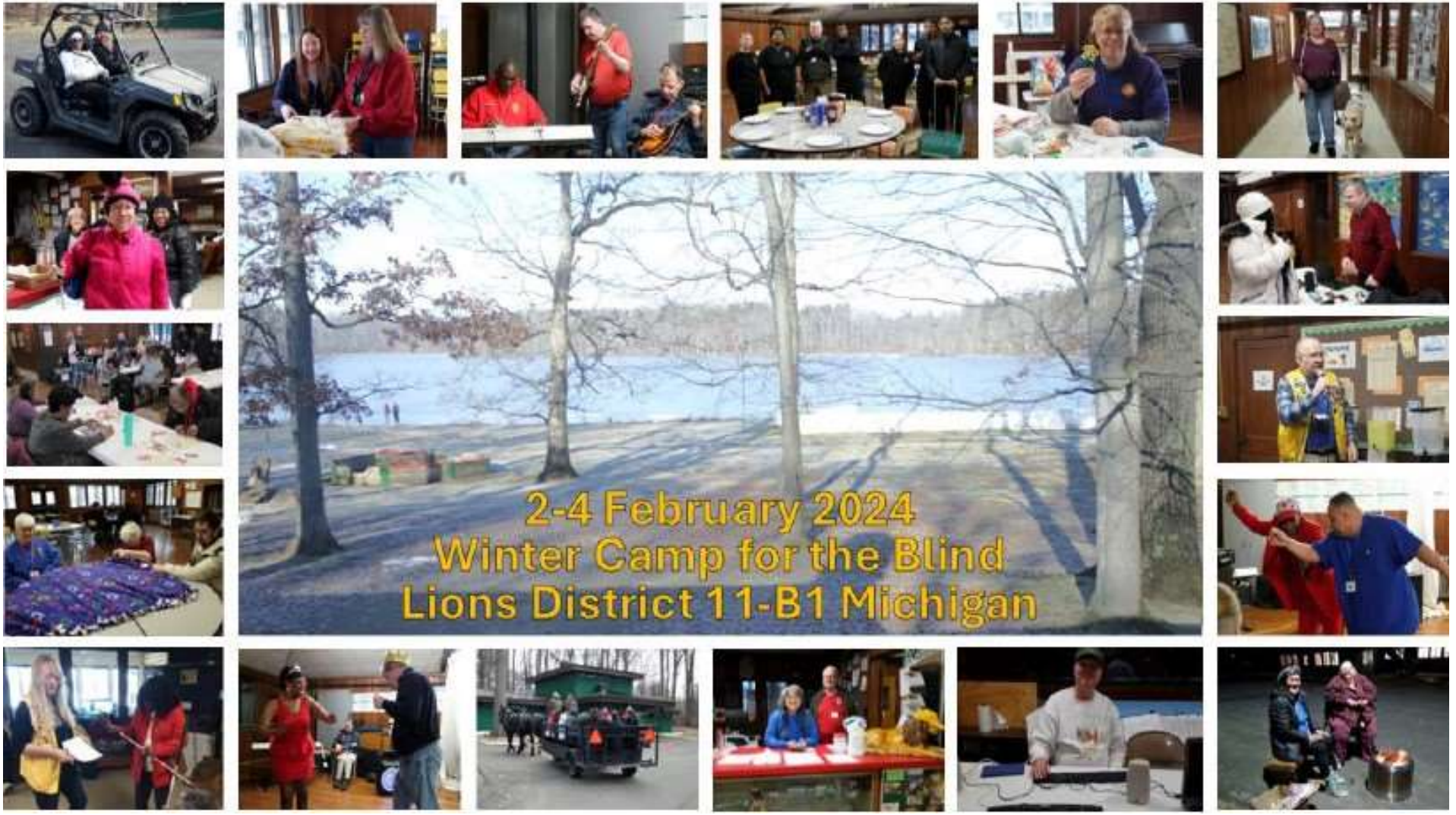
All arrived home safely and have already sent in compliments about Winter Camp as they wait to come back in 2025.



Thanks to everyone who made this camp possible!

Many thanks to Art Turner and Roger Yoder for all the fabulous pictures you took of camp and shared. For those who want to view the entire collection, visit Google Drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uFguK7qKkA911vHWTzgcg7t0max4n5vN?usp=drive_link



This compilation of pictures is courtesy of Lion Roger Yoder, Jackson Cascades.

WHAT IS MICHIGAN YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY?



Our Mission: *The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA) educates, trains, and mentors' at-risk youth in a quasi-military environment at no cost to participants, giving young people the skills to become productive and responsible citizens. Applying the military model to alternative education, the Academy promotes competency development through academic opportunities, life skills, and vocational preparation.*

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy was established in 1999 and is part of the National Guard Youth Challenge Program (NGYCP), which was established by the National Guard in 1993. NGYCP currently operates 40 programs in 28 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. The National Guard Youth Challenge Program is a voluntary 17.5-month (5.5 month residential/12 month post-residential) program that helps at-risk youth earn their high school diploma or GED, in a very disciplined and structured environment using the military model. Challenge works with program participants after graduation to help enroll in college, trade school, start a career or join the military.

Participants can expect to work hard as they complete the eight core components that are the foundation of our program. In the process, young adults will develop accountability, integrity, teamwork, and time management qualities, and build the grit and resilience necessary to successfully navigate adulthood.

MYCA runs two cycles each year, beginning in mid-January and mid-July. Application and selection for each cycle begins several months in advance.

Additional information is available at <https://ngchallenge.org>.

Michigan Job Challenge Program is only open to MI Youth Challenge Program Graduates.

The Michigan Job Challenge Program (MJCP) is an extension program of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy. The focus of the MJCP program is to teach MYCA graduates workplace essentials, provide skilled trades training (base-level instruction and in some cases, certifications) and aid in job placement. A variety of pathways are typically offered, including (but not guaranteed):

MYCA/MJCP programs require community service, and the cadets often support projects such as Winter Camp and camp clean-up projects. They also serve as honor guards for the District Convention. It's amazing to see these youth transition from risk to engaged and productive citizens.

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE PROJECT

On Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 10AM, all Lions are encouraged to join Region 2, Zones 3 and 4 for an environmental service project to clean the Vandercook Lake Jackson County Park. Lions will be painting the shelter and cleaning the shoreline around the baseball/softball field and playground. Bring your gloves, rakes, and weed trimmers.

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District 11-B1, Region 2, Zones 3 & 4
Environmental Service Project
Vandercook Lake County Park
Parkway St., Vandercook Lake, MI
Saturday, 30 March 2024, 10 a.m.



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ANN ARBOR EVENING

The Ann Arbor Evening Lions heard Lion Dr. Donna Wicker share a presentation on her Lions Vision Mission with Gary Anderson and the Grand Rapids Lions to Suriname. Suriname is located on the north coast of South America. Check out the video at: <https://youtu.be/POpfsDkr3wE?si=nq5KSLYfzopGxkft>

Donna's presentation was to a group in her living room, with slides displayed on her television, and to attendees on zoom. She represented the mission team very well. We have heard that she is an integral part of the mission team when they are in clinic. Not only her professional skills (which are always needed) but her personality and work ethic that fits with all the other team members.

Most eyeglasses donated to Lions clubs in Michigan get routed to the eyeglass recycle center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Scott Brady of the Grand Rapids Lions has been managing the eyeglass recycling center for 16 years now. He is happy to answer any questions you may have about the process. There is a video available about the program and mission trips at <https://youtu.be/xcRRtyvdygE>

The Grand Rapids Lions are currently in the process of transferring ownership of the program to another west Michigan club. Details to come.

One question Donna fielded during the presentation pertained to clubs helping with financial contributions. Scott Brady suggests two ways you or your club can help:

1. A cash donation to the recycling center, to help offset rent and supply cost, would be welcome.
2. Sponsor members that go on the mission trip by paying their way or help offset some of the cost of travel. Typical cost for one volunteer on a mission trip is between \$1500 and \$2000 a trip. Much of that is airfare.

If someone is interested in going on a mission trip as a volunteer, reach out to Dr. Gary Anderson (ga@andersoneye.com). Gary heads up all the mission trip teams.

Special guest in attendance was DG Annette Hemeryck. Thank you for visiting our club on this special night!



ANN ARBOR HOST

Ann Arbor Host Lion Richard Westbury does a great job coordinating Project KidSight for the clubs of Ann Arbor. He has established a connection with the Delta Gamma sorority students, who like helping while accumulating service hours.



Ann Arbor Host Lion Lora Durham has stepped into the role of WIHI Leo advisor. There are 15 Leos in the club. The club co-presidents are Michelle Yang and Sadhu Rajesh, club secretary is Maryam Shah, and club treasurer is Lana Al Baghdadi.

The WIHI Leos have drop boxes for used eyeglasses/hearing aids at the main entrance lobby of their school and at the Dairy Queen on Washtenaw Ave. in Ypsilanti.

September 2023: The WIHI Leos worked with Growing Hope, making seed balls for their garden.

November 2023: The WIHI Leos worked with the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club in cutting back the plants in the Sensory Garden and mulching for the winter season.

December 2023: The WIHI Leos bought/collected holiday donations for Ozone House. They had a packing party, preparing everything for delivery to Ozone House.

February 2024: The WIHI Leos volunteered to work with Open Door Ministries at one of their events.

Upcoming Events in March 2024: The WIHI Leos have events planned with Hope Clinic and Food Gatherers.





BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

During November and December, the South Michigan food bank did a fundraiser called the 12 days of Giving. The Cereal City Lions were asked to sponsor one of these days, specifically December 1, which was the date that Lions Clubs were founded in 1917. The club agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$1000. They didn't raise quite that much on December 1, but decided to give them the \$1000 anyway. Support your Food Bank! Help stamp out hunger!



L-R Lion Dorothy Bosse, Lori Sunie-SM Food Bank, Lion Roger Bosse

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER



Cereal City Lions Spaghetti Dinner



March 12, 2024

4:30-7:00 PM

Barista Blues 91 W. Michigan Ave.

\$16.00

Tickets available at the door

Take Out ONLY—Pick up from your car



**Proceeds will support
Michigan Youth Projects**

If you love spaghetti, you won't want to miss the next spaghetti dinner, lovingly prepared by Barista Blues Cafe and served to you by the Cereal City Lions! Get yourself a nice bottle of Chianti and enjoy the take-out dinner in the comfort of your home.

Proceeds go for youth projects in Michigan!

March 12, 2024 * 4:30pm-7pm

\$16 buys dinner, which includes spaghetti, salad, roll, and dessert.

Tickets available at the door or by contacting:
Roger and Harriet Spriggs at 269-275-3124 or
GBRoger@aol.com

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The Cereal City Lions welcomed their friend and newest member, Kay Calley-Martin at a recent meeting. Kay Calley is pictured below with her sponsor, Lion Mary Wallace.

They also held New Member Orientation. Lion De Davis did a great job in presenting their orientation program to the new Lions. In attendance were new Lions Kay Martin, Dianne Elliotte, Jane Prahl, and Sue Rose. Also attending were President Bryan Cook, Vice President Mary Wallace, Membership Chair Kay Smith, and Lion Paul Rose. Lots of good information was shared with the group.



STARR COMMONWEALTH

Battle Creek Cereal City saw a very informative presentation from Elizabeth Carrey and Madison Stewart (Charter Member Jim Baum's granddaughter) on Starr Commonwealth in Albion. Starr provides a wide array of services for children, families, communities, and professionals. From prevention and intervention to enrichment and residential treatment, all of our trauma-informed, resilience-based, culturally-responsive programs are rooted in creating powerful and positive experiences for all to heal, and for all to thrive.



Pictured: Elizabeth Carrey, Bryan Cook, and Madison Stewart

WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED AT MICHIGAN FORUM

Cereal City Lion Roger Bosse, in his role on the state Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee, presented checks to the scholarship winners (Felicia Bradford, Nicole Smith, Caleb Geiger, and Luca Schwalm at the annual Michigan Forum. These winners are students who are seeking a higher education degree and are blind or visually impaired.

The scholarships are funded through the Grace Lang Memorial fund, set up in the 1970's to assist blind and visually impaired students achieve their academic goals. The basic requirements for the scholarship are to be a Michigan resident, acceptance to a higher education institution (university, community college, etc.), and have a diagnosed visual impairment.



CLINTON

Clinton Lion President Gregg Brindamour enjoyed attending the recent Michigan Forum in Kalamazoo.

Gregg says, “Michigan Forum was a fantastic event. The breakout sessions were very informative. As President of the Clinton Lions Club, I have already proposed some ideas to our club.”

I look forward to seeing this inspiration turn into better service!

BATTLE CREEK HOST

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS of SERVICE

We have an upcoming celebration as Battle Creek Host Lions Club celebrates 100 years of service to our community and to our organization.



The Battle Creek Host Lions Club has a much greater influence on the Lions of Battle Creek than many realize. The Host Club is directly responsible for the formation of the Battle Creek Cereal City, when members and potential members of the Host Club formed a new Club that could meet at night, which was more convenient for them.

In fact, the Host Club has been responsible, in some way, for influencing most of the local clubs. Host Lion Wendell Doty, along with other club members, was involved with the formation of Athens, Bedford Area, Cereal City, Springfield, Lakeview, Early Morning, Pennfield, Marshall and some other local Lions clubs.

Our newer members may not recognize all of these clubs as some have folded over the years. This is a sad reality. At one time, Battle Creek Host was much larger than it is today, boasting over 100 members.

To celebrate their 100 year milestone, Host will be holding an exhibition of the history of these local clubs.

REGIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM
307 WEST JACKSON, BATTLE CREEK MI.
(269-964-0750)

The exhibition is open from April 1st to June 1st
and is open on Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday Noon to 4.00pm

A special event will be on April 21, 2024 from Noon to 4.00pm

ALL DISTRICT CLUBS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Each local club should provide their banner and, if possible, a copy of their charter for display.

Each local club is asked to provide a detailed history of their club and a description of the services they currently provide to the community.

This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate a great achievement but also to spread the word to the community about how Lions Clubs have served and continue to serve the people of Battle Creek.

Questions? Call President Dave Burlingame 269-975-3324 or Secretary Craig Bishop 269-965-7117

DEXTER

DEXTER LIONS SCHOLARSHIPS - Dexter Lions will be awarding 6 - \$ 1000.00 Scholarships to Dexter High School Seniors this year. One scholarship will be the Ron Raiford Memorial Scholarship for a student going into one of the trades.

VIDALIA ONION SALES - Lion Becky is taking orders for the Annual Vidalia onion sale. Five pound bags are \$ 6.00 and ten pound bags are \$ 12.00. Contact Lion Becky at 734-474-6915 or bwalters01@comcast.net if you would like to order. Deadline is April 17th and onions can be picked up on May 27th.

DEXTER LIONS SUPPORT -The Dexter Lions continue to support the Dexter Community. Over the last two months the Board has approved the following requests: Dexter Ice Sculpture, Senior Center Ukulele Club, Dexter Trap Team, Books for Wylie School Library, and new equipment for Dexter Lions Christmas Tree Sales. The club recently received a request for funding from SRSLYDexter, a local non-profit working to prevent destructive behavior, including drugs.

Birthday wishes go to Lion Lou as he celebrates 97 years of age! Cake courtesy of Dick Dettling.

Congratulations to Lion Rex Reeve and Lion Jerry Black who received special pins from Lions Club International for their active support of Lions.



JACKSON CASCADES



Dave Robinson and Sarah Chapel, of Henry Ford Jackson Diabetes Center.



IPDG Kelly Lubbe presents the Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion David Shafer.



Ron Meagher and Cathy Bliss at Blain's Farm & Fleet for nuts sales fundraiser.



Sheila Everts, Jackson Habitat for Humanity and Dave Robinson.



Winter Camp for the Blind weekend volunteers Art Turner and Roger Yoder.



Johncie Turner, Art Turner, DG Hemeryck and Roger Yoder at Zones 3 & 4 Meeting.

JACKSON CASCADES LIONS CLUB PO BOX 202 JACKSON, MI 49203		1177
DATE	2/26/24	
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	Winter Camp for the Blind	
	\$	400.00
	Four hundred and 00/100	
	DOLLARS	
MEMO	Donation for camp expenses	
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Lions Art Turner and Roger Yoder gave \$100 each to the Winter Camp for the Blind matched with \$200 from the Jackson Cascades Lions Club for a total donation of \$400 towards the 11-B1 district camp for visually impaired adults.



Dave Robinson, Roger Yoder, and Art Turner enjoyed the Michigan Park Forum.



Michigan DNR Park Supervisor Shane Morse discussed parks and recreation.



JACKSON CASCADES LIONS CLUB VIDALIA ONION SALES FUNDRAISER



Regular or Jumbo sizes

10-pound bag - \$12

25-pound box - \$22

Contact Lion Roger Yoder to place your order

517-539-1903

rogeryoder@yahoo.com

Jackson Cascades Lions Club Facebook page

Order deadline is Saturday April 6, 2024

Product will be delivered in May

MANCHESTER

Manchester Lions have been active in so many projects recently including Winter Camp for the Blind and Michigan Forum. In this picture, PCC Barry Allen is combining the two by staffing the Winter Camp table at Forum! Shown with Winter Camp chair Battle Creek Cereal City Lion Roger Bosse.



BOOK DONATION

Manchester Lions received thanks from Manchester District Library on their recent book donation.

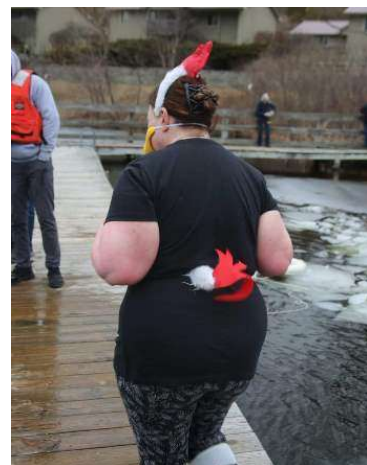
“We are so grateful for the generous support of the Manchester Lions Club! Their recent donation funded expanding our youth collection with all these great titles and more.”

Great job Manchester Lions!



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP POLAR PLUNGE 2024

Lions Bear Lake Camp hosted its 2nd Annual chilling adventure SubZero Hero Polar Plunge Fundraiser in early February. Our DG Annette Hemeryck, 2nd DG Bea Furman, and Winter Camper Andrea Ordiway all took the plunge to support a great cause! Thank you to those who supported this fundraiser and those who attended. This includes Kelly Lubbe, Silas Frame, Peggy Allen, Barry Allen, Bert Furman, and James Phelan Jr.!



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Join a great group for the Spring Cleanup Workbee at Lions Bear Lake Camp on May 11, 2024 at 9am. Lunch is included. Easy, Medium, and Advanced tasks available. Bring gloves and tools.
Camp address: 3409 M Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446
RSVP to Camp Director Traci Tribley at traci@bearlakecamp.org



The poster features a blue background with white and light blue text. At the top, 'Spring Workbee' is written in a large, light blue cursive font. Below it, 'May 11th, 2024' is in white, followed by 'Registration 8:00 AM' and 'Cleanup 9:00 AM' in white. A central photograph shows an aerial view of the camp with several buildings and a lake. Below the photo, 'LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED' is in large white letters, followed by 'Easy, Medium, and Advanced Tasks available' in white and 'Please bring your own gloves and tools' in light blue. A logo for 'BEAR LAKE' with a bear and trees is on the left. At the bottom, contact information for Traci Tribley and Jesse Walling is provided in white and light blue.

Spring Workbee
May 11th, 2024
Registration 8:00 AM
Cleanup 9:00 AM

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
Easy, Medium, and
Advanced Tasks available
Please bring your own gloves and tools

TO PRE-REGISTER & SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAVORITE
TASK AHEAD OF TIME CONTACT TRACI OR JESSE

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

traci@bearlakecamp.org
jwalling@bearlakecamp.org

BEAR LAKE CAMP IS NOW HIRING

Lions Bear Lake Camp has a universally accessible climbing tower with zip line and low ropes challenge course. Both are designed to accommodate mobility devices, those with a range of conditions, and for all people to enjoy.

They are looking for part-time seasonal challenge course facilitators. The season runs from April through December with training and certification provided. Must be at least 18 years of age and be comfortable working with children and people with a range of abilities. Ideal candidates are comfortable with heights, walking long distances, and willing to work outdoors and in a team setting.

Learn more at:

<https://www.bearlakecamp.org/index.php/welcome/employment>

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, 2024 (Thursday) 6pm

Multi-Zone Meeting at the Heritage Building, 121 Theft Street, Hanover, Michigan.

Special guests: Deb Davis and All-State Band students

March 12, 2024 (Tuesday) 4:30pm-7pm

Spaghetti Dinner Take-out from Barista Blues Café * Served to you by the Cereal City Lions!

\$16 buys dinner, which includes spaghetti, salad, roll, and dessert.

Tickets available at the door or from Roger and Harriet Spriggs at 269-275-3124 or GBRoger@aol.com

March 16, 2024 (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) – Details above

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

RSVP to Anita Hoyt, 131 N Sunset Dr., Coldwater, MI 49036 by March 29, 2024

April 21, 2024 (Sunday)

Battle Creek Host Reception to Celebrate 100 Years of Clubs

Regional History Museum, 307 West Jackson, Battle Creek MI

See details above.

Questions? Call President Dave Burlingame 269-975-3324 or Secretary Craig Bishop 269-965-7117

April 25, 2024 (Thursday) 5:30pm – Details above

District Spring Leadership Training

Vandercook Lake High School, 1000 E Golf Ave, Jackson, MI 49203

May 4, 2024 (Saturday) 10:00 am

District 11-B1 Cabinet Meeting

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

May 11, 2024 (Saturday) 9am

Lions Bear Lake Camp Spring Cleanup Workbee. Lots of tasks available: easy, medium, and advanced.

Camp address: 3409 M Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446

RSVP to Camp Director Traci Tribley at traci@bearlakecamp.org

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