



District 11-B1 Newsletter

November 2021 Edition

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A FEW WORDS FROM DG TERRI



Mother Theresa said:

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”

Welcome to the busy season! Between the Holidays and club service projects we are shifting into first gear. There are so many in our communities that depend on the gifts that we provide to get through their holidays. What a blessing the Lions are to the lives of others.

I have been calling clubs throughout the district to get club visits set up. I have seen many of you through visits, the fall conference and other service projects. It has been so rewarding meeting the Lions that are making a difference!

We had close to 100 Lions at the Fall Conference. Because of PDG Roberta Sexton and her team from the Jackson Quest Lions, and many others, we had a great time reconnecting and highlighting our district projects. Because of the Parade of Checks, over \$13,000 was shared between our sponsored projects. The presentations by each project were very interesting and highlighted why we as Lions support their work. The service project of putting 50 backpacks together with club-donated supplies was also a great success. Volunteers such as my daughter-in-law donated hand-crafted gifts that made the bags very personal.

Plans for the Spring Convention are in full planning mode. April 30, 2022, Saturday, we will have a spectacular event at the Commonwealth Center in Jackson. On Friday night April 29, 2022, we are having a social meeting at the Commonwealth Center with entertainment. We are planning many breakout sessions and fun events that will bring us all together as a District. If you have time that you could help in some way, please contact me.

Thank you for being a Lion. Thank you for bringing in your friends and family as new Lions. Membership is important for us to keep our presence strong in our communities and serve the special needs that each of our communities have. It is through our membership that we provide resources for children with vision problems, families with food deficiencies, diabetes prevention resources, environmental clean up throughout our communities, and special gifts and assistance to those families experiencing childhood cancer. I AM SO PROUD AND THANKFUL TO BE PART OF THAT TEAM.

Service hour reporting.....100% is the GOAL. One service project! Kudos to those clubs who have been doing their reporting. To those who are still struggling, let's work together and figure out what is needed. The

District IT person and Zone Chair Cathy Koning can walk you through how to do it if you have a person with a computer or smart phone. Individual club members are doing all kinds of service and the club can get the credit. Individual members can log their hours in and then the secretary or service coordinator can approve them for the club. Please make this a priority topic at your meetings.

I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with love, joy, and a thankful heart for the ability to serve.



DISTRICT WEBSITE

Our district website is a great place to find information, including the recordings and powerpoint presentations for the recent leadership training, including My Lion (ie service reporting).

Stop by for a visit at <https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1/>

DISTRICT 11-B1 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Attention all Lions' Clubs- Now is the time to support the youth of your community and get them involved in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest! What do you need to do?

1. Order the Peace Poster Kit from Lions Clubs International- www.lionsclubs.org/peaceposter
2. The contest is open to all 11,12,and 13 year olds.
3. Contact your middle school art teacher, scout groups, other youth organizations or individual students.
4. Hold a local judging either at a school or through your Lions Club.
5. Send or deliver the local First Place winner to District Governor Terri Huffman for District Competition by November 15,2021 :

DG Terri Huffman, 1267 Jefferson Rd., Clark Lake, MI 49234

POSTMARK DEADLINE is November 15, 2021 !

6. District Judging will be held on November 19, 2021.
 - 1st Place Poster - \$ 100.00
 - 2nd Place Poster - \$ 75.00
 - All other participants- \$ 25.00

7. The 1st Place District winner will then be submitted for MD-11 Competition the first week of December.

QUESTIONS??: Contact PDG Terry Walters at 734-474-6914 or twalters02@comcast.net

FALL CONFERENCE - SUPPORTING OUR PROJECTS

We received great updates from Lions of Michigan Foundation by PDG Mike Scott, KidSight by ZC Kelly Lubbe, Bear Lake Camp by Director Shelly O'Henley, Leader Dog by ZC Nancy Hill, LCIF and Melvin Jones Fellowships by PID Esther LaMothe, Paws With a Cause by Puppy Raiser Roberta, Penrickton Center by Director Kurt Sebaly, Radio Reading Service by Volunteer Dan, Winter Camp by Lion Art Turner, Childhood Cancer Committee by Lion Diane, and Eversight by PDG Terry Walters.

This event is an opportunity to learn more of what happens outside the confines of a club and get a look at the 'big picture' of the District and State projects.



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| All State Band: \$945 Bear Lake Camp: \$2215 Eversight - \$2630 Leader Dogs for the Blind: \$3760 Michigan Braille Transcribing: \$550 Paws with a Cause - \$1485 Penrickton Center for Blind Children: \$2820 Radio Reading Services: \$1595 Children's Services: \$390 Diabetes: \$1005 Disaster Relief(Admin): \$375 District Childhood Cancer: \$390 District Projects Unfunded: \$5250 Hearing and Speech(Deaf Picnic): \$500 | International Understanding: \$110 Kidsight Screening: \$605 Leos of District: \$670 LCIF: \$1960 Lions of Michigan Foundation: \$2000 Michigan Youth Challenge Academy: \$715 Peace Poster: \$324 Reading Action Program: \$330 Sight Conservation: \$565 When A Lion Dies(Admin): \$215 Winter Camp for Blind: \$2662 Youth Exchange: \$340 Youth Outreach, Quest, Drug Awareness: \$470 |
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PDG Terry Walters made us aware of an upcoming Wine and Cheese Tasting (virtual) event being put on by Eversight on December 9. Our district Lion Connie Neese is a recent cornea recipient. (Update: Event sold out)

PDG Vicki Ruiz let us know the deadline for Lions of Michigan Service Foundation award "Hall of Fame" submissions were due by March 2022.

There are two nominees for Vice District Governor. They are working on their qualification now so they can be on the ballot at spring convention. We thank Dennis Berry of Dexter and Annette Hemeryck for their willingness to serve.

PID Esther LaMothe informed us that southeast Michigan has received grant funds from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in 2020 in the amount of \$60,000.

ZC and LCIF Coordinator Kelly Lubbe provided an update on LCIF "Campaign 100". Kelly will be selling hearts for a donation when she speaks at clubs. If you have not had Kelly out to visit your club yet, please reach out at 517-745-4404 or kellyl@westpointoptical.com

Brian Phelps thanked Lions for supporting him. "It was an honor and a privilege riding for the kids in the Great Cycle Challenge USA. I am displaying it with great pride. I rode long and hard through September and October." Thank you Brian for your efforts!



JACKSON COUNTY PROFESSIONAL VIRTUAL

New Member Patrick O'Dowd was welcomed into the club. Club members worked a vision screening.



PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Our Michigan Project KidSight Program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in preschool children (ages 6 months to 5 years). We use a hi-tech mobile vision screener that is programmed to quickly and accurately identify vision disorders such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), anisometropia (unequal refraction power), astigmatism (optical defect), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing.

Our portable vision screener performs a binocular test of both eyes within 1 second, and it instantly and accurately (98% accuracy rating) identifies potential vision problems. When problems are detected, our vision screener reports a “Fail” or “Refer” status, and a detailed report identifying potential problems is provided to the child’s parent or guardian for further follow-up with an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

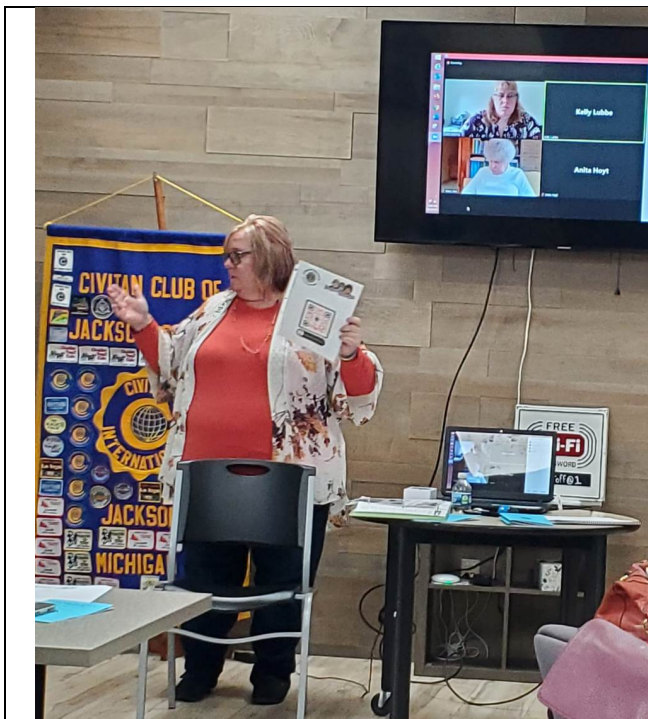
If diagnosed early, 95% of vision disorders can be corrected, however when vision problems are not detected early, a child’s vision can deteriorate to the point of irreversible blindness. Over time, treatment options diminish, and the cost of treatment increases.

(Text courtesy of <https://lmsf.net/index.php/programs/project-kidsight>)

Kelly Lubbe led KidSight Training on October 24. The hybrid format allowed virtual attendees to get the same experience as those who attended in-person.

Were you not able to attend? Watch the video!

Look for KidSight Training under Recent Events on the district website:
<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1/index.php>

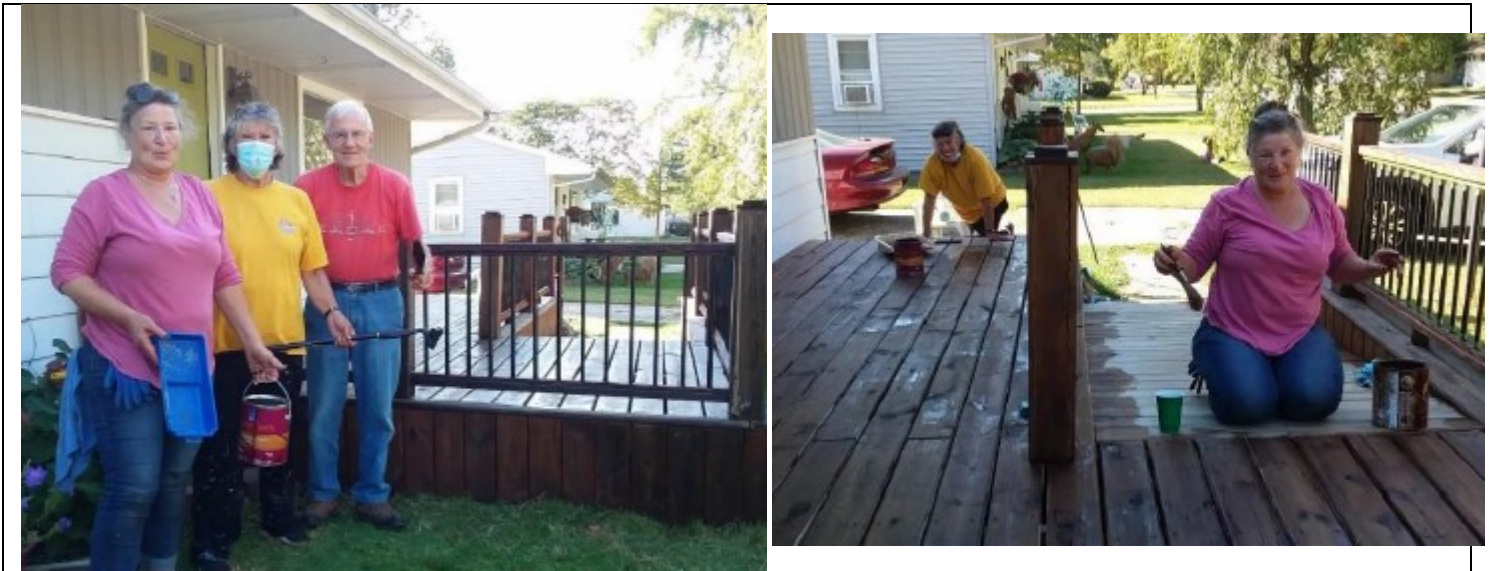


BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

Nine members of Battle Creek Cereal City Lions had a beading party at the home of Harriet and Roger Spriggs. They made 45 necklaces to be distributed for Kids Kicking Cancer in Michigan. A great time!!



Many years ago, club members went out directly into the community and worked on projects for individuals in need. These projects were a perfect opportunity to get down deep in the local community and meet local people in need and get our message out there. Three members, Dorothy Bosse, Pam Steele, and Bob Harvey, recently stained a deck at a local home, reliving those days when the club performed these types of projects. Let's keep looking for these opportunities to serve, promote our clubs, and have fun.



MARSHALL

Marshall Lions Club held their annual pancake breakfast. We have been told this is the last year they will hold this fundraiser. They have determined that due to the aging of the club there are other fundraisers that are more practical for the current membership. It is sad to see these old traditions going away.

The breakfast was attended by Cereal City members, Roger & Harriet, Pam, Kay and Muriel.



FALL CLEAN UP AT THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

On Saturday, November 6th, twelve Lions from the **Battle Creek Cereal City** and **Pennfield Lions Club** brought their rakes, brooms, and their “We Serve” spirit to do some fall clean up at the home of Winter Camp for the Blind. Camp Director, Matthew Santner had several jobs lined up waiting for the group of volunteers.

After a brief meeting, they separated into groups to tackle the projects. Window washing, raking and moving leaves, stacking firewood, leaf blowing, sweeping down the outside of the buildings, and spreading mulch were all accomplished during our visit there. In the end, the hard work paid off by making the camp look better.

The camp has been able to have several schools attend this year. They are not allowed to stay overnight, so the students come for day camps. Winter Camp is still being worked on for 2022. Covid restrictions are playing a role in decision making.

Those helping out today were: District Governor Terri Huffman. Cereal City Lions Bryan Cook, Roger Bosse, Red Oleary, Teresa Gest, Kay Smith, Hope and Scott Swank, Muriel Walters and Nancy Gallant. Pennfield Lion Steve Phillips and his wife were also there to help.

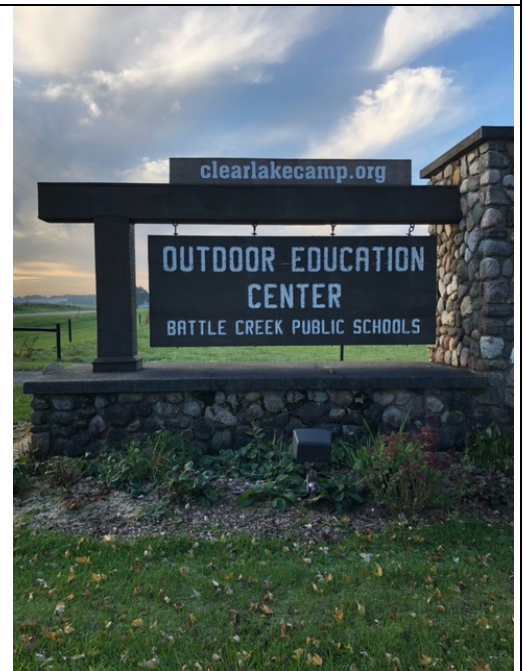
Thank you very much for those that came and made this project a success!

Lion Bryan Cook
Zone Chair Region 3 Zone 1



Battle Creek Cereal City Lions at Camp Cleanup

Teresa Gest, Terri Huffman, Scott Swank, Hope Swank, Bryan Cook, Roger Bosse, Red O'Leary.



PENNFIELD

Pennfield welcomes newest Lion Doug Geno to the club! His sponsor is Greg Talbott.



BEDFORD AREA

Members of the Battle Creek Host Lions and Cereal City Lions attended the Bedford Area Lions monthly brunch meeting. Guest speaker was Marcia Audette, who told the group about the Adult Foster Care and Veterans Transition program at the Haven of Rest Mission. All attendees were invited to help with Donated Glasses Recycling.



EYEGLASS SORTING

Thirteen Lions from the **Bedford Area, Battle Creek Host, Cereal City, and Pennfield Clubs** gathered to sort and box 1500 donated glasses. The glasses were delivered to the Special Needs Clinic in Saginaw by Lions Bryan Cook and Muriel Walters. Also pictured is Lion PDG R.G. Barnum, chairman of the Board of Directors.



NAPOLEON

Napoleon Lions helped their local schools with a recent "Stuff the Bus" event.



Napoleon has a local project where they build steps for neighbors in need. Here is a recent example.



PITTSFORD

Pittsford Lions served the community with cider and donuts on Halloween night!



Pittsford Lions club replaced the grills and fixed some picnic tables at the Pittsford Community Park. They welcome everyone to join them for a meeting and participate in a project. Serving community!



MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS

Trunk or Treating fun on Halloween night at the Michigan Center Lions Lioness Club.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT)

From the desk of GLT Lion Roger Bosse:

The Leadership Institute took place November 5-7, 2021 at Higgins Lake. Those who attended have reported having had a great experience, meeting with current and future leaders from across the state.

Have you ever thought about being a Guiding Lion? Being a Guiding Lion is a great opportunity to help a new or existing club out. We have many small clubs which could use some inspiration. It is not the job of a Guiding Lion to direct a club, but to assist them and maybe throw out some new ideas. Learning about Guiding Lion is a great experience. Being certified does not mean you will be assigned to a club. It may help with your own club. If a few Lions are interested in becoming certified as a Guiding Lion or just want to learn, we can set up a training session. The training would be via Zoom to save travel time. Please let me know if you are interested. Email rogerbosse@att.net or call (269) 578-3684.

In late September, the district held a club officer and leader training session. If you missed it, you can go to the District 11-B1 website and listen to the recordings from the training this year, as well as those from 2020, which were held on zoom. Anyone who missed the training, or just wants to review, should go to the website and go back through the training sessions for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tail Twister. You can also see trainings on MyLion reporting, membership growth and new member orientation.

Lions International has learning opportunities online. If you have a MyLion account, go to the Learning center. Look at the classes offered for your personal growth as an officer or a Lion. Every Lion can sign up for a MyLion account by going to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en> then click the "Member Login" tab to get the registration page. Need help? Just ask. I can assist or another Lion can help you get started.

MEMBERSHIP

There's nothing like being a Lion! We make a difference in our communities and in the lives of the people we serve. Keeping this energy going necessitates recruiting and engaging new members. Invite friends, family, neighbors, business associates, community members, and anyone else who you think will enjoy:

- * fun and fellowship through service and opportunities to lead
- * using learned tools to serve global causes right in the local community
- * supporting a world-class global foundation - Lions Clubs International Foundation(LCIF) who provides grant funding that helps Lions take on bigger projects that can bring lasting change
- * being a part of the family of 1.4 million men and women in 48,000 clubs in nearly every country on earth
- * digital tools like MyLion, MyLCI, and Connect that make it easier to be a Lion and manage your club
- * experiencing improved happiness, health and sense of well-being, and decreases symptoms of depression that comes from volunteering,

Share the joy of being a Lion. Share a club membership application.

Applications are available free by contacting LCI Extension and Membership at 630-203-3831 for a copy of publication ME-6B EN or ZC Kelly Lubbe at 517-745-4404 or kellyl@westpointoptical.com

2022 LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded.

Download application from: <https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/pdf/ScholarshipApp-2022-fillable.pdf>

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. **Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30th.**
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee Phone: (517) 887-6640

5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 Fax: (517) 887-6642

www.lionsofmi.com email: lions@lionsofmi.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18 (Thursday)

Bedford Area Community Soup and Salad Dinner (Monthly, 3rd Thursday)

Next event: October 21st 5pm-7pm Soups: Chili, bean and ham, chicken noodle, white chili, and their famous honey cornbread! Donations appreciated.

November 26 (Friday)

Tree sales begin for Dexter Lions. Mon-Thur 2pm-8pm and Fri-Sun 9am-8pm

January 8

Jackson County Professional will hold a mini psychic party. 6pm-10pm

January 29

Jackson County Professional hosts Region 2 Zone 1,2,3 Meeting. 10am-12pm

INTERNET INFORMATION

District Website: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1>

"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/>

Submit club news stories to Lion Cathy Koning at cathykoning@yahoo.com