



District 11-B1 Newsletter

October 2023 Edition

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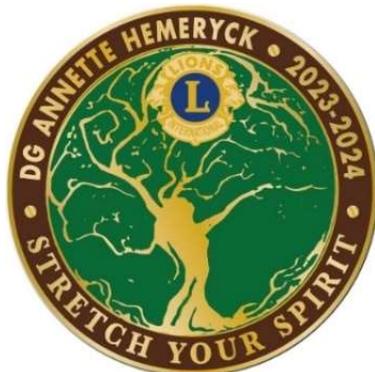
A NOTE FROM DG ANNETTE

Fall is here and things are changing rapidly. The beauty created with all those colors is impressive. Change doesn't have to be scary. It can actually be looked forward to. As we think about change, we need to think about how we bring new members to our clubs. Membership is very important for our survival. Make it fun instead of feeling like it's something you have to do. Change is good and we all need to go through change.

Think of the service projects we could gain by adding new members and how we can open our minds to trying things that may not have worked before. Think of the ways that we could be serving our communities differently by bringing in younger members. Change everywhere and we need to embrace it to improve the quality of service we give to our communities and members. If you always did what you've always done, you will get the same result maybe even less. Stretch your spirit!

I look forward to seeing many of you at Parade of Checks on October 21 at 9am. This is the funding that helps our district support state, district, and local projects. RSVP by October 14. (see info below)

Together we are Changing the World!



ROSTER BOOK CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES

August

Gregg Brindamour - C: 517-605-5611 - brindamourphotography@yahoo.com (page 26)

Harriet Spriggs - C: 630-926-8836 (page 68)

Roger and Harriet Spriggs - remove home phone (page 68)

Louvenia Shack-Seals - address and phone: 905 S. Gorham Street, Jackson, MI 49203 - 517-914-9600 (page 4)

Teresa Gest - whitecane3@gmail.com (page 7 and 65)

Becky Walters - bwalters01@comcast.net (page 27)

Vicki Ruiz - misvicki46@gmail.com (page 63, 64, 67)

Roberta Sexton - Michigan Center Lioness Lions (page 68)

September

David Burlingame - Battle Creek Host - 269-979-3324 (page 23)

Craig Bishop - no longer using email - new/only phone: (H) 269-965-7117 (Page 63 and 66)

October

Kathy Emerson - Vandercook Lake – remove home and business numbers. Add cell 517-581-0039 (Page 40)

Pennfield - meeting location changed to Riverside Golf Club & Banquet Center, 245 E. Columbia Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014 (Page 37)

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

Lions of Michigan Foundation - Non-project charity for Michigan Lions. Provides grants for emergencies, projects, hearing aids, eyeglasses. Accepts tax deductible donations on club's behalf using their 50113 status. lmsf.net

International

"Global Lions Forum" - Public group for discussing topics and asking questions of Lions around the world. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lciCyberClubs>

Lions Clubs International - Website for our international organization. Marketing resources, training, service reporting, and more! lionsclubs.org

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>

IN MEMORIUM



Richard Cook
Dexter Lions
May 7, 1960-September 4, 2023

Rich was a light in this world- to his family and to people he didn't even know. Family was the center of his life, always there with Mary to lovingly raise Ian and Jessie, who both made him so proud. To spend time with them and other family members made him happiest.

His respected work in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that shed light on the health effects of toxins in the air has benefited people across this country and globally. In his free time, he participated in the Dexter Lions as club Secretary on projects benefiting people from the local community and humanitarian projects around the world.

He was always interested in nature and our environment, and loved reading about history. His work with others in our neighborhood to save the nearby historic bridge over the Huron River won him an award from the State of Michigan for the preservation of Michigan history.

Most of all, he was a joy to all. Caring, insightful, funny, hardworking; the word we keep hearing when talking about Rich with friends, coworkers, and others is "kind." People loved to work with him, and his family felt his loving kindness each day. He is dearly missed.

Please consider contributing to a charity in lieu of flowers; two of his favorites were the Dexter Lions Club (send your check to "Dexter Lions" to PO Box 102, Dexter, MI 48130), and the Ann Arbor chapter of Jewish Family Services (particularly for their work in the community for the disadvantaged, regardless of religion; donate at Jewish Family Services).

Memorial Gathering took place on Sunday, September 17, 2023 from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at Nie Funeral Home, 3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor.



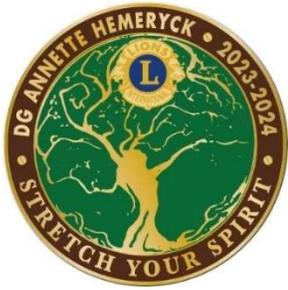
Dr. Jerrol Pfeiffle
Jackson Host Lions

Age 96, passed peacefully Thursday, October 5, 2023 in the comfort of Summit Park Assisted Living in Jackson, Michigan. Jerrol lived proudly in Jackson throughout his life except during his military service in the Air Force during WWII. Jerrol graduated from Jackson High School, followed by attaining his degree in Optometry and enjoyed his career with his father for decades until his retirement.

Jerrol was a member of the Jackson Lions Club, spanning over 60 years, while also enjoying his passions for golf, bowling, travel, coaching little league baseball, dance club and partying with many close friends. Jerrol's perpetual sense of humor entertained all those who were in his company.

Jerrol was preceded in death by his wife, Nannette, whom he missed dearly. He is survived by his son, Jerry (Genette) Pfeiffle, Jr. as well as daughters Sue (Rick) Principe and Lynn (Robert) Turek. Additionally, Jerrol was blessed with seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He and his family were loyal members of Arbor Grove Congregational Church.

According to family wishes, cremation has been rendered and there will be a private family memorial service at a future date in Jerrol's honor. Jerrol's final resting will be next to his wife, Nannette, at Roseland Memorial Gardens. Memorial Contributions may be made to Jackson Lions Club or Ella Sharp Park Museum.



District 11-B1 Fall Conference



Sandstone Congregational Church
710 S. Sandstone Road, Jackson, MI 49201

Saturday October 21, 2023, 9 am
Doors open at 8 am
Lunch Included

Cabinet meeting immediately following conference.
Everyone welcome.



** Arrive between 8 and 9 to enjoy breakfast snacks and help pack backpacks.

** Bring yarn for a childhood cancer project.

Registration by October 14, 2023 - \$15.00 per person

(Advance registration preferred. Will accept payment at the door)

Checks payable to District 11-B1, memo "Fall Conference"

Mail to: Lion Angelene Patton, 1611 Deyo St. Jackson, MI 49203

Questions: Louvenia Shack-Seals, 517-914-9600, louvenia@ameritech.net

Fall Conference

Club Name _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

PARADE OF CHECKS 2023

Please take note of the procedure for this year. This year we will have each club write ONE CHECK to cover their entire donation and Cabinet Treasurer Barry Allen will tabulate the donations and send ONE check to each of the Projects\Foundations\Funds on behalf of district clubs.

The parade of checks will proceed as normal, with each club bringing their donation check (just one check) up to the front to be announced and collected. We will not have a dozen baskets for individual project checks.

Everyone is encouraged to read the Parade of Checks distribution reasoning (below). Some categories do not need funding while others need more funding. The current balance of each is listed on the distribution form. This funding information is provided to assist clubs in making informed decisions.

Clubs who wish to participate but cannot attend in-person on October 21 should contact CT Barry to discuss options. 734-904-4695 or PDG.BarryRAllen@gmail.com

DISTRIBUTION REASONING

Every year the budgets for individual projects and committees change based on their current balance, expenses, and anticipated needs. Read each category carefully to determine your donations. Further information on projects and foundations is available in the Roster Book or online.

FOUNDATIONS:

Lions Clubs International Foundation – This is where funds come from for emergency grants, and for specific grants to fund local projects beyond the scope of the District, such as the new SPOT camera systems and KidSight trailers, and the \$10,000 grant for emergency services for Dexter Tornado victims. Historically the US receives more funds than are donated from within the US. **Provide a sizeable donation.**

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation – This is where we get our Lions Mints, but more so, they provide grants for cataract surgery and hearing aids, and eye surgery beyond the scope of the club level. They also provide emergency grants for home fires and flooding. Every year they are limited in the number of grants presented, based on the donations received. Our District has received lots of support from their Foundation. **Provide a sizeable donation.**

STATE/MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11/JOINT PROJECTS:

All funds donated to these projects is a pass-through so your funds will go directly to that project.

Bear Lake Camp – The camp aspires to provide a preeminent summer outdoor recreational/educational experience for children of special needs, visually impaired, and other conditions. **They always need funding.**

Leader Dogs for the Blind – The premier facility for training Leader Dogs and Mobility, providing Leader Dogs at no cost to blind/visually impaired individuals. **They always need funding.**

Michigan All-State Band – Musicians from around the state gather to participate in the Lions Clubs International Convention parade. Normally students provide their own funding, these funds are to support the staff which must accompany them. **Some funding is desired.**

Michigan Braille Transcribing – This organization is now self-funded but needs Lions support to maintain their non-profit status. Some **minimal funding is desired.**

Radio Reading Services – Provides special radios with scripted reading of newspapers and articles for the blind at no cost to them. They are part of the PBS station in Lansing and **require some funding.**

Eversight Michigan – Originally the Michigan Eye Bank, they provide corneal transplants to patients in need. Much of their funding comes from the Lions of Michigan, **a sizable donation is requested.**

Paws with a Cause – provides service animals which provide various services for clients with disabilities which enhances their independence and quality of life. **A sizable donation is requested.**

Penrickton Center for Blind Children – provides day care and weekly live in care for children with visual impairment and another disability at NO COST to the parents. A major portion of their income is from Lions. **A sizable donation is requested.**

DISTRICT PROJECTS:

District Projects (Undesignated) – Invariably, there are times we do not receive adequate funds to fulfill the needs in every project or committee for the Lions year. This fund helps to shift funds to emerging needs, since we are limited on how we use funds designated for individual projects. This also opens the door to new district projects not originally funded and supporting the District Governor's projects. Due to a recent redistribution of funds, this fund **does NOT need further funding.**

Michigan Youth Academy – The MYCA cadets have been instrumental in supporting a number of district events as the honor guard, and invaluable support at the Winter Camp for the Blind. A donation to them ensures their continued success and is money well spent on rehabilitating these at risk individuals. We use the funds to pay for their meals when they assist at Winter Camp, and various District functions like the Convention. **A moderate funding is requested.**

Winter Camp – Every year camp costs continue to increase and although the adult participants pay a registration fee, we try to keep the fee reasonable because of their limited income. Campers come from all over southern Michigan and other districts, so expenses incurred should be picked up by the clubs on a shared basis. The continued success of the camp is directly dependent upon the donations from the district Lions Clubs. Although this year they have a healthy balance due to COVID and having a virtual camp which resulted in carryover funds, this is one of our more expensive district projects and always needs to seek financial assistance. **A moderate funding is requested.**

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DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Children's Services – This fund has seen renewed activity as it has been the basis of funding for several special projects involving children which fall outside some of the other project guidelines. The committee is expanding the service opportunities for visually impaired and autistic children and opening doors for shared commitment to supporting our needy children. **Moderate funding is requested.**

Diabetes – The diabetes committee has been very active in bringing diabetes awareness to people within our district, and participated in the Defense Against Diabetes state-wide initiative. They have a balance of over \$6,000 with no expenditures last year, and no proposals on projects for this year. **Provide minimal funding at this time.**

Hearing & Speech – These funds assist in obtaining hearing aids for needy persons through the Affordable Hearing Aid Program if an individual or Lions Club do not have the money to support the program. Having funds in this account will ensure eligible recipients will be able to participate without worrying if their family or Lions Club can pay the fitting fees. We've transferred funds into this account to support their cause. **Moderate funding is requested.**

KidSight (District Expenses) – The Lions of Michigan Foundation took over the administrative control of KidSight throughout the state to provide permissions and follow-up with those children who refer for further evaluation. Additionally they now provide insurance on the equipment, administrative supplies, and reimbursement of expenses. **Only residual funds are needed** at the District level to purchase replacement supplies, even though the Foundation will reimburse.

Leos of the District – Due to COVID and the lack of meetings and activities, ALL of our LEO clubs disbanded. We have reduced their funding to a \$2000 balance to assist in restarting some of the clubs, but at this time, **NO FUNDING** is required.

Peace Poster – The district provides awards for the top Peace Poster winners and has some administrative expenses as awards to students who place in the competition in conducting this program. This year the District has decided to buy the Peace Poster kits so every club can participate if desired. Winners are provided cash awards. This is a low cost program, but **some funding is necessary.**

Reading Action Program - This program was started as a one year event but became so popular it was extended several more years by LCI. The district is on board with this program and needs funds to support the various aspects. The Reading Action Program allows Lions to provide additional assistance to individuals with visual impairments, particularly by focusing on Braille literacy and access to assistive technology as well as encouraging our youth and adults to read and promote literacy. Annually, they run out of funds, so some money was transferred to their account to support their needs. This program **needs moderate funding.**

Sight Conservation – The Sight Conservation committee promotes the preservation of sight and prevention of blindness. Funds are kept in reserve to augment purchasing glasses for the needy when and if a smaller club cannot afford the expense. The account has a healthy balance so a program is being formed to reimburse the clubs for their support of eyeglasses for their participants. **Some moderate funding is required.**

Youth Exchange – Donations to this project can be used to balance the funding for the students to ensure they are able to participate in the Youth Exchange. Individual YE participants will send letters to all the Lions Clubs requesting funding specific funding, but differences in projected costs, and donations leave some students with enough money to cover their trip, and others lacking. Due to COVID, this program came to a screeching halt and has not gotten off the starting blocks yet. Until we get more students and families involved, this program **does not currently need funding.**

Youth Outreach, Drug Awareness & Quest – This program has a sizable balance which is currently not being used to the fullest. In an expansion of the intent of these programs, funds are now being considered for other youth activities which promote healthy lifestyles and decisions. The account **does not need additional funds** at this time.

**District 11-B1
Parade of Checks Distribution Form
October 21, 2023**

CLUB NAME: _____

	Amount	Current Balance	Need
FOUNDATIONS:			
Lions Clubs International Foundation	_____	\$2135.00	\$\$\$
Lions of Michigan Foundation	_____	\$1000.00	\$\$\$
 STATE/MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11/JOINT PROJECTS			
Bear Lake Camp	_____	Pass-thru	\$\$\$
Leader Dogs for the Blind	_____	Pass-thru	\$\$\$
Michigan All-State Band (Administrative Costs)	_____	Pass-thru	\$\$
Michigan Braille Transcribing	_____	Pass-thru	\$
Eversight Michigan	_____	Pass-thru	\$\$\$
Paws with a Cause	_____	Pass-thru	\$\$\$
Penrickton Center for Blind Children	_____	Pass-thru	\$\$\$
Radio Reading Services	_____	Pass-thru	\$
 DISTRICT PROJECTS			
District Projects	_____	\$8681.80	-
Michigan Youth Challenge Academy	_____	\$2070.00	\$\$
Winter Camp for the Blind (adults)	_____	\$8621.99	\$\$
 DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES			
Children Services	_____	\$1184.41	\$\$
Childhood Cancer (District)	_____	\$3137.47	-
Diabetes	_____	\$6905.41	\$
Hearing & Speech (Deaf Picnic)	_____	\$3612.23	\$\$
KidSight Screening	_____	\$1591.25	\$
Leos of the District	<u>NO LEOS</u>	\$2000.00	-
Peace Poster	_____	\$569.64	\$
Reading Action Program	_____	\$2000.00	\$\$
Sight Conservation	_____	\$3686.84	\$\$
Youth Exchange	<u>No Youth Ex</u>	\$2000.00	-
Youth Outreach, Quest, Drug Awareness	_____	\$8792.84	-

TOTAL	\$	_____
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Write ONE CHECK for the TOTAL to DISTRICT 11-B1

SUPPORT EVERSIGHT

Take a shot at donation!

Celebrate Eye Donation Month and support Eversight while watching the Detroit Red Wings battle the Columbus Blue Jackets at 1 p.m. ET on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Visit our table on the concourse during the game to snag some custom swag, learn more about Eversight, and enter for a chance to win a Red Wings autographed item.

Don't miss out on seeing an Eversight representative ride the Zamboni during the second intermission!

Join our efforts this Eye Donation Month by experiencing an afternoon filled with fun and competition, all while celebrating the gift of sight.

Reserve your tickets through Eversight by **Thursday, Oct. 26**. Digital tickets will be distributed by the Red Wings via email by Tuesday, Oct. 31.

A portion of each ticket purchase will go toward supporting Eversight and our work to restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation, and research.

Thank you for changing lives by helping to make vision a reality for those in need. **See you at the arena!**

<https://give.eversightvision.org/event/detroit-red-wings-game-supporting-eversight/e504066>

Please email info@eversightvision.org if you have any questions about the event or purchasing tickets.



Join supporters of Eversight on Friday, October 13th to celebrate Eversight's 25th annual Gift of Sight Masquerade: Silver Spectacle.

It promises to be a luminous evening with cocktails, dining, and celebration.

Your support means the world to Eversight, and all proceeds directly support their mission to restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation, and research.

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/uDD/>



Help new Donor Families by offering handmade blankets.

Blankets guidelines:

- Handmade blankets
- Knitted, crocheted, quilted, or fleece blankets
- Neutral colors
- Approximately 2 yards by 2 yards

Please include your name, address, and connection to the donation community. We appreciate knowing your story.

Mail or Drop off Site:

Gift of Life Michigan, attn; Family Support Services, 3861 Research Park Dr. , Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Or Mail Blankets to:

The Michigan Donor Family Council, 14125 Terrace Court, Plymouth, MI 48170

Monetary donations for fleece material for our Comfort Blanket Events are accepted.

Mail donations to The Michigan Donor Family Council at 14125 Terrace Court, Plymouth, MI 48170

11-B1 LEADERSHIP AT COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

2nd VDG Bea Furman, 1st VDG Louvenia Shack-Seals, DG Annette Hemeryck, PDG Kelly Lubbe



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

BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

Cereal City Lions worked on their final Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of the year, 2 miles of Dickman Road! Thanks to Cereal City Lions Club members Jane Cook, Mike Guzak, Darrick Dean, Roger Bosse, and Dorothy Bosse for helping! Think globally, act locally!



Lions Roger Bosse, Paul Rose, Bryan Cook



Lions Red O'Leary and Scott Swank



Jane Cook, Mike Guzak, Darrick Dean



Roger Bosse and Dorothy Bosse

Cereal City Lions and KidSight International visited the Battle Creek Model RailRoad Club's 1st Annual Train Show and Swap Meet on Saturday September 16. It was a beautiful day and 13 kids and two adults had their eyes screened for abnormalities. Several Lion friends stopped by to say hi.

Thanks to Lion Muriel Walters, Scott Swank, Dorothy and Roger Bosse, and John Stiff for their help to organize and run the screening. Shout out to Lion John for converting his camper trailer to a testing site, equipped with all the comforts of home.



Former Cereal City Lion Mike, now living in Grand Rapids.



Returning to their regular meeting schedule, the Cereal City Lions had the pleasure of inducting their first new member of the Lions year! Lion Ronnie Grobbel, welcome to the largest service club in the world! Zone Chair Teresa Gest performed the ceremony, assisted by Membership Chair Kay Smith. Lion Dorothy Bosse stood in for Lion Harriet Spriggs as sponsor.

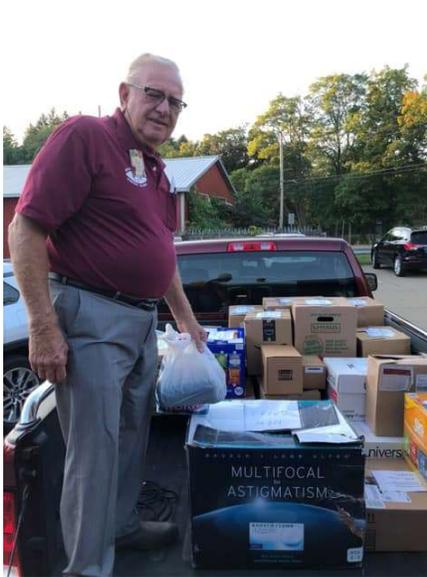
Cereal City Lions also heard from Teresa Allen, the CEO of the Charitable Union, a local non-profit that has been serving those in need in Battle Creek since the late 1800's. It's good to be back together.



BEDFORD

Bedford Area Lions Club recently hosted Dr. Dolores Kowalski and R. G. Barnum, Director of the Special Needs Vision Clinic in Saginaw and Past District Governor. They came down to pick up the used/donated glasses that had been sorted the day before by the R3Z1 Lions and make a presentation about the Special Needs Clinic.

“This was an amazing presentation! All the great things this facility does, plus all the uses they have for eyeglasses from locally to mission trips! So glad to have been able to attend.” – Lion Hope Swank



The Bedford Area Lions and the Cereal City Lions partnered up for the Bedford Fall Festival. 31 children had their eyes screened through KidSight and the Bedford Area Lions talked with lots of folks about the great things Lions do for the community. Here are a few pictures from this wonderful community event.



Lion John Stiff and ZC Teresa Gest



Lion Margaret Keagle and Lion Kay Gray



Axe throwing



Bounce house. One of 3!



Project KidSight sign



Cereal City Lions sign



Chili Cook off



Bedford Fire Department



2nd year revival of an old tradition



Lions Dorothy Bosse, Muriel Walter's, Hope Swank, John Stiff, Scott Swank.
Not pictured: Jane Cook, Teresa Gest



Cereal City Lions Kidsight set up



Bedford Fire Department

BLISSFIELD

Lions Russ Quinton and Dick Saxton shown working on the August 11 Backpack Project. They were able to serve in excess of 80 Blissfield Students with needed school supplies.

Blissfield Schools publishes a school supplies list for each grade level K-8. Blissfield takes that list and provides each student a prepackaged packet containing those grade-appropriate school supplies. Next year they plan to increase the number of packets for selective grades to meet increased need.



Backpack school supplies sorted and awaiting doors to open for the school supplies distribution.

CLEAR LAKE VIRTUAL

The Clear Lake Virtual Lions have taken on a project that was originally part of the club's Marketing and Communications chair Lion Jesse Bolinger's bucket list and now it can be so much more. As a result of a personal connection Jesse made in college, the decision has been made to build a school in Nepal. The process is just getting started! Through careful research Jesse has learned that this project could be awarded a matching grant through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The goal is to raise \$75,000 from Lions and Lions Clubs to apply for this grant.

Through a partnership with buildOn, a nonprofit that builds schools in developing countries, a giving page specific to Lions has been set up to help track giving. The buildOn fundraising page is <https://act.buildon.org/fundraiser/4758339>

Please contact Marketing and Communications Chair Lion Jesse Bolinger at marketing@clearlakevirtuallions.com or (641) 202-6083 for more information.

Jesse would be happy to virtually visit your club to share more about this project. You can learn more on the Clear Lake Virtual Lions page under the Projects menu or here: <https://clearlakevirtuallions.com/buildon-bucket-list-challenge/>

If you are a Lion, please consider making a gift using the link and sharing with other Lions.



QUEST SOUTH EAST JACKSON

Please join Quest South East Jackson Lions for their third annual Family Fun Day on Sunday, October 22 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. It will be held at the Martin Luther King Center in Jackson. All District 11-B1 Lions are invited to join for games, food, fun, and prizes. Parent or guardian of children must be present.

Questions regarding the event can be directed to Chairperson Teri Taylor at 517-250-2187 or teridtaylor@yahoo.com.

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 to learn more!

CLINTON

Clinton Lions held pumpkin bowling at the Clinton Fall Festival. Kids, families, and adults all took turns playing. They talked to festival-goers about Lions and Project KidSight at their tent.



Pumpkin Bowlers



Dick and Kitty Graham



Parade



KidSight



Lions booth



Pumpkin Bowling

DEXTER

PDG Terry Walters and Dexter Lions President Becky Walters regret to share that their former Dexter secretary Richard Cook passed away on September 4, 2023. He will be remembered fondly for his service. His obituary can be found above.

HILLSDALE

October 14, 2023 (Saturday) -9am-3pm

Hillsdale Craft/Vendor Event, Hillsdale County Senior Center, 320 W. Bacon St, Hillsdale
Lunch, snacks, drinks, and raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

HILLSDALE 4562



We Serve

**2nd Annual Craft/Vendor Event
Saturday, October 14, 2023**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Hillsdale County Senior Center
320 W. Bacon St., Hillsdale**

**Come shop the vendors
and check out the crafts.**

**Lunch, snacks, drinks &
raffle tickets available
for purchase**

JACKSON CASCADES

The Jackson Cascades Lions Club conducts annual Lions Mints Fundraiser sales to assist in our overall fundraising efforts so they may help people and organizations in the local community.

The club held their annual Mints Fundraiser at Polly's Market, 1925 Spring Arbor Rd., Jackson, Michigan. Lion Sinclair arranged to have a table at the entrance of Polly's for the period of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023 through Sunday, October 1, 2023. We thank Lions Cathy Bliss, Tim Booth, John Hammond, Ron Meagher, Don Parker, Dave Robinson, Mary Ann Robinson, David Shafer, Charles Sinclair, William Sweet, Art Turner, Johncie Turner, and Roger Yoder for their valuable service hours.



Lion Tim Booth kicked off our club Mint Sales



Lions Dave Robinson and John Hammond at our Lions Mint Sales table

Lion Mints Program

The LION MINTS PROGRAM is a time-tested and proven fundraising project for Lions Clubs throughout the world. Lion Mints provide visibility for your Club throughout your community. The Lions emblem certifies that the Lion Mints Program is an official Lions Club fundraising activity. Our quality products project a positive image of your Lions Club year around. Is your Lions Club in Mint Condition? Are you visible in your Community?

Learn more about the Mint Program on the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation website:
<https://www.lmsf.net/index.php/fundraising-events/lion-mints-program>

You can also get Lion Mints information at: www.lionmints.net



JACKSON EYEOPENERS

Thank you to all the volunteers, A&A II Market for allowing us to use their space, and all who donated to the Jackson Eyeopeners' Candy Days fundraiser!



MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS

Michigan Center Lioness Lions are giving away \$100.00 a month to a teacher in K-12 from Michigan Center and East Jackson to help the teachers with their out-of-pocket expenses. Who couldn't use an extra \$100.00?

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Witches Night Out has been cancelled. They hope to hold it again in the spring.

For more information, contact Kim Tousley (517) 812-5478 or kjtousley@gmail.com or Debbie Chambers (517) 937-8663



MANCHESTER

Barry Allen of the Manchester Lions Club presents a \$1000 check to Carol Wotring, Executive Director of the Community Resource Center (CRC) for the Weekend Kids Meals Program.

Once again, CRC is offering weekend meal kits for Manchester Community School students who are facing food insecurity when not in school. These healthy meal kits contain 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 snacks that students consume on the weekend. The Manchester Community Schools (MCS) social worker identifies the child in need and distributes the kits. CRC volunteers pack the meal kits.



Lions Club supports CRC's Weekend Kids Meals Program by Sara Swanson

It's a new school year and that means the Community Resource Center (CRC) has restarted Weekend Kids Meals program. Last month the CRC put out a call for donations for the program and the Manchester Lions Club has answered with a \$1,000 check.

Carol Wotring, the CRC's executive director explained the program, "The Community Resource Center is offering weekend meal kits for Manchester Community Schools students who are facing food insecurity when not in school. These healthy meal kits contain two breakfasts, two lunches, and two snacks, that students can consume on the weekend. The MCS social worker identifies the child in need and distributes the meal kits, which are packed by CRC volunteers."

If you have questions about the program or would like to donate to the CRC's Weekend Kids Meal Program, please contact the CRC at 734-428-7722.

This article can be found in its original publication location at
<https://themanchestermirror.com/2023/10/09/lions-club-supports-crcs-weekend-kids-meals-program/>

JACKSON HOST

Congratulations to Beatrice Raynor Furman on her recent honor, a Charles Weir fellowship.



In her own words:

"Today, I received the Charles Weir fellowship award from Eversight. It's an award that was presented to me by my Lions club president, Richard Colony.

Receiving the award was great, as it is given to one who performs humanitarian service. But, the thing that struck me as significant, is the memory of the man the award was named for. Mr. Weir was a fixture to most of us who attended Michigan School for the Blind. He was the dean of students when I came, a role he later returned to when Mr. Zarka left. I can't speak for others but I can say for me, I never had any issues with him, even as an adult.

I remember showing up at one of the alumni breakfasts, when he came. He treated me like it had been yesterday when I saw him last, when in actuality, it had been close to thirty years. At that time, Mom was still alive. He asked after her health and how the rest of my family was doing.

What a lot of us at MSB did not know was his involvement with Lions, and the countless hours he spent in humanitarian aid. He went on several missions to deliver glasses. I remember one of the guys growing at our church telling us about some of those trips, as he took them with him. But, the thing I remember hearing him say about those trips, when I was at his district's convention in 2001, was that he did it because it was important to serve.

He also went on to develop with lots of help the Lions Leadership Institute that is held at Higgins Lake. I've attended two sessions of that, and I learned a lot.

Mr. Weir, I am so honored to have the award that bears your name. But, like you, I did not win it because of any great thing I've accomplished. Like you, I've stepped up and served. Thank you for being a hero of mine, without even knowing it!"

-- Bea Furman

Jackson Host President, Dick Colony, has shared that Dr. Jerrol Pfeiffle passed away on October 5 at the age of 96. He was a long-time Lion and dearly loved by his club. His obituary is above. Dr. Pfeiffle was a Lion for over 60 years. He lived in Jackson most of his life except during his service in the Air Force during World War II. He served our community as an optometrist with his father for many decades. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nannette. A private family memorial service at a future date will be held in Lion Jerrol's honor.



President Dick Colony presents Eversight's A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship Award to Lion Bea Furman.



President Dick Colony recognizes Lion Chris Lake with the Lions of Michigan Foundation John Noel Fellowship



President Dick Colony presents Lion Denise Owens with her 10 Year Chevron.



Lion Dan Sullivan is presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship by President Dick Colony.

NAPOLEON

Napoleon Lions held their 70th Anniversary party on Saturday, September 30 at the Napoleon Lions Clubhouse. Great fun with AWESOME Lions! Napoleon thanks everyone who joined in helping the Napoleon Food Bank. Thanks to the Vandercook Lake Lions for their generous donation.

PID Esther LaMothe presented Bonnie Curry and Frank Ivy with International President's Certificates of Appreciation from Dr Patti Hill, International President of Lions Clubs International.

PID Esther presented the Napoleon Lions club with Dr. Patti Hill's banner. It was accepted on behalf of the club by Lion Jo Ivy. Along with the well-deserved awards, PID Esther gave them her glow worm pin.







Galaxy A52 5G



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The Annual Napoleon Stuff the Bus was a success!



Thanks to Napoleon Lions Myrl Clayton, Dick Tallman, Gary Morrill, Bonnie Curry, Mike Curry, Vicki Ruiz, Linda Babcock, Gary Babcock, and Frank Ivy for braving the chilly weather.



Napoleon Lions recognized Scott Ashe and Aggies Sports Bar for providing main dishes for our Napoleon Feed the Hungry free lunches.

Presented by Frank Ivy, Feed the Hungry chair.

53rd Annual Napoleon Lions Punt Pass and Kick for grades 1 through 6. Great turn out and awesome fun in the rain! Thanks Napoleon High Football team for assistance! 🤗🐼🏈



NORTH JACKSON

North Jackson Lions held Candy Days at Polly's on Parnall in September. Representing the club: Bob Sray, Tim Murine, Kim, Steve, Becky and Jean, Ron and Jenni, Becky and Jean, Phil and Vicki, Gary and Steve.



PENNFIELD

Cereal City, Pennfield, Bedford, Battle Creek Host, and Marshall Lions came together recently to sort collected eyeglasses. Over 5300 pairs were boxed up to send to the Special Needs Vision Clinic in Saginaw! Thank you to Zone Chair Teresa Gest for organizing the event!



Lions Donna Smith, Dianne Elliotte, and
ZC Teresa Gest



District Governor Annette Hemeryck and
GLT Roger Bosse



Lions in action

As it turned out, the clinic came down to pick-up the eyeglasses and did a presentation to the clubs. See Bedford club news above.

VANDERCOOK LAKE

On Saturday September 30th the Vandercook Lake Lions Club spent the morning working the Summit Township clean up day. There were a lot of cars lined up before the event started at 7am. Some where around 8:30am the line disappeared and they came in 1 or 2 at a time.



On Saturday September 23rd the Vandercook Lake Lions held the 4th annual LD and Pat's Cruise-In and VCL Festival at the Vandercook Lake County Park. They had somewhere around 60 cars. There were vendors and other activities. They served hot dogs and coney dogs. The coney dogs were a hit.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute. Two training opportunities in one location. November 3-6, 2023. Read more at <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/leadership-institute> Register by October 13, 2023.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN

2023 Lions Leadership Events

Two training opportunities, one location

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a highly regarded leadership skills development event for Lions who are emerging leaders at the club, zone, region, and district levels.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Graduates of this program will be able to plan, develop, and present training programs. FDI is directed at people who will do training and formal presentations at the district level and beyond

EVENT INFORMATION

Dates **November 3 – 6, 2023**
Location R. A. MacMullan Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653

Questions? Email Lions@lionsofmi.com
Phone (517)887-6640 ext. 10



More Information!

Lions Leadership Institute

There is a **\$250** fee. This includes registration, course materials, two nights of lodging, and six meals. Arrival Saturday, November 4, registration 10:30-11:30 with lunch following.

Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

When participants aren't in class, they make new friends, network, and exchange ideas from across the region.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Team building	Conflict resolution
Managing change	Leadership
Presentation skills	Effective listening
Action plans and goal setting	

Faculty Development Institute

There is a **\$350** fee. This includes registration, course materials, three nights of lodging, and eight meals. Arrival Friday, November 3, after 4:30pm with dinner following.

Lions who desire to lead and train others at the local level will benefit from the FDI, where they will learn fundamental training delivery skills and practice facilitating in a classroom environment.

Qualifications:

- Not attended an FDI within the last five (5) years. (International or Local)
- In-depth knowledge of Lions' culture, Lions leadership experience and comfort using PowerPoint is preferred.

Here's a sampling of classes:

Visual Aids	Training environment
Training preparation	Session management
Adult learners	Delivery skills
Interactive learning	

Application form Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute



Deadline: October 13, 2023
Send completed form and payment to:
Lions Leadership Institute
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

Applicant information

First name _____
Last name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____
Club name _____
District _____ # years in Lions _____
Highest Lions office held _____
Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute? yes ___ no ___

Which Institute do you plan to attend (check one)?

Leadership Institute ___
Faculty Development Institute ___

Payment Information

Pay by check, payable to Michigan Lions Leadership Institute

Enclosed is my check for \$250 for
Leadership Institute ___
Enclosed is my check for \$350 for
Faculty Development Institute ___

Pay by credit card online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michigan-lions-leadership-institute-tickets-354586627147?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Signature _____
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 13, 2023

**A CANCELLATION FEE OF \$150.00 WILL APPLY AFTER
OCTOBER 3, 2023**

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 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

October 6 and 7, 2023 (Friday, Saturday)

Pennfield Annual Candy Sales. To sign up for a shift, contact Brandon Buller at 269-268-0078.

October 13, 2023 (Friday) 5:30pm

Penrickton Center Kickoff Dinner, The Henry Hotel, Dearborn. Michigan

\$40.00 per person includes cash bar, raffle tickets for prizes, silent auction, full sit-down meal, entertainment.

Get your tickets by calling Penrickton Center at 734-946-7500 or at <https://penrickton.org/events/>

October 14, 2023 (Saturday) - Vandercook Lake Drawdown

October 14, 2023 (Saturday) -9am-3pm

Hillsdale Craft/Vendor Event, Hillsdale County Senior Center, 320 W. Bacon St, Hillsdale

Lunch, snacks, drinks, and raffle tickets available for purchase.

October 21 (Saturday) 9am-1pm

Fall Conference, Sandstone Church, 710 S Sandstone Rd, Jackson, MI

Register by October 14, 2023 - \$15.00 per person. (See details above)

October 22 (Sunday) Doors: 1pm-5pm

Quest South East Jackson Lions' 3rd Annual Family Fun Day, Martin Luther King Center, Jackson.

Games, food, fun, and prizes. Parent or guardian of children must be present.

Questions can be directed to Chairperson Teri Taylor at 517-250-2187 or teridtaylor@yahoo.com.

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

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

Lions of Michigan Forum, Marriott Grand Rapids. Details at lionsofmi.com (as available)

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

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