



## District 11-B1 Newsletter

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### A FEW WORDS FROM DG TERRI



Are you having a fun year in Lionism? If not, then you need to make that happen.

I have been making club visits; leadership training was a great success; we are celebrating our clubs' anniversaries and clubs are doing fund raising and service projects. It has been such an honor to watch the clubs open up and get busy.

Our Global Membership Team(GMT) Co-chairs Dave Hill and Cheryl Bradshaw have been busy working with University of Michigan Campus Club. Our Global Service Team(GST) Chair Louvenia Shack-Seals has been working hard with Past District Governor(PDG) Roberta Sexton to organize a wonderful service project for the Fall Conference. And our Global Leadership Team(GLT) Chair Roger Bosse put on successful leadership and zone chair training. Our Global

Action Team(GAT) represents what Lions in service is all about.

Has your club registered for the Fall Conference? PDG Roberta Sexton has facilitated an event that includes Project speakers, Childhood Cancer Service Project, and many more fun activities. For \$25, you can bring as many members of your club as are interested in attending.

Ten district Lions attended the USA Canada Forum in Des Moines, Iowa. The Forum training sessions were excellent and very practical for use in our work throughout the district. I presented a session on the special needs of the visually impaired diabetic. I have been asked to present the session at the Michigan Forum in the Spring. I hope we have a large district attendance.

I am sad to announce that the Inter Lakes Lions Club in Somerset Michigan is disbanding their club. Members are transferring to the Clark Lake Lions Club and other area clubs. The Somerset community will miss the service of these wonderful Lions.

Success is not final; Failure is not fatal; It is the courage to continue that counts.

**REMEMBER, JUST ASK!**

Learn more about the LCI "Just Ask" member recruitment program at  
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/invite-members>

## WINTER CAMP FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED A DISTRICT 11-B1 PROJECT

**Winter Camp thanks you and still needs your support!** Winter Campers come from many districts in Michigan to the Battle Creek Schools Outdoor Education Center (OEC) for fun, food, and fellowship. Most of the cost is borne by the Lions Clubs of District 11-B1. Campers pay \$45 toward the cost of around \$150 per camper. We are very grateful to several districts, clubs, and individuals that supported our 2021 Virtual Winter Camp through the purchase of gift cards that we used as raffle prizes. Our budget for the weekend is around \$7500, with food being much of our cost.

If you can help our project, through paying tuition for campers, providing transportation, donating to the operation of the camp, or sponsoring an item on our "wish list" below, we would greatly appreciate it. The Lions of Michigan Foundation (LoMF) has a fund specifically designated for Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired for a tax-deductible donation. If you would like to contribute, simply write a check to the LoMF and write "Winter Camp Fund" in the memo line.

### "Wish List" to Support Winter Camp 2022

Supporter	\$25	Saturday Hayride	\$200	Saturday Night Dinner	\$500
Dorm Monitor	\$50	EMT Medical Sponsor	\$225	Paul Helm Lunch	\$1,000
Camp Counselor	\$75	Evening Snacks (2)	\$250	Crusader for the Blind	\$1,500
Nature Walker	\$100	Bedford Bingo	\$300	Knights Against Darkness	\$2,000
Bird Cabin Guide	\$125	Arts and Crafts	\$325	<b>Sponsor a Camper</b>	
Friday Night Entertainment	\$150	Friday Night Dinner	\$350	One Camper Sponsor	\$50
Saturday Night Talent Show	\$200	Pennfield Breakfast	\$400	Two Camper Sponsor	\$100

**Winter Camp EMT volunteer position open:** We are looking for an EMT to spend the weekend with us. Our EMT/Nurse Michael Struwin of the Bedford Area Lions has served in this position for many years but has decided to retire to serve as a general volunteer. We thank Michael for his service and commitment to the health and safety of our campers over these many years. The main duty of the Winter Camp EMT position is to ensure that campers get proper medication when needed, respond to emergencies, and be aware of any health issues that might come up. We utilize the Johnstown Fire Department nearby as backup for any serious needs that might occur. We do pay a small stipend for this important role. If you know someone who would be interested, please contact any of us below.

**Winter Camp Chats:** Our monthly Winter Camp zoom chats are continuing the third Saturday of the month at 1 pm. This is a continuing feature of the Virtual Winter Camp session that we held on Zoom in place of in-person camp in February 2021, in which 45+ blind and visually impaired persons from around the state (and a few out-of-staters) participated. We meet mostly to catch up and stay connected and have started to discuss plans for in-person camp next February. If you are interested in participating in the zoom chat, please contact Roger Bosse at [rogerbosse@att.net](mailto:rogerbosse@att.net) for more information and the link to join.

**Questions?** Please contact Lion Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684, Lion Bea Furman at H:(517) 789-6061 C: (517) 581-0325 or Lion Barry Allen at (734) 428-7034.

## 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](http://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.  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Poster - \$ 100.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poster - \$ 75.00  
All other participants- \$ 25.00
  7. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:twalters02@comcast.net)

## LCIF CAMPAIGN 100



The Lions of District 11-B1 are getting closer to our goal with Lions Clubs International Foundation(LCIF), the charitable arm of our Lions organization. We are at \$229,045,567.

Our district has a total of 44 clubs with 986 members. We need every club to donate as little as \$25.00 to achieve 100 % participation this year.As our District Coordinator for LCIF, Kelly Lubbe is asking all members to consider making a pledge of \$100.00. This can be paid at \$10.00 a month, like buying a Starbucks coffee.

For every \$1000.00 donated to LCIF, a Melvin Jones Fellowship can be handed out to anyone, a Lion, a community member, or anyone else who reflects the mission of Lions ("We Serve").

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](mailto:kellyl@westpointoptical.com)





**JACKSON COUNTY PROFESSIONAL VIRTUAL**

They recently did a kids craft kingdom where they made crafts with the kiddos and handed out Kidsight coloring books along with candy. It was a great day!





## 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>)

### **Sign up for KidSight Training! Everyone needs to get certified.**

October 24 (Sunday) - 11am-1pm

Training will go over screenings, forms, background checks, and will include a short test to become certified.

Location: Christoff’s Community Room. 400 N. Mechanic St. Jackson Michigan or on Zoom.

Sign up with Kelly Lubbe at [kellyl@westpointoptical.com](mailto:kellyl@westpointoptical.com)

## PROJECT KIDSIGHT COLORING BOOKS



## HURON VALLEY SUNRISE

The Huron Valley Sunrise Lions celebrated 40 years of service and inducted one of two new members. Ann Arbor Host Lions joined in the celebration. What an incredible history the club has. In 1984, LCI pulled their charter because they had let a WOMAN join. The Club President at the time, Ken McMaster, shared how they had to FIGHT with LCI to get the charter back....and they did! The Club celebrated Lion Bob Fanslow for 50 years of service as a Lion. Lions Bob Fanslow, Ken McMasters, President Dave Mongson, Jack Stankrauff, Rois Savvides. and Jenny Vandermulen were presented the Charles Weir Award for Service (Eversight). It was a spectacular Club visit! DG Terri







## JACKSON HOST

Jackson Host Lions celebrated 100 years of service. Roland "Pete" Shelby was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for over 50 years of service with the club.

## PENNFIELD

Pennfield Lions sell mints around town to support community projects. (Look at that yellow vest!)



## JACKSON EYEOPENERS

New Jackson EyeOpeners Lion Shawne Lige working mints day at the A and A market in Jackson.

## VANDERCOOK LAKE

Vandercook Lake recently hosted its annual drawdown fundraising event to support their local service projects.

## TEKONSHA

Tekonsha Wellness Branch celebrated its one year anniversary in September with its parent club (Tekonsha). President Lorraine Lindsey reported on past year's service projects, activities, and donations. Five of the six members were able to attend and enjoyed a catered supper. Special strawberry shaped cookies were made for the occasion.

They recently got some highway cleanup in before the predicted rain. I-69 between Tekonsha and Girard exits are now looking good.

Thank you to Lions Ginger Jacobson, Timira Perry, Lorraine Lindsey, Barb Baggerly, Peg Griggs



## MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS



The yellow vest - Lions have been identified by their yellow vests at fundraisers and volunteer projects for years.

The Lions of Michigan Center Lioness recently announced an improvement, a zippered vest. They found it on Amazon and had a local seamstress add LCI logo patches.

Now, they will stand out during projects and have a great place to show off Lions pins.

Suggested vest -

<https://smile.amazon.com/TOPTIE-Volunteer-Activity-Supermarket-Workwear-Yellow-L/dp/B01L87GWW8/>

Check the size chart carefully. You will likely want to order a size larger. They tend to run small.



## BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

The MDOT Adopt-a-Highway program is designed to keep the state's highways clean and attractive. Our Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club has adopted a 2 mile stretch of Dickman Road, between 1-94 and 20th street. There are 3 designated weeks during the year to pick up the trash: spring, summer, and fall.

The club recently completed their final clean up for the year. The 2 mile stretch was divided into sections to work on each day. In the end, they collected 27 bags of trash that will no longer be harming the environment. Several Lions worked multiple days to make this happen.

Lions helping out this year were Roger Bosse, Dorothy Bosse, Red O'leary, Kay Smith, Mike Guzak, Jim Cox, Bryan Cook, and "Lion for a Day" Jane Cook.

Thank you to everyone for helping make our city a little cleaner. Think globally. Act locally.



Club members also participated in the Krazy for Kalamazoo cleanup event.



## MICHIGAN CENTER LIONS

Michigan Center Lions hosted "Septober Fest", featuring craft beers from around Michigan. SeptoberFest is a fundraiser to support all the club does for the community.



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

On Thursday September 23, about 60 Lions participated in District Leadership Training. Courses included Membership Orientation and Retention, President, Treasurer, Secretary, LCI service reporting, and Tail Twisting. The event was presented to in-person learners while simultaneously being broadcast via Zoom. Most sessions were successfully recorded and posted to the District Website ([e-district.org/sites/11b1/](http://e-district.org/sites/11b1/)).

## ZONE CHAIR TRAINING

On Saturday September 25 10 Lions, current and potential Zone Chairs, took part in a training workshop held at Christoff's Community Room in Jackson, MI. Zone Chair(ZC) Bryan Cook and Global Leadership Team(GLT) chair Roger Bosse led the training, which was kicked off by District Governor(DG) Terri Huffman, with an ice breaker to brainstorm unique ways to invite new members to Lions. The topics covered in the workshop were "Roles and Responsibilities of Zone Chairs" and "Assessing Club Health". It was a lively session, with much interaction. Lions participating were ZCs Anita Hoyt, Kelley Lubbe, Stan Masters, Nancy Hill, Chris Lake, and Lions Teresa Gest, Betty Hall, Cheryl Bradshaw, plus Mary Ann Robinson on Zoom. The session was recorded and is available on the District Website ([e-district.org/sites/11b1/](http://e-district.org/sites/11b1/)). Print materials are available by request to Roger Bosse, or can be found on the LCI Resource page ([lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org)) under Zone Chair Training.





## **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](http://www.lionsofmi.com)  
email: [lions@lionsofmi.com](mailto:lions@lionsofmi.com)

## **IRS 990 FORM FILING**

A Note from the Lions Clubs International Legal Division:

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **October 21 (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.

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### **October 24 (Sunday)**

VIRTUAL BAKE! WITH ZINGERMAN'S - Hosted by Ann Arbor Host Lions Club

Date: October 24, 2021 2pm to 3:30pm

They will virtually teach how to make two fabulous cookies using Zoom in your own home! Funky Chunky Chocolate Chip and Ginger Jump-ups, two of Zingerman's more popular treats.

Cost: \$20 (check, money order, or credit using paypal)

Mail checks to the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club, PO Box 3440, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

Contact Lion Linda Evans for more details or to sign up ~ [linnie231@hotmail.com](mailto:linnie231@hotmail.com) or 734-276-2767

### **October 29 (Friday)**

Lions Bear Lake Camp Wine and Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser

Doors open at 5:30pm

### **November 5, 6, 7 (Friday-Sunday)**

Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake, RSVP by October 8\*

\*If you missed the sign up deadline or need financial assistance, please contact DG Terri to discuss options.

### **November 26 (Friday)**

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

## 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](mailto:cathykoning@yahoo.com)**