



## District 11-B1 Newsletter

November 2023 Edition

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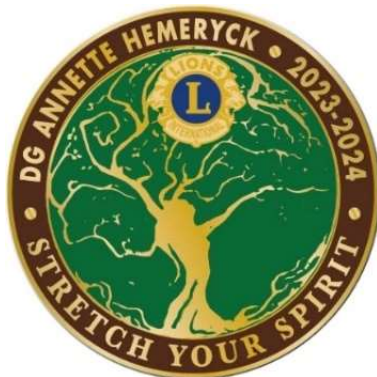
### A NOTE FROM DG ANNETTE

This is the month of Thanksgiving and we certainly have a lot to be thankful for. We also have a lot of people that we need to thank. If it was not for our communities we would not be in existence. Our communities would not be what they are without Lions.

Be thankful for our health, our security, our homes, our heat, and our food. There are many that struggle with this every day. Be thankful for each other for we raise each other up on a daily basis and work together to reach our goals and that is community service.

I encourage you each to take a moment to think of what you're thankful for. I know I am thankful for being a Lion, all of you, and this opportunity to serve beside you.

Together we are Changing the World!



## PEACE POSTERS DUE BY NOVEMBER 15

Greetings everyone! It's hard to believe that October will soon be over, and we are nearing our November 15 deadline for Peace Poster submissions from participating District 11-B1 clubs to District Governor Annette for selection by her judging committee. The District Judges are DG Annette Hemeryck, PDG Craig Bishop, PDG Vicki Lautzenheiser and myself, Shawne Lige.

Peace Posters will be collected by each participating club and a winner selected by any means the club determines, allowing for your entry to be mailed/postmarked for District judging no later than November 15.

Please mail all winning posters in a mailing tube to my address: Shawne Lige, 1271 Jefferson Road, Clarklake, MI 49234. At the time of the mailing, please text me at 517-425-1475 so I will know to watch for it. If you prefer to deliver it to me personally, this can be arranged also by calling or texting me at 517-425-1475. Make sure your winning artist is identified on the back of the winning poster.

The District Judges will decide on the District winner and forward it to the next level of judging by the Multiple District Council Chair by December 1. Our District winner will be announced at the time of selection by way of this email to district club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and cabinet members.

Please remember to provide each artist with the participation award included in your kit and recognize them on the club level however you may choose.

Thanks so much for the great response this year! If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Lion Shawne Lige  
District 11-B1 Peace Poster Coordinator

## JACKSON DIABETES SERVICE

Jackson Diabetes Service Club is hosting A Taste and Talk Evening on Healthy Holiday Eating on Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 6pm. It will be held at the Vandercook Lake Lions Clubhouse at 4628 Francis St., Jackson and include a healthy cooking demonstration and tasting and healthy eating tips for the holiday season. Sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/409084FACA923A2F85-45797179-navigating>  
Questions? Contact PDG Terri Huffman at (517) 227-1253 or [terri\\_huffman@hotmail.com](mailto:terri_huffman@hotmail.com)



**You're Invited to...**

**HEALTHY  
HOLIDAY EATING**

*A Taste and Talk Evening* hosted by the Jackson Lions Diabetes Service Club

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 | 6:00 PM**  
**LION'S CLUB | 4628 FRANCIS ST., JACKSON, MI 49203**



Scan this code with your phone to sign up!



Featuring a healthy cooking demonstration and tasting, and healthy eating tips for the holiday season.

## ROSTER BOOK CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES

### August

Gregg Brindamour - C: 517-605-5611 - [brindamourphotography@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:whitecane3@gmail.com) (page 7 and 65)

Becky Walters - [bwalters01@comcast.net](mailto:bwalters01@comcast.net) (page 27)

Vicki Ruiz - [misvicki46@gmail.com](mailto: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)

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.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://lionsclubs.org)

## 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



## 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>

## PARADE OF CHECKS 2023

Cabinet Treasurer Barry Allen thanks everyone for their generous donations to our Projects\Foundations\Funds. Checks and a listing of club donations have been sent to all the state projects, Lions of Michigan Foundation, and LCIF. Clubs who wish to discuss this or other financial matters may contact CT Barry at 734-904-4695 or PDG.BarryAllen@gmail.com

We brought in \$47,810.

\$22,650 for the District Projects.

\$25,160 for the State Projects.

### Amount

#### FOUNDATIONS:

Lions Clubs International Foundation	___\$4250__
Lions of Michigan Foundation	___\$4550__

#### STATE/MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11/JOINT PROJECTS

Bear Lake Camp	___\$3725__
Leader Dogs for the Blind	___\$5130__
Michigan All-State Band (Administrative Costs)	___\$1725__
Michigan Braille Transcribing	___\$665__
Eversight Michigan	___\$4765__
Paws with a Cause	___\$3015__
Penrickton Center for Blind Children	___\$5305__
Radio Reading Services	___\$830__

#### DISTRICT PROJECTS

District Projects	___\$570__
Michigan Youth Challenge Academy	___\$1675__
Winter Camp for the Blind (adults)	___\$3930__

#### DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Children Services	___\$1135__
Childhood Cancer (District)	___\$810__
Diabetes	___\$925__
Hearing & Speech (Deaf Picnic)	___\$1200__
KidSight Screening	___\$865__
Peace Poster	___\$750__
Reading Action Program	___\$950__
Sight Conservation	___\$770__
Youth Outreach, Quest, Drug Awareness	___\$270__

## FALL CONFERENCE - THANK YOU

Dear District 11-B1 Lions Clubs and our wonderful Lions,

Thank you so much for everything you did for the Childhood Cancer Committee's Back Pack project. Those Back Packs were stuffed full of wonderful items that will help some brave child have a better day. Actually 50 children will have a better day thanks to you and your club!

The bags are just beautiful and they will be taken to CS Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor in early November, along with the 50 books donated by Lion Pete of the Jackson Host Lions Club.

It is amazing what we can do when we work together. It was fun to watch you all filling the bags last Saturday at our annual Fall Conference.

Additionally, Thank You to every Lion that brought yarn for our Blankets project that we do with the Lakeland Correctional Facility.

With Kind Regards and Love,

PDG Bert and the Childhood Cancer Committee, LaWanna Brown, Darlene Pace, Teresa Gest, and Diane Washington.

# FALL CONFERENCE

Many thanks to Jackson Cascades Lion Roger Yoder for all the great pictures!











## YOUTH CAMP and EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YCE)

Contributed By: Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson

Interested in experiencing life in a different country? Join the exchange program where you can participate in the day-to-day life of a local family and meet other students from around the world.



Most Countries have a filing deadline range from February 15 to March 31. The deadline depends on the country you pick. Please choose your country early and contact us right away.

A \$100 Youth Exchange Supplies fee is required with all applications. Fee includes shirts, backpack, MD-11 Youth Exchange pins and banners, and orientation booklet. There may be additional charges for camps within your chosen country that are not included in the price of our program. You will be required to purchase your own airfare and international travel insurance. The travel insurance must be accepted in the country you are visiting.

Age requirements are typically 15 – 22 years.

Our students usually depart the U.S. the last weekend of June or beginning of July for a 3 to 5 week stay depending on the Youth Exchange program in those countries. Please note that all counties are on a first come basis and fill up fast so the sooner you apply the sooner we can confirm your acceptance.

### **Deadline for outgoing student application form submission: March 30, 2024**

Australia	Finland	India	South Africa
Belgium	France	Israel	Sri Lanka
Brazil	Hungary	Italy	Turkey
Canada	Japan	Denmark	Mexico

### **Apply to Sponsor or Host**

Apply to become a sponsor club and/or host family today by contacting Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or [epmarfil5@yahoo.com](mailto:epmarfil5@yahoo.com).

### **Deadline for host family application form submission: April 30, 2024**

## **YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (YCE)**

**Contributed By: Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson**

### **Is the YCE Program Right for Me?**

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing adventure that will open your mind and heart? Are you curious about other cultures and ways of life? Do you want to develop your skills in a second language? Would you like to cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs than you? The Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program may be the opportunity you are seeking.

### **Benefits of Participation**

As a YCE you will:

- Live with a family in another country
- Meet people your age from around the world
- Learn about what it means to be a Lion or Leo in another country
- Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you
- Learn how to foster peace and understanding among peoples of the world

### **What to Expect**

As a Youth Camp and Exchange you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural experience with Lions and Leo club members supporting your YCE journey. Your host family will treat you as a member of the family, awaiting your engagement in typical daily routines and family meals. You will participate in social activities, possibly service projects and visit cultural places of interest. You are expected to familiarize yourself with the customs, expectations, and basic language of the host country prior to your visit and have a desire to learn more. You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a Youth Exchange by checking out the [Youth Camp and Exchange Handbook!](#)

### **Participant Eligibility**

The suggested age range for Youth Camp and Exchange is 15-22. Please note age range can vary by specific Youth Camp and Exchange program.

Youth Camp and Exchange must:

- Be sponsored by a Lions club
- Be ready to represent your community, country and the sponsoring Lions club
- Welcome the opportunity to explore the customs of another culture
- Provide proof of insurance (health, medical, travel) and a liability release agreement
- Take initiative to learn the language of the host country (i.e. basic greetings and phrases)

### **What are the Costs?**

Local program costs vary from country to country. Financial arrangements for transportation may be paid by the Sponsor Lions Club, by the Exchange Youth, the Exchange Youth's family or a combination of these sources. Host Lions clubs cover the costs of room and board with a host family. Exchange Youth are typically responsible for:

- Round-trip airfare
- Camp Fees
- Health, medical and travel insurance
- Travel documents (such as passports and visas)
- Spending money

## WINTER CAMP INFO and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Winter Camp thanks you for the generous donations we received during Fall Conference. It puts us on good footing for this winter's camp at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center (OEC)! Please share this camp opportunity with adults who are blind or visually impaired. Contact Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684 or rogerbosse@att.net to get an application. Application submission deadline is January 13, 2024.

We have a request - for volunteers. Volunteers are vital to making the weekend a success.

### Friday Afternoon

The weekend starts with arrival. We need volunteers to help with check-in, assisting campers get to the cabins, and locating a bed that suits them (e.g. distance to bathroom, ability to do stairs, prefers the warm room (mezzanine) or the cold rooms (main floor), etc).

### Friday Night

The first real activity is dinner. Cadets from Michigan Youth Challenge Academy do a fabulous job with setup and helping campers throughout the meal. We need a couple volunteers to help with cleanup and evening snack.

Campers spend the evening visiting with each other in the lounge by the fireplace or in the big room where music is performed and enjoyed.

### Saturday

We have breakfast, social time, lunch, and an afternoon full of activities. Pennfield Lions have signed on to help with breakfast both Saturday and Sunday (Thank you!)

### Saturday Afternoon

**Bingo** - Run by the Bedford Lions, they provide the callers and prize runners (Thank you!). There is always a need for a few volunteers to buddy up with campers throughout the Bingo games.

Bingo prize donations are much appreciated, in the form of objects, dollars, or gift cards. We invite all to join Bedford, Jackson Eyeopeners, and others in supporting us in this way. (Thank you!)

**Cane Repairs** - Teresa Gest of Cereal City Lions provides cane repair (Thank you!). She brings the supplies and does the work. Supplies, including replacement canes, are paid for by the Sight Conservation fund. If someone would like to learn the process, she'd love a helper.

**Craft** - Cathy Koning of Ann Arbor Evening will provide the craft again this year. Her club has sponsored beads, ribbons, pipe cleaners, and more for making jewelry and such. (Thank you!) There is a need for a few volunteers. It would be great to have a combination of Cadets and Lions help here.

**Bird Cabin Hike** - Staffers from the Outdoor Education Center (OEC) lead the hike from the main building to the bird cabin, where microphones are placed on the bird feeders so visitors can sit inside the cabin and hear the birds. This requires several volunteers, to allow all the hikers to move at their own pace on the trail.

**Technology** - Graduate students from Western Michigan University, arranged through Dr. Connors, present technology for campers (Thank you!). There are phone apps, programs for computers, volunteer and subscription agencies who help identify objects for those who call-in using smart phones, research trials that

allow blind and visually impaired individuals to try devices that help with object identification and mobility, and so much more. Campers can bring their devices (e.g. phones, tablets, laptops) and get assistance from the grad students. We have a couple other technology resources who come periodically, sometimes with rebuilt computers to setup and give away. Want to share what you know or learn more about these technologies? Come on out!

**Wagon/Hay Ride** - We need a few volunteers to help campers get on and off the hay wagon and a few to ride along and share with campers the landmarks along the way. Rick Eschuis has volunteered to drive (Thank you!)

**Snowshoeing** - Do you have a love for snowshoeing? Do you have extra pairs of snowshoes you could loan to camp for the weekend? We used to do cross-country skiing but after so many decades, the equipment and the campers are ready for a change and we feel snowshoeing will be a good fit.

**Campfire** - Do you have a love for campfires? Would you be willing to take charge of the campfire, in coordination with OEC staffers? We would need a few volunteers to help guide campers to the fire pit, setup chairs, and help keep a safe perimeter.

**4-wheeler** - John Koerner of Pennfield Lions has offered to bring his vehicle and drive. (Thank you!) We would need a couple volunteers to help campers get in and out of the vehicle.

### **Saturday Evening**

We gather to enjoy music and other talents. Our usual musician is taking the year off so he may fully enjoy camp as a camper. We have a couple options pending. Let us know if you would like to be considered for the position as weekend band leader.

There is a little-known position we could use a volunteer for - dorm attendant. This person would be available to campers, help answer questions, deal with situations that may arise, and miscellaneous tasks. In the women's dorm, this person would work alongside PCC Peggy Allen; in the men's dorm it is PCC Barry Allen.

Our Medics this year are Diane Sweeter and Dorothy Bosse (retired nurses). (Thank you!)

All campers and volunteers will need to provide proof of Covid-19 vaccinations when they register/sign-up. Anyone not vaccinated must show proof of negative test BEFORE arrival at camp.

Questions? Please contact Lion Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684, Lion Bea Furman at (517) 581-0325 or PCC Barry Allen at (734) 428-7034.

Note: All activities are subject to change based on weather, availability, etc.

## **WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIPS**

To all District 11-B1 Lions Clubs

Each year, the state Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee is now awarding four \$3000 scholarships to 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. Other requirements are detailed on the application form.

The application for the 2024 White Cane scholarships is available using the links below. Applications must be postmarked no later than December 30 to be considered for the 2024 awards. Scholarship winners are recognized at the annual Michigan Forum in February 2024.

If you know a student who is blind or visually impaired and could use this scholarship or you have questions, please contact myself or the state office.

Standard Scholarship Form - Click link to download. Print. Fill in by hand and mail it in.  
[https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/whitecane/scholarship%20application%202024\\_IN.pdf](https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/whitecane/scholarship%20application%202024_IN.pdf)

Scholarship Form with Fillable Fields. Click link to download. Fill in using computer. Save and submit electronically.  
<https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/scholarship/WC.Fillable24.pdf>

Lion Roger Bosse  
Sight Conservation/White Cane committee chair  
269-578-3684  
[rogerbosse@att.net](mailto:rogerbosse@att.net)

Thank you for all that you do and keep on Changing the World!

## **PROJECT KIDSIGHT**

Is your club interested in holding a Project KidSight screening event? Contact Teresa Gest at  
C: 269-625-4378 or [whitecane3@gmail.com](mailto:whitecane3@gmail.com) to learn more!

## **DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Dear Lions Club Officers:

As you are almost through the first half of the Lions year, do you have questions, concerns about your role and how to do a better job? Maybe you attended the spring leadership training and are ready for some review, or to learn some finer details about being a president, secretary, or treasurer? There are recordings of past trainings for most of the club officer roles, and excellent on-line training through LCI.

Our District Governor Annette has a goal to have our club officers trained in their roles. As your GLT Leader (Global Leadership Team), I am committed to helping achieve it.

If you weren't able to attend training in April, please contact me, and I can help you navigate the LCI website for training webinars that not only give you some valuable training, but count towards DG Annette's goals. I can also direct you to the recordings of our Spring Training sessions for roles other than the main officers. These include the officers, membership, Tail Twister/Lion Tamer, Social Media, and MyLion service reporting.

I know it's a busy time of the year, but if you have an hour to spare, we can get you set up to take an on line class or watch a video at your convenience.

Roger Bosse

Global Leadership Team Leader

(269) 578-3684 \* rogerbosse@att.net

## **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.



## LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT HIGGINS LAKE



The Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) that is held at Higgins Lake each year included Lions from District 11-B1. The RLLI prepares Lions for leadership positions throughout the association.  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/regional-lions-leadership-institute>

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

The Faculty Development Institute instructs Lions on how to be better instructors,  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/regional-lions-leadership-institute>



We congratulate Hope Swank, Scott Swank,  
and Jim Phelan.



Congratulations to PDG Kelly Lubbe for graduating  
from Lions Faculty Development Institute.

## ADRIAN BREAKFAST

The Adrian Breakfast Lions have been getting into the holiday spirit early through donations to Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. \$50 was donated to Penrickton Center for the Adopt-A-Child Christmas Party, \$200 to the Springbrook Middle School Turkey Drive, \$100 to the Associated Charities of Lenawee County Christmas food drive, and \$100 to the foster child program of the Maurice Spear Campus. In addition, the club has been preparing for their annual "Evening With Santa" event, which entertained nearly 250 parents and children last year.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SPEND

# “AN EVENING WITH SANTA”

HOSTED BY THE ADRIAN BREAKFAST LIONS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023**

The Lions Clubs of Lenawee County would like to invite everyone to “An Evening with Santa”. It is a yearly tradition and a wonderful, family-friendly holiday event. It is **FREE** and all ages are welcome!

- Hayrides, Holiday Crafts, Gifts, Refreshments, and Santa!
- Sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Lenawee County and the Manchester Lions

WHEN: **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Stubnitz Environmental Center in Heritage Park  
3221 North Adrian Hwy. (M-52)  
Adrian, MI



**We Serve**

## BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

Congratulations to Lions Hope and Scott Swank for completing the Michigan RLLI class at Higgins Lake. This is a multi-day residential program that is perfectly suited for relatively new Lions who are interested in expanding their experience in Lions to become leaders of our organization.

Hope and Scott are valuable assets to Lions and we thank them for their commitment and dedication to serving both community and club.

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions returned to Horrocks Farm Market's new store in Battle Creek to hold the annual White Cane collection. A total of 15 members participated, taking shifts to tell the story of White Cane, hand out information on the White Cane program, and of course, about Lions. It's always interesting to talk to the people of the community and hear how Lions have helped them or people they know. The club raised \$873.71 for community projects. Here are just a few of the members who braved the cold.



## **BEDFORD**

Bedford Area Lions Club have announced their fall/winter **Soup and Salad Fundraising Program**. Each month they host a community soup and salad dinner. There is no direct charge but they have a collection box for donations. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun for a great cause.

Dinners are served from 5pm-7pm on Thursdays.

Upcoming dates: November 16<sup>th</sup>, January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, April 18th.

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**Bedford Lions are collecting blankets**, both new and gently used, for the homeless community. If you have any that you would like to donate, you can drop them at the Lions building in Bedford any Tuesday from 3.00pm to 6.00pm or contact any members of Bedford Area Lions Club for pick-up.

With your help, Bedford hopes to make these cold days a little more tolerable for those in the community who are often forgotten.

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The Bedford Area Lions building is available to reserve for holiday parties and family celebrations. Call Margaret at 269-721-3616 for more information and to set your event date,

## **CLEAR LAKE VIRTUAL**

The Clear Lake Virtual Lions club's Marketing and Communications chair Lion Jesse Bolinger has shared his story of vision loss and how he's leveraged technology to continue thriving personally and professionally on the Leader Dog for the Blind podcast Taking the Lead.


He talks about the accessibility features that he has used. His story really highlights how technology, when designed thoughtfully, can empower people with disabilities.

You can catch this episode here: <https://www.leaderdog.org/taking-the-lead/>

You can reach Lion Jesse Bolinger at [marketing@clearlakevirtuallions.com](mailto:marketing@clearlakevirtuallions.com) or (641) 202-6083.

## CLINTON

Join the Clinton Lions Club - 2nd Annual Firekeepers Casino Bus Trip

	Nov. 18, 2023 11:30 AM-6:30 PM Cost: \$50
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**Who:** First “56” to sign-up and pay will join us on the trip.

**What to Bring:** You can bring drinks (NO ALCOHOL) and food onto the bus. The Lions Club will provide a “free” ticket to our thank you drawing, a snack, and a water.

**A Little Extra:** We will be playing a few games on the bus, so bring a few \$1 bills to join in the fun!

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Each participant will receive a Firekeepers Rewards Playing Card which will include \$20 free slot play and \$5 of free points (to be used on food, beverage, merchandise, or additional free play)!

If a participant already has a rewards card, please take it along and the same amount of free slot and free points will be added to your card!

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Contacts For Trip:

Alicia Seegert 517.403.7688 seegerta@hotmail.com or Janice Cowey cowhyaj@aol.com

**\*\*There are no refunds if a participant doesn't make the trip\*\***

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Judging going on for the Peace Poster contest. 35 students at Britton/Deerfield middle school participated, which made the judges' job difficult. Great job B/D middle school!

The Clinton Lions participated in Trunk or Treat. The kids enjoyed the big lion.



Lion Laura made friends while attending the district service project in Manchester, knotting blankets.



## DEXTER

**MEMBERSHIP** -The Dexter Lions welcome DeWayne Grann who was inducted as a new member at our September 7th meeting by District Governor Annette Hemeryck. His sponsor is Kirk Vantine. DeWayne has already become active and volunteered for some of the projects held over the last month.



**CHRISTMAS TREE SALES** - Yes, It is time to begin thinking about Christmas Tree sales! Lion Bob Steptoe, the chairman, puts many hours into this project and needs help where possible. The Tree lot will be set up on Saturday, November 4th starting at 9:00 a.m. The first load of trees comes in on Saturday, November 11th. Lion Bob ordered 1175 trees for this year. The weekday shifts are 2pm-5pm and 5pm-8pm. The weekend shifts are: 9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm and 5pm-8pm. We need 4-5 Lions for outside and 1 Lion to take money inside for each shift. If you can help on these dates call Bob at 248-417-5682. Thanks for any help you can provide during the Dexter Lions Christmas Tree sales!

**PEACE POSTER CONTEST** - The Dexter Lions are sponsoring the Annual Peace Poster Contest and Lion John Gochis is the chairman. The Art teacher at Mill Creek Middle school presently has about 75 students doing posters. They will have a committee who will select the top three. John is providing cider and donuts to the classes that are participating and hopefully the three winners will be attending our November 16th membership meeting to receive their prizes.

**GORDON HALL DAYS** - Thank you to all the Lions who helped out at Gordon Hall Days on September 8th-10th. The following Dexter Lions helped out: Rick Flickinger, Chuck Hughes, Bob Steptoe, Dave Steptoe, John Gochis, Christine Marquis, Eric Briggs, and Jerry Black. The Dexter Lions also contributed \$ 1000.00 to the Dexter Historical Society for Gordon Hall.

**APPLE DAZE** - The Dexter Lions sponsored and held APPLE DAZE on October 7th in Monument Park. Congratulations to Lion Abby Briggs, chairman and her committee for holding another successful event for the families in Dexter! The weather was not perfect but the rain held off for the most part. Children and parents again enjoyed the Bounce House, games, Hay wagon rides, music, classic car show, and the Apple Pie eating contest. The dog costume event was added this year and was well received. Also, kids enjoyed the Pumpkin

Bowling. There were over 30 crafter booths including some informational booths along with the Scouts' car track. There were 24 Dexter Lions, 2 spouses, 3 Lions children, 26 students from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Community Service and Leadership (CS&L) class, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Scouts who provided all the workers for this one day event. Thank you to everyone who helped to provide a "FUN" day for the Dexter Community.



Hay Ride



Pie Eating Contest



Lion Rex



Dog Costume Contest Winner



## GRASS LAKE

Grass Lake Lions passed out candy and hot chocolate to the trick-or-treaters in Grass Lake on Halloween. Hot chocolate was very much appreciated as we watched snow come down!



## JACKSON CASCADES

The Jackson County Daffodil Society held “*Daffodil Day*” at the Ella Sharp Park round house on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Chris Lake talked about the opportunity to be a part of the environmental public project that has existed for almost 40 years. Volunteers included local Lions from Jackson Host, Jackson Quest, North Jackson, Vandercook Lake, and our own Jackson Cascades Lions Club, with 2,300 daffodils planted in less than 30 minutes. People brought their gloves and shovels, determined to complete the project despite the weather conditions.



Chris Lake of the Jackson Host Lions Club visited the Jackson Cascades Lions Club to discuss “Daffodil Day”.



Jackson Cascades Lions Club members John Hammond, Don Parker, and Ron Meagher

Jackson Cascades Lions Club members attending the fall conference on Saturday, October 21, 2023 were Dave and Mary Ann Robinson, Art and Johncie Turner, and Roger Yoder. Roger served as event photographer. Way to serve Roger! The event was held at the Sandstone Congregational Church and included assembling the 50 backpacks with items for child cancer patients prior to the fall conference. The conference included awards and the Parade of Checks, followed by the cabinet meeting.



Cascades Lions Johncie Turner, Art Turner, Mary Ann Robinson, Dave Robinson, and Roger Yoder with DG Annette Hemeryck



Peggy Allen and Johncie Turner assist with assembling 50 backpacks for the child cancer patients at Motts Hospital.



Art Turner and Roger Yoder with the district 11-B1 child cancer backpack service project prior to fall conference.

Guest speaker at the October 23 meeting was Brad Flory. He is founder of “Brad’s Lunch Bunch” that has raised over one million dollars for Jackson area food banks. Jackson Cascades Lions Club makes a monthly donation to help those in our community. Brad, a former Citizen Patriot writer, was encouraged to start the program to address hunger in the local Jackson area community.



Brad Flory, founder of “Brad’s Lunch Bunch”



Brad Flory is presented a gift from Jackson Cascades Lions Club President Dave Robinson



“Brad’s Lunch Bunch” hunger project.



Standing: Diane and Chuck Sinclair, Ron Meagher, Jim Van Slette, Don Parker, Mary Ann and Dave Robinson, Cathy Bliss, David Shafer, and Bob Cole. Seated: Bev Charbeneau, James Loving, Aleia McKessy, and Roger Yoder after the meeting.

Allegra Marketing had the updated club brochures ready within 24 hours, in time for Lions Mints Sales.

**Jackson Cascades  
Lions Club**



**Lions Kidsight USA**



Our club participates in a nationwide Lions Kidsight program which offers a quick no-touch free vision screening for children which helps to identify vision disorders; enabling parents to arrange for professional eyecare to improve their children's vision.

**We Serve**

- Diabetes - Vision - Hunger -  
- Environment - Childhood Cancer -

The brochure incorporates images of agencies supported such as the Interfaith Shelter, Youth Haven Ranch, John George Home, District 11-B1 Winter Camp for the Blind and our host facility for all Jackson Lions Club meetings the Cascades Manor.



Interfaith Shelter in Jackson, Michigan.



Cascades Manor in Jackson, Michigan.



Youth Haven in Rives Junction, Michigan.



The annual John George Home picnic.



Lion Roger Yoder with Allegra owner Amy Lienhard.

## JACKSON DIABETES SERVICE

Jackson Diabetes Service Club is hosting A Taste and Talk Evening on Healthy Holiday Eating on Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 6pm. It will be held at the Vandercook Lake Lions Clubhouse at 4628 Francis St., Jackson and include a healthy cooking demonstration and tasting and healthy eating tips for the holiday season.

Sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/409084FACA923A2F85-45797179-navigating>

Questions? Contact PDG Terri Huffman at (517) 227-1253 or [terri\\_huffman@hotmail.com](mailto:terri_huffman@hotmail.com)


**You're Invited to...**



**HEALTHY  
HOLIDAY EATING**

*A Taste and Talk Evening* hosted by the Jackson Lions Diabetes Service Club

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 | 6:00 PM**  
**LION'S CLUB | 4628 FRANCIS ST. JACKSON, MI 49203**



Scan this code with your phone to sign up!



Featuring a healthy cooking demonstration and tasting, and healthy eating tips for the holiday season.

## VANDERCOOK LAKE

Vandercook Lake Lions invite you to breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at the clubhouse, between 8am and 11:30am. Enjoy all the food and great company for a donation of \$5 (or more, if you see fit).



## MANCHESTER

Manchester Lions participated in Trunk or Treat. Lion Mick Davis distributing candy. The rain held off so it was a nice afternoon with LOTS of kids.



## **11-B1 SERVICE PROJECT FOR MAGGIE'S WIGS4KIDS**

Hosted by District Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator PCC Peggy Allen

November 4, 2023

By Peggy Allen

We have our first Service Project in the books! It was a sunny, windy but beautiful day to get together to do what we as Lions do best – SERVICE - to improve the lives of others, no matter the reason.

At this event there were 17 Lions representing seven of District 11-B1's forty-one clubs. Clubs in attendance were Battle Creek Cereal City Lions (5), Clinton Lions (1), Hanover-Horton Lions (1), Jackson County Professional Virtual Lions (2), Jackson Host Lions (2), Manchester Lions (3), and Napoleon Lions (3). Refreshments were a bowl of bananas, apples, and oranges, plus chocolate chip and pumpkin cookies to snack on during the morning with multiple beverages.

I lucked out with all the first arrivals wanting to learn how to make the knotted blankets, so with one-on-one instruction I was able to get each table started one at a time. Once the gals from Battle Creek showed up and got a review of the process, they paired up and flew through the blankets. Our young Lion from the Clinton Club, Lion Laura Baker, teamed up with Lion Jane Cook from the Battle Creek Cereal City to work on the blankets. Lion Dorothy Bosse and Lion Dianna Sweeter one cut and one knotted; as did Mary Wallace and Muriel Walters. Second Vice District Governor (2ndVDG) Bea Furman teamed up with Zone Chair (ZC) Anita Hoyt; Past District Governor (PDG) Vicki Ruiz did her own; and DG Annette Hemeryck worked with me.

I took Lion Bert Furman into the beading room, explained the process, and turned him loose. Shortly thereafter Napoleon Lions Don & Jean Rose arrived and made jewelry with Lion Bert.

At noon the catered luncheon was delivered by Frank's Place. It consisted of Mostaccioli with meat, Greek Pasta salad, Tossed salad, and Ham and Turkey grinder sandwiches with tomato, lettuce, and cheese. Lion Anita Hoyt furnished a Pumpkin Cake with cream cheese frosting with crumbled up Heath bars on top! It was so good!! Thank You Lion Anita!

By 3pm all 12 blankets we completed, so many left to head home. That took out the Clinton and Battle Creek Cereal City Lions. We did get a few photos of the Lions on the front porch steps before the clubs left.

As Manchester Lion Maryann Davis and Jackson County Professional Virtual Lions Club Lion Angelene Patton arrived, they ate and then made jewelry with all that was still here. We beaded until 4:45pm. By this time, we were down to the last seven Lions. They all helped clean up and sort beads before leaving. The total count for jewelry is 25 necklace & bracelet sets, 30 bracelets, and 11 necklaces. PDG Vicki Ruiz stuck around until everything was packed up. PCC Barry vacuumed all the rooms' carpet and we were ready to head home. Thank You PDG Vicki!

Here is a big shout out to all that attended and the ones that couldn't but wanted to. Maggie's Wigs4 Kids will love these donations!

“Thank You for all you do to make others have a better quality of life!



## NAPOLEON

Napoleon Lions participated at the Torrant Center Trunk and Treat. It was windy and cold but great fun. In the awesome T-Rex costume was Lion Jo and Frank Ivy's great grandson, Dylan. Napoleon Lions love doing awesome projects with kids.





# LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION GROUP CRUISE

February 2024

Please distribute this information to your District, family members and friends. Note, we have reserved 35 staterooms (20 balcony, 10 interior and 5 ocean view), and they will be assigned on a first-come first-serve basis. Staterooms can be reserved with a \$500 per stateroom deposit (\$250 per person), and final payment for the Room/Taxes/Fees will be **due by November 20, 2023**. Gratuity of \$112 per person can be paid prior to sailing, or it will be added to your onboard account.

## LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2024 GROUP CRUISE

ROYAL CARIBBEAN - NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS

7-Night Cruise: February 2 - February 9, 2024

ROUNDTrip FROM LOS ANGELES, CA

Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

**PRICING: 2 PEOPLE - \$50 ONBOARD CREDIT PER ROOM**

4V - Interior Stateroom: \$1,240.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Stateroom Size: 150 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests

4N - Ocean View Stateroom: \$1,690.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Size Stateroom: 160 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests

2D - Balcony Stateroom: \$2,418.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Stateroom size: 185 square feet + 50 square feet balcony - occupancy up to 4 guests



- I would like an Interior Stateroom for \_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).
- I would like an Oceanview Stateroom for \_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).
- I would like a Balcony Stateroom for \_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or Under).

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: \_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_ Credit/Debit Card \_\_\_\_ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Names: \_\_\_\_\_ - Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911 - 517-887-6640 - 517-887-6642 (Fax) - info@lmsf.net

View event information online

<https://www.district10lions.org/events/february-2-9-2024-lions-of-michigan-2024-group-cruise/>

## LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP POLAR PLUNGE 2024

Brace yourselves for a chilling adventure! Join us at Lions Bear Lake Camp's 2nd Annual SubZero Hero Polar Plunge Fundraiser and take the plunge for a great cause! Let's make a big splash together at 3pm on February 10, 2024. A great dinner follows at 5pm for just \$25.

Visit [bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org) and sign up under the events tab. Sponsorship opportunities are available as well.



*Lions Bear Lake Camp* 

# POLAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER

Plunge starts at 3:00pm  
Dinner at 5:00pm

## February 10th, 2024

Tickets \$25 Dinner Only  
\$50 or more- Plunge,  
Dinner, & Swag

BEARLAKECAMP.ORG  
UNDER THE EVENTS TAB

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

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT  
KIDS ACTIVITIES  
50/50 & BASKET RAFFLES  
SOUP & SALAD BAR  
CASH BAR



**DG Annette challenges each of you to take the plunge, like she did in the 2023 Polar Plunge!**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **December 9 (Saturday) 6pm-8pm**

Adrian Breakfast Lions presents, "An Evening With Santa"

Hayrides, Holiday Crafts, Gifts, Refreshments, and Santa!

Stubnitz Environmental Center in Heritage Park, 3221 North Adrian Hwy. (M-52), Adrian, MI

### **February 10 (Saturday) - Plunge at 3pm. Dinner at 5pm.**

Lions Bear Lake Camp's 2nd Annual SubZero Hero Polar Plunge Fundraiser. Sign up at [bearlakecamp.org](http://bearlakecamp.org)

### **February 23-24, 2024 (Friday evening) (Saturday 8:30am-3pm)**

Lions of Michigan Forum, Marriott Grand Rapids. Details at [lionsofmi.com](http://lionsofmi.com) (as available)

### **March 16, 2023 (Saturday) 1pm**

Tour of Leader Dog for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester, MI 48307

All are invited to join. Contact Dave Hill for more information at 517-262-8928 or [coldhill@gmail.com](mailto:coldhill@gmail.com).

### **April 6, 2024 (Saturday) -District 11-B1 Convention, Gene Davis Banquet Hall, 3575 Francis St, Jackson, MI**

### **May 11 (Saturday) 9am**

Lions Bear Lake Camp Spring Cleanup

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