



District 11-B1 Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM DG KELLY



Thank you all so much for making my District Governor year AWESOME! I wish I could stay on for another year, but I must turn it over to DGE (District Governor Elect) Annette Hemeryck. She will lead you in a FABULOUS year!

I enjoyed seeing many of you at our recent District Convention. We had a great time learning about Human Guides, Lions of Michigan Foundation, and our projects. It was my pleasure to recognize hard-working Lions with awards.

The Leadership Training event held at Vandercook Lake High School brought club leaders together to learn about being a good president, secretary, or treasurer, plus social media marketing, reporting service, orienting new members to get them involved, tail twisting, and membership recruitment and retention. Many thanks to our volunteer trainers for sharing their time to help us be better Lions!!

I had a great time at the Lions of Michigan convention in Muskegon. The talent show, costumes, parade..so much positive energy!

DG Kelly



Watch this spot for DGE Annette's pin as she drops the E (Elect) and becomes DG Annette!

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



DISTRICT MEMORIAL SERVICE

The **Memorial Service** held at the District 11-B1 Convention on Saturday, April 29 recognized these great Lions for their contribution to service in Lionism:

Hazel Jacobs (Adrian Breakfast)	Donna Donahue (Jonesville)
Carroll Jackson (Ann Arbor Host)	Siobhan Ruth Gorman (Manchester)
Alison Kilduff (Ann Arbor Host)	Charles Kalmar (Michigan Center)
Betty Robins (Battle Creek Host)	Rowena Lautzenheiser (North Jackson)
Nancy Tobias (Clear Lake Virtual)	Ronald Schaub (Parma/Spring Arbor)
Ann Bauer (Clinton)	Woody Booher (Pennfield)
Dennis Berry (Dexter)	Wayne Peterson (Pittsford Area)
Bob Hoatlin (Dexter)	Margo Lee Knapp (Tekonsha)
George Lewis (Dexter)	Ron Bennett (Vandercook Lake)
Ron Raiford (Dexter)	Frank Silvernail (Vandercook Lake)
Bill Albright (Jackson Host)	Keith Blackmere (Vandercook Lake)

IN REMEMBRANCE



REST IN PEACE KEITH JOHNCOCK

Bedford Lions Club lost Lion Keith Wendell Johncock, age 91 of Bellevue, on April 24, 2023. Keith was born on August 23, 1931 in Delton. He was raised on the family farm and attended Delton Kellogg High School. He served in the United States Air Force. He met Doris Elizabeth Friend on a blind date. Keith and Doris wed on August 28, 1954. Keith graduated from Michigan State University. GO GREEN!!! He worked construction for several years before becoming a city assessor then he worked at Kellogg's before retiring. He was a member of the Lions Club and attended Hickory Corners Bible Church. Keith was an avid outdoorsman with tall tales to tell. He enjoyed beekeeping, woodworking, and golfing. He loved mowing on a continuous basis the 4 acres of his yard that everyone envied. He is survived by his wife, Doris (Betty) Johncock, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Memorial contributions to the Bedford Lions club or Centrica Care Navigators Hospice will be appreciated.

Obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/keith-johncock-obituary?id=51730012>



REST IN PEACE KEITH BLACKMERE

Vandercook Lake Lions lost Keith Blackmere of Jackson, MI on April 19, 2023 at the age of 91. Keith was born to parents Russell and Grethel Blackmere on February 17, 1932. He was married to his loving wife Joann for 57 years. Keith served in the US Navy as an airman from 1952 until 1956. He was a barber for 44 years and was a member of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church. Keith belonged to the Lions Club of Vandercook and was a golfer, hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman who enjoyed wintering in Florida. Keith is survived by many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Russell and Grethel Blackmere and his wife Joann Blackmere, sisters Carol, Kay and Mary Lou. Cremation has been chosen with no services planned.

Obituary:

<https://obits.mlive.com/us/obituaries/jackson/name/keith-blackmere-obituary?id=51689687>

REST IN PEACE RONALD PLUYMERS



Ronald (Ron) Pluymers, a lifelong resident of Battle Creek (Level Park), Michigan passed away peacefully on May 31, 2023. He married Mary (Shaffer) Pluymers on May 22, 1960 and raised two sons. Ron was dedicated to his children.. He was a permanent fixture at all of their sporting events. Ron was a 1958 graduate of Battle Creek Central High School and stayed active with the school district within the Athletic Football Program. This year Ron was recognized for his dedication by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and the Battle Creek School Board as an Honorary Lifetime Member. He is known for never missing a home game in the last 35 plus years.

Ron aka “Four-Ply” retired from Post Cereal after 37 years of dedicated service to the company. Throughout the years Ron was a Boy Scout Leader for Level Park Pack 320 and Baseball Coach to many local Level Park residents, known as Coach P. Ron truly enjoyed helping shape and grow young adolescents within the community as part of the Level Park Men's Club. Ron was an active member of the Bedford Area Lions Club where he was president from 2004-2008 and Lion of the year in 2005 and 2011. To all who knew him, he was a unique and caring individual who touched the lives of many.

He is survived by his wife Mary.

Visitation will be held at Bachman Hebble Funeral Service on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 1:00-2:00 PM with a memorial service to immediately follow at 2:00 PM. A Celebration of Life will take place at Wild Mike's at 4:00 PM. Burial will take place at a later date at Bedford Cemetery in Bedford Twp., MI. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Battle Creek Central Football Athletics Program

Obituary: <https://www.bachmanhebble.com/book-of-memories/5203856/Pluymers-Ronald/index.php>

REST IN PEACE MARY-LOU COURY



Mary-Lou Coury, age 80, of Clinton passed away on Friday, May 12, 2023. Born on August 14th, 1942, in Tecumseh, Michigan.

Mary-Lou loved people and was a servant-leader. As a pastor's wife, Mary-Lou served alongside her husband. She served as pianist, Sunday School teacher and Superintendent, and Women's Ministries President. She loved directing the Christmas plays, organizing funeral dinners, coordinating weddings, and making fruit baskets for widows and shut-ins at Easter and Thanksgiving. Mary-Lou baked amazing pies that were always a hot seller at the Clinton Fall Festival church booth. She was a volunteer at Hospice of Lenawee and a member of the Clinton Lions Club.

Most of all she loved spending time with family and friends, especially her grandsons and her beloved dog, Teddy.

Obituary: <https://www.handlerfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Mary-Lou-Coury?obId=27919144>



REST IN PEACE HUEY SWAGER

Huey Gordon Swager passed away Friday, May 12, 2023. He was born on January 26, 1954, in Napoleon, Michigan to Leroy and Dorothy (Smith) Swager. He was a 1973 graduate of Napoleon High School. Huey will be remembered as a caring gentleman that was very involved with preaching in many local community churches. He was a member of the Napoleon Lions.

Huey was an avid fisherman that not only loved to fish but had a special talent of making his own flies and teaching others to use them. Huey even worked with many local boy scout troops teaching them to use the flies and how to get the largest number of fish you could catch. It wouldn't be unusual for Huey to come home from fishing with more than 100 fish!

Obituary:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/huey-swager-obituary?id=51915019>



REST IN PEACE PAM THOMPSON

Pamela Jean Thompson was born November 17, 1954 in Jackson, Michigan. Pam was employed with Novak Engineering, State of Michigan Department of Human Services, the State Prison of Southern Michigan, and most recently with Jackson Intermediate School District. Pam was blessed with two children, who in turn blessed her with grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Pam loved her Jackson community. She was active with the Jackson County NAACP, Quest South East Lions Club, Church Women United, supported Sisters in Ministry, and the Southside Reunion. On Saturday May 13, 2023 the LORD called Pam from her earthly labor. She touched the hearts and lives of many. She will be greatly missed.

Obituary:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/jackson-mi/pamela-thompson-11292111>

AWARD RECIPIENTS

At our District Convention on April 29, 2023, many Lions were thanked for their service to Lionism. Some of these thank-yous were in the form of awards. Please drop me a note and accept my apology if I have missed anyone.

Eversight Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowships: Jim Phelan, Cathy Koning

Eversight William (Doc) Barr Knight for Vision Fellowship: Teresa Gest

Lions of Michigan Helen Keller Fellowship: Dave Robinson

Lions of Michigan Ken E. Lautzenheiser Fellowships: Samantha Browning, Carol Briggs, Debbie Chambers

Lions of Michigan John S. Noel Fellowships: Roger Bosse

Wendell Doty Award: Barb Ray

District Governor awards: Michelle Hightower, Anita Hoyt, Louvenia Shack-Seals, Hope Swank. Burt Furman, Harry Owsley

Lions Clubs International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation: Bryan Cook, Annette Hemeryck, Bea Furman, Dave and Nancy Hill, Roger Bosse

Lions Clubs International Leadership Medal: Roger Bosse

Karl Sorrick - Club of the Year: Jackson Host

KARL SORRICK AWARD

Congratulations to the Jackson Host Lions Club for earning the Karl Sorrick Traveling Award for 2023. The contest ran from February 1, 2022 to February 1, 2023. Here are the final results:

Jackson Host, the winner, with 1530 points

Ann Arbor Host, a close second, with 1455 points

Battle Creek Cereal City, who won the award the last two years, came in with 1295 points

Jackson Eyeopeners, 1195 points

Dexter, 1015 points

Tekonsha, 690 points

We have some awesome clubs in our district! Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the application form!

AWARDS and HONORS AT MD-11 CONVENTION

Roger Bosse was recognized with a GAT certificate of appreciation.

Lion Harriet Spriggs supported PDG Roger for a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

PCCs Peggy and Barry Allen supported Lion Harriet with a progressive Melvin Jones.

Bill Bradfield and Barry Allen were recognized for their work on the Defense of Diabetes program supported by a \$250,000 grant from LCIF.

Ron Coleman and Connie Shelton received the SA Dodge award, the highest recognition in Michigan.

Please let me know if I missed any honorees.

LCI WEBSITE UPDATE MEMBER BIRTHDATES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

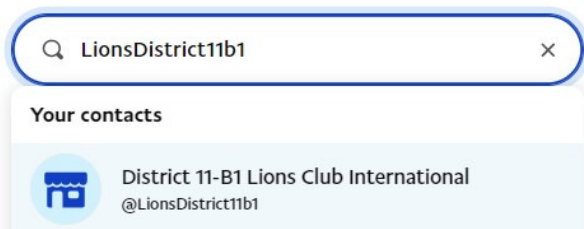
MyLion and MyLCI are getting a facelift! The new site is due out this summer. The update process has revealed many, many members that appear to be born on January 1. Every club has been asked to review the birthdates of their members. Cathy recently ran a check and there were 100s of Lions in our district that needed verifying/correcting. Watch for an email from CS Barb with club details.

LCI has clarified that the need for every Lion to have a unique email address is only for those Lions who will be needing to log into MyLCI or MyLion. This includes club and district leadership.

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

Send money



District Treasurer PCC Barry Allen has setup a PayPal account to receive ADMIN payments. You can now send payments electronically for dues, convention registration, fall conference, and banner exchange.

Go to paypal.me/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>

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

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION



Did you know...?

- District 11-B1 has two trustees on the Lions of Michigan Board: PDG Dave Hill & PDG Terry Walters
- The Lions of Michigan Foundation has awarded 3 Emergency Assistance Grants to Clubs in our District so far this year. These grants include helping with bills for a man awaiting a transplant (\$2,500) and buying an Orcam for a lady with retinal issues to help her read (\$1,700).
- The Foundation has assisted with VSP vouchers and money to help individuals obtain glasses, going on a dozen so far this year in 11-B1.
- The Foundation has provided over 200 Hearing aids to individuals in Michigan this year.
- KidSight is run by the Foundation. This has been a very successful project by the Lions clubs, providing early vision screenings and issue detection for youngsters. This can enhance a Lions club's image within a community. If you need a camera, a KidSight trailer, a tent, or training please contact your District Chairperson (11-B1 chair is Teresa Gest). Get involved!

In order to provide this support, fundraising efforts are on-going. You can help!

1. The Lions of Michigan Foundation sent out 20,000 tickets for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, 30 tickets to each club in Michigan. Everyone's assistance is needed to sell these (for \$10 each). Many clubs use this as a fundraiser since your club gets a rebate once you sell 30 or more tickets. Clubs have made as much as \$4,000 in selling these. Many clubs buy the set of 30 tickets that were sent to them and consider that their donation to the Foundation. The drawing is held in May. Ticket stubs should be mailed back by April 20th.
2. Cook Books- The Lions of Michigan Foundation has put together a great cook book which they have as a fundraiser. The cookbook sells for \$15. Contact Terry or Dave if you would like to order 5-10 cookbooks for your club. They make great gifts for members or speakers at your meetings.
3. Get involved in the Lions Mint Program. Set up dispensers in your community. The Foundation now has Wintergreen mints!
4. Mints for the Military - The Foundation provides a case of Mints for individuals in your community who are serving in the military.

Any additional support your club can give to the Lions of Michigan Foundation projects and services is greatly appreciated. If you would like someone to speak about the Lions of Michigan Foundation or you need more information, feel free to contact Dave Hill at 517-262-8928 or coldhill@gmail.com or Terry Walters at 734-474-6914 or twalters02@comcast.net.

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PEACE POSTER CONTEST

DG Kelly Lubbe and DGE Annette Hemeryck encourage clubs to participate in the 2023-24 Peace Poster Contest.

The steps include:

- * Contact schools in the club area to promote the Peace Poster Contest.
- * Contact Shawne Lige to get Peace Poster packets
- * Decide on prizes for winners (cash is recommended)
- * Pay attention to the deadlines

This year's theme is "Dare to Dream." To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire - it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

Read the contest details and see past winners on the Lions Clubs International website -

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster#contest>

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

ANN ARBOR HOST

The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club donated 15 beautiful hand-made graduation cards made by Lion Debbie Link and 14 \$25 gift cards donated by club members to Ozone House to give to its 2023 graduates.

Ozone House is the only agency in Washtenaw County (Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and the surrounding areas) that provides free, confidential, and voluntary shelter and support services to homeless youth including runaways and high-risk youth ages 10-20 and their families.



ADRIAN BREAKFAST

The Adrian Breakfast Lions along with the Hillsdale Lions Club had a very successful radio auction in April. The cooperative effort raised over \$8,000.

Approximately 1,000 pairs of used eyeglasses were collected by the club and delivered to the Lions of Michigan office in Lansing.

The club continues to support the community with donations to the Catherine Cobb Women's Shelter (\$100), the Child Safety of America Program (\$122.50 to the Adrian Police Department), the Penrickton Center (\$100), and the purchase of eyeglasses (\$205.00).

Two video magnifiers were obtained from the Lions of Michigan and loaned to three local residences.

Three deaf presenters from the Holley Institute visited our club and gave an excellent presentation to us on how they help children and adults with hearing loss. They were accompanied by a local sign language interpreter who skillfully assisted in the presentation. The Institute's brochure states:

"The mission of The Holley Institute, a nonprofit organization founded in 1993, is to provide life-enhancing programs for the Deaf and those affected by hearing and vision loss, to provide programs to deaf children and their hearing parents, to screen all infants born at St. John Hospital in Detroit for hearing loss, and to provide community education and outreach programs regarding hearing loss. The Holley Institute owns and operates The Carl's Family Village in Brooklyn, MI where residential programs designed specifically for Deaf, Deaf-Blind and hard of hearing adults, children and teens (and their families) are offered. The Institute also offers American Sign Language classes for a nominal fee at various metro Detroit locations."

Their message was both interesting and informative, and they are willing to present to other interested clubs. For more information, contact Maria Klein at 989-292-3080.

In the photo are the three presenters, (L to R) Michela Jaitard, Maria Klein, and Nicole Gaines using signing to spell "Lions".



BEDFORD

DG Kelly visited the Bedford Lions club as they celebrated spring.



The wonderful ladies of Bedford Area Lions Club offered a free lunch to seniors in their community. Any senior is welcome to attend this annual event. This year we enjoyed chicken croissants with chips and fresh fruit. There was a wonderful selection of homemade pies. This is a great opportunity for our local seniors to get together, share a meal, and get to know each other a little better. The picture shows the very special ladies in their new aprons.



BLISSFIELD

Congratulations to Larissa Elliott, Blissfield's latest recipient of the "Heart of a Lion" award. One of Larissa's students was in need of eye assistance to help with access to school work. She worked with the student's parents and the Blissfield Lions to schedule an eye exam for the student. She went above and beyond her responsibilities at school to show her care for the well-being of the student. Larissa was presented the award by club president Stan Masters.



Emma Meyers, a 5th grade student at Sand Creek Ruth McGregor Elementary, was the Blissfield Area Lions Club local Peace Poster Contest winner. The theme for the contest was "Lead with Compassion". Sand Creek teachers Natalie Benko and Victoria Silva coordinated the student work for the contest.

Pictured are President Stan Masters and Emma Meyers. Emma received a \$50 award from the club."



The Blissfield High School Robotics Team gave a presentation to the club recently. Students talked about the process of building the robot, the competitions they entered, and the finances involved.

The team also gave a demonstration of their working robot. Congratulations to the team and their accomplishments!

Our club is proud to sponsor the Robotics Club.



BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

Harriet and Roger Spriggs delivered 24 blankets, 15 pillowcases, assorted jewelry, toys, and a hair donation (from one of Harriet's physical therapists) to Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids on behalf of Cereal City Lions Club.



Keeping up with the donations, the Spriggs' delivered 145 pillowcases to Lions Bear Lake Camp! Every camper this summer will be able to go home with their own decorated pillowcase.



AND... 225 pillowcases were donated to Camp Quality!

Community teamwork makes it happen. The material is donated to the club. Club members cut and package the fabric into kits. A local group, the Calico Quilters, do the sewing. Such a fun project!

DEXTER

Dexter Lions support their community, including Boy Scout Troop 448.
Pictured: Lions troop rep Jamey Lobdell, scouts, Lion President Mike Head



Dexter Lions attended the District Convention.
Pictured: Mike Head, Dick Dettling, PID Dr Jose Marrero, Becky Walters, Terry Walters



DG Kelly visited and shared the story of how she became a Lion.



MARSHALL

Marshall Lions Club has a fundraiser selling Vidalia onions each year. Look at all the onions on the delivery truck! In total, the club sold 13,000 pounds of onions.

District Governor Kelly Lubbe was wrapping up her club visitations and just happened to be at Marshall delivery week. As a thank you for her visit, club President Tracy Kenworthy presented her with a ten-pound bag of onions.



Learn more about Vidalia Onions!

<https://www.vidaliaonion.org/>

Recipes, storage tips, and what makes them so sweet.

MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESSE LIONS

Michigan Center Lioness Easter Breakfast & Community Easter Egg Hunt. A great community event. Look at those smiles!



NAPOLEON

Stuff the Bus was VERY successful! Thank you to Napoleon Lions Myrl Clayton, Bonnie Curry, Vern Updike, Vicki Ruiz, Dick Tallman, Frank Ivy, and Zone Chair, Jim Phelan!



Napoleon Lions Mother's Day Breakfast was a great success thanks to all the Napoleon Lions who put in the time! Thanks to the Talmans for organizing. ZC Jim Phelan for pitching in to help. DG Kelly Lubbe and Lion Leaders for their support and the Lions from VCL. Your support is priceless 😊🐾





NORTH JACKSON



North Jackson participated in White Cane Days. They raised \$958 over two days with 10 volunteers.

This is a picture of Mother/Daughter team Jean Mohon and her daughter, Becky Miscovich.

PENNFIELD

On a beautiful May morning, the Pennfield Lion club presented an award to Brent Walker of the Pennfield Shell station for his many years of service to the Club and the community.

Brent has supported the Lions by allowing fundraiser sales and equipment storage at his business. He also has contributed sizable funds to the Christmas basket program and others. He is a member of the Pennfield Lions.

Pictured: Lion Club members Bus Sager, Brent Walker, Pres Larry Boyer, Mike Cole, and Darrell Van Vleet.



In mid-May, Pennfield Lions club celebrated the opening of a childrens book dispensing machine at Pennfield Purdy Elementary school for 1st and 2nd graders.

The club donated \$1,000. towards the project.

Students are rewarded with a token for good behavior which can be used to get a book of their choice from the machine.

Pictured is Lion Bud Sager and some of his new young friends at the book machine.



PITTSFORD

The Pittsford Lions Club had a great 2023 Vidalia Onion sale. Our members sold over 14,800 lbs. of onions, which were delivered from Georgia on May 13.

Members unloading the truck - Don Letherer, Richard Shaffer, and Denver Towne.



Bruce Caswell stuffing his vehicle full of onions.




QUEST SOUTH EAST JACKSON

The Quest South East Jackson Lions Club invites you to their Annual Tea “The Power of Love.” It will take place on Sunday, June 11, 1:00 pm., at the Martin Luther King Center in Jackson. \$20 per person. They have planned an interesting afternoon, including a silent auction, estate sale, and raffles.

There will be two speakers: Vittoria Jimerson, Founder and Executive Director of WHO Vision, (Welcome Home Organization) and John Willis, Chief Equity Officer and Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the City of Jackson. John Willis is also a Jackson County Commissioner.

For more information contact Lion Della Daniels at 517-914-7941, or dubd1955@yahoo.com.



South East Jackson Lions Club

Annual Tea
“THE POWER OF LOVE”

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Martin Luther King, Jr Center
1107 Adrian Street
Jackson, MI

\$20 per person

Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

Silent Auction & Estate Sale
50-50 Raffle - 6 tickets for \$5
TV Raffle - \$5 per ticket
and Door Prize Drawing

Speakers

Vittoria Jimerson
Founder & Executive Director
WHO Vision
(Welcome Home Organization)

John Willis
Chief Equity Officer
Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
City of Jackson
Jackson County Commissioner

TEKONSHA WELLNESS BRANCH CLUB

Tekonsha's branch club has survived for 3 years and gave its 6 members a purpose, creating new projects, new fundraisers, and new friendships. This month, the branch club is dissolving and the members are moving back to the Tekonsha club.

Lions Clubs International highly encourages clubs to let a motivated group of 5 or more members to have a branch club. The branch club members are first and foremost regular club members. Beyond that, the branch members are self-governing with their own president, secretary, treasurer, fundraisers, and activities. Someone from the "parent" club is a liaison to the branch club, helping both entities to successfully complement each other.

To be successful, it is important to realize the branch club is under the umbrella of the parent club. It gives a small group from within the club the freedom to carry out additional projects, fundraising, and gatherings. Tekonsha branch club met virtually using Facebook Messenger.

It's easy to set one up with LCI and just might be that extra something some members need.

Learn more about branch clubs!

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-branch>

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING

Does your club manage an eyeglass recycling program? Do you have collection boxes are places around town? Where do you send your collected eyeglasses?

Many clubs send the eyeglasses to Grand Rapids where they are cleaned, sorted, prescription checked, and the information entered into a database. These eyeglasses are sent with teams on mission trips, many to Central America, where Michigan Lions partner with local clubs to screen hundreds (thousands?) of locals over the course of a few days. The extra glasses are left with the local clubs so they can continue the mission to help their community see.

A few clubs share their collected eyeglasses with the Special Needs Vision Clinic in Saginaw. The clinic is attached to the Millet Learning Center, which is a school for disabled and handicapped children and young adults. The students help clean and organize the glasses for use in the clinic. The donated glasses not only help Michigan's handicapped population, but also are used by mission groups in Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras. Special Needs Vision Clinic executive director Dr. Dolores Kowalski and board chairman PDG Lion R.G. Barnum are always appreciative of donations.



Club Excellence Award and Member Excellence Award submissions are due to Cabinet Secretary Barb Ray by June 30. She has received a few already. She'd like to receive yours too!

GOVERNOR'S CLUB AWARD OF MERIT 2022-23
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Club: _____

The Club Award of Merit will be a banner patch awarded to any club that completes 20 items, including all 7 of the required items listed. All items must be completed between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. Patches will be awarded at the Fall Conference. All entries are to be submitted to District Cabinet Secretary by June 30, 2023.

REQUIRED:

1. District, State and International dues are paid to date.
2. International account is current and up to date.
3. Have the following elected Officers: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair.
4. All District and MyLCI reports submitted 100% on time.
5. Club was represented at the District Convention.
6. Club performed a Community Service Project.
7. Club held or participated with another club in at least (1) KidSight or SPOT screening.

Section Total: _____

ACTIVITIES and PARTICIPATION:

8. Installed one or more new members.
9. Sponsored a new Lions club.
10. Sponsored a new Leo or Campus Club.
11. Increased the club's net membership from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
12. Club was represented at TWO Zone Meetings.
13. Club was represented at the Fall Conference.
14. Club had at least THREE officers attend the Spring Leadership Conference.
15. Club was represented at the Michigan Forum.
16. Provided eyeglasses to a needy adult or child.
17. Club sponsored a Peace Poster Contest.
18. Collected eyeglasses and/or hearing aids.
19. Attend or had a presentation on Diabetes Awareness.
20. Assisted a local school with funding or service.
21. Club participated on a community service project with another club or organization.
22. Club had a GLT, GMT, or GST member speak at a meeting.
23. Club has ever participated and completed the Club Excellence Process.
24. Club has participated in a Reading Action Program event.

Section Total: _____

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CONTRIBUTIONS:

25. Contribute a minimum of \$10.00 to each of the following: All State Band, Diabetes, Hearing and Speech, Michigan Braille Transcribing, Radio Reading Service, LCIF, LOMF, Winter Camp, and Michigan Youth Challenge Academy.
26. Support ALL of the following Projects with a minimum of \$10.00: Leader Dog, Eversight, Penrickton Center, Lions of Michigan Foundation (LOMF), Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Bear Lake Camp.
27. Purchase \$10.00 worth of White Cane supplies by February 28, 2023.

Section Total: _____

REPORTS:

28. District Membership/Activity reports submitted on time every month.
29. Membership report completed to MyLCI on time every month.
30. Maintain a club web page and/or Facebook page.
31. Contributed photos or articles to District Newsletter Editor quarterly.
32. Submitted a nomination for District Lion, Lioness, or Leo of the Year.
33. Submit your club for the Karl Sorrick Traveling Award as "Club of the Year."
34. Participated in a GST Group Service Project.

Section Total: _____

Award Total: _____

Club: _____

Submitter Name: _____

Submitter Signature: _____

Date Submitted: _____

GOVERNOR'S PERSONAL AWARD OF MERIT 2022-23
(single page)

Club: _____

Members must complete 15 of the following to qualify for the Governor's Personal Award of Merit. All activities must be completed between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. As soon as you qualify, have your club secretary confirm and report to District Cabinet Secretary by June 30, 2023.

1. Serve as an officer of your club.
2. Serve as chairperson or a member of a District Committee.
3. Serve as chairperson or co-chair of a club service project.
4. Attend at least 75% regular meetings of your club.
5. Assist in a non-Lion community event or project.
6. Assist with an educational project in your community.
7. Participate in a club fundraiser.
8. Attend ONE zone meeting.
9. Attend the Fall Conference
10. Attend the Spring Leadership conference.
11. Attend Higgins Lake Leadership Institute.
12. Attend the Lions Leadership in Oak Brook.
13. Sponsor a new member.
14. Visit another club.
15. Submit an article or photo to the district newsletter editor.
16. Submit an article to your club newsletter editor.
17. Visit a State or District project sponsored by Lions.
18. Participate in a community service project sponsored by Lions.
19. Attend a board meeting or a District cabinet meeting.
20. Attend the Banner Exchange Picnic.
21. Receive Guiding Lion Training or recertification.
22. Receive Club Excellence Process facilitator training.
23. Participate in a Reading Action Program event.
24. Participate in Engaging our Youth, Youth Exchange or youth event.
25. Participate in Protecting our Environment, cleanup, recycling or community beautification project.
26. Participate in Relieving the Hunger.
27. Participate in Sharing the Vision.
28. Participate in a Diabetes Awareness event.

Total: _____

Name of Submitter: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Signature: _____



IPDG Kelly Lubbe

*Cordially invites you to share
Sweet Endings to a New Beginning*

August 20, 2023 2.00pm – 6.00pm

Gene Davis & Sons Banquet & Conference Center
3575 Francis Street, Jackson. MI 49203

An **AWESOME** get together to celebrate the miracles of Lionism
Relaxing Business Casual event with Buffet Feast

\$25.00 each RSVP by August 7, 2023

Make checks payable to Manchester Lions Club. Memo ‘appreciation’

Mail to: - PCC Peggy Allen
19230 Sharon Valley Road. Manchester. MI 48158



Questions? Contact Peggy Allen 734-428-7034 or Harriet Spriggs 630-926-8836

In lieu of gifts please make donations in honor of Kelly Lubbe to:-
Eversight, Maggie’s Wigs 4 Kids or Winter Camp for the Blind

IPDG Kelly Lubbe Appreciation Event

CLUB.....	Amount Enclosed.....
NAME.....	Phone..... e-mail.....
NAME.....	Phone..... e-mail.....
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LIONS OF MICHIGAN CONVENTION

International Foundation Chairperson Douglas Alexander was a special guest at convention in Muskegon.



PDG Roger and Harriet Spriggs, DG Kelly and Leroy,
PCCs Peggy and Barry Allen



Phyllis Diller, aka PID Esther and DG Kelly



The Golden Girls



Roger Bosse driving and Dorothy the Lion



PIP Douglas Alexander, PDG Terri Huffman, PID Gary
Anderson



Barry Allen driving Vicky the Lion

CAMP QUALITY

Camp Quality needs summer volunteers. Contact Sarah Hoffman, Program Director, at sarah.hoffman@campqualityusa.org or 231-582-2471.



Camp Quality MI SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Open Volunteer Positions:

- Companions
- Nurses
- Photographers
- Craft Leaders
- Day Volunteers
- Spanish Speaking Volunteers

Please reach out to Sarah Hoffman, Program Director, to see which positions are available at each camp by email at sarah.hoffman@campqualityusa.org

REGISTER NOW: CAMPQUALITYUSA.ORG/MI

LETTING KIDS WITH CANCER

BE KIDS
AGAIN

North Camp - Twin Lake, MI: June 25-30

South Camp - Fenton, MI: July 23-28

Sibling Camp - Lapeer, MI: July 30-Aug 4

Michiana Camp - South Bend, IN: July 30-Aug 4

231-582-2471



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 15, 2023 (Thursday) 5pm-7pm

Bedford Area invites everyone to dinner on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Homemade soups, salads, and desserts. Contact Ron and Margaret Keagle for more information - ronmarg925@aol.com or 269-721-3616

June 18 (Sunday) 8am-11:30am

Vandercook Lake invites everyone to breakfast, 3rd Sunday of every month.

Biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, and coffee/milk. \$5 Donations are accepted.

May 25-June 15

Eversight Vision Golf Classic "Golf for Good!"

<https://www.eversightvision.org/2023-golf-for-good/>

Questions? Contact Eversight at philanthropy@eversightvision.org

July 7-11, 2023

Lions Clubs International Convention, Boston, MA *Registration is open! <https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2023/>

July 16, 2023 (Sunday) 1pm-4pm

District 11-B1 Banner Exchange

Heritage Park Event Center, 121 Teft St, Hanover, MI 49241

Potluck with Hanover Horton Lions providing the meat.

** Bring stuffed animal donations to banner exchange to give away at the Jackson County Fair KidSight!!

August 6-12, 2023 12pm-6pm (or 7pm)

Project KidSight at Jackson County Fair. Setup and refresher training on Sunday. Sign up for a shift. Have fun serving the community!

Contact DG Kelly Lubbe for details and to sign up.

August 20, 2023 (Sunday) 2pm-6pm

Immediate Past District Governor Kelly Lubbe Appreciation Dinner

“Sweet Endings to a New Beginning”

Gene Davis Banquet Hall, 3575 Francis St, Jackson, MI 49203

It will be relaxing business attire and buffet dining.

Save the date and be sure to register by August 7. If you have any questions, contact PCC Peggy Allen 734-428-7034 or Harriet Spriggs 630-926-8836

September 30, 2023 (Saturday) 1pm-4pm

Napoleon Lions Club 70th Anniversary Celebration

Lunch, BYOB, band, 50/50s and club competitions.

Would love all of the district clubs to join us! Contact Jo Ivy 517-712-5252 or stategirl78@gmail.com for more information.

April 20, 2024 (Saturday)

District 11-B1 Convention

Details to come!