

District 11-B1 Convention Recap, News & Photos

Lion Steve Britten, Editor

The 11-B1 District Convention in Chelsea, Michigan: chalk up another successful - and innovative - district event for DG Vicki Lautzenheiser. Her District Convention Committee, to which she gave great credit, did a fabulous job, and the Chelsea Comfort Inn “Village Conference Center” provided some great meals and pleasant accommodations. Granted, with about 200 attendees at peak, it was a little tight on space, but we worked around that. I’d like to think the cozier atmosphere made it more like a family affair. You definitely got to know your neighbors!



Can we Photoshop an ‘11-’ in there?

Friday night was Hawaiian Theme night, and nobody embodied that theme more than the 6 Hanover-Horton Leos, dressed bright and colorful in their Hawaiian garb (shown here with PID Dennis Tichenor, their advisor Gabrielle Scheese, and Lion Walt Treichel).

After a quick announcement that our guest speaker, Miss Michigan 2014 Lion KT Maviglia, was stuck in traffic, IPDG Barry Allen was too ill to come down



from his hotel room (food bug), and ZC Jim Montgomery was ill and in the hospital, things got better with a wonderful pulled-pork dinner served buffet-style. Estimated attendance: about 100 Lions and guests.

Towards the end of the dinner hour, Lion KT made it and the show went on smoothly from there. Lion Stephanie Clink (Saline Lions) introduced Miss Michigan,



who delivered a presentation much like the one at the Michigan Forum in February, but with some new information. A nice treat came afterwards, when literally everyone in attendance had an opportunity to have their photo taken with her and talk to her. PDG Terry Walters did the photography honors, with the photos showing up in the mail a few weeks later (thanks, PDG Terry!) At right, BCCC Lions, Lion KT Maviglia



YOUR DISTRICT 11-B1 OFFICERS

- District Governor Vicki Lautzenheiser, North Jackson
- 1VDG Peggy Allen, Manchester
- Cabinet Secretary Peggy Allen, Manchester
- Cabinet Treasurer Walt Treichel, Hanover Horton Area
- R1Z1 Chair LuAnne Bullington, Ann Arbor Host
- R1Z2 Chair Dick Saxton, Blissfield Area
- R2Z1 Chair Jim Montgomery, Napoleon
- R2Z2 Chair Margie Horsch, Jackson Eyeopeners
- R3Z1 Chair * Position Currently Vacant *
- R3Z2 Chair Mark Robison, Albion

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With the photo session over, DG Vicki took some time to present a few awards.



Dexter Lion David Steptoe – Lautzenheiser Fellow



NJ Lion Gary Beck – Melvin Jones Fellow



Lion Stephanie Clink for Saline Lions 40 Years



H-H Leo Autumn Summers – Leo of the Year



The next event was “Annie Speaks”, with Collette Cullen, who had a nice introduction by ZC LuAnne Bullington. Collette is a veteran teacher, award-winning actress, author and motivational speaker who portrays Anne (Annie) Sullivan Macy, the teacher of Helen Keller, very realistically. Through her monologue you learn of her early years, her own visual impairment, and how she became Helen’s teacher.

Annie spoke of her first impressions of Helen and the struggles she faced trying to break through to her, a story most of us are familiar with. It was fascinating to hear it through Collette, a riveting storyteller. What made it even more interesting was the period garb Collette wore (see photo, left). Combined with her colorful mannerisms and descriptions, you were easily transported through time. You can find out more about Collette online – just ‘Google’ her!

Following Annie Speaks we had a 50/50 drawing – where Lion Jay Myers (Dexter) picked up a cool \$156, and the best Hawaiian dress contest where judges had contestants hula dancing and more! A large-scale door prize raffle with dozens of prizes kept all on the edge of their seats.



The Hawaiian dress contest got ‘em lined up with judges having a tough time making the call. The Lions and Leos were judged separately.



Saturday morning, I arrived early, so I had a little time to peruse the many vendor displays before the 9AM Memorial Service. Here are some prime examples of the displays at convention:



The Penrickton Center



Lions of MI Foundation



Diabetes Awareness



The Hanover-Horton Leos Club

The Memorial Service honored 36 of our fellow Lions that passed away this year. The sight of all those candles on that table really hits home. VDG Peggy Allen welcomed all and Rev. Lion Art Turner led prayers, then the ceremony was underway. As each Lion’s name was called, a member of their club, family, or zone lit a candle in their honor, and a bell was rung. Respects were paid to thirty-six members with many, many years of experience, commitment, involvement and fellowship. A final prayer said, some time to gaze at the many burning candles and reflect, then time for a needed break and some fresh air.



We Serve

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We Serve

April 2014-April 2015
In Remembrance

Ann Arbor Evening
Georgia Ann Stricker
Ann Arbor Host
Edward Baughn
Ralph Daily
Athens
Robert Leach
Battle Creek Cereal City
Deane Harsha
Lynford Liebum
Glenn Schulz
Battle Creek Host
Jan Bishop
Samuel Carpenter
Richard "Dick" Jung
Bedford
Arthur "Ike" Gohman
Robert Mack
Branch County
Adrian Maki
Chelsea
Rev. Al Lewis
Frederick Mills
Clarklake
Harold "Hop" Anderson
Eugene Bunting
David Sprang



Clinton
Brian Reitz
Concord
Arlo Coxon
Grass Lake
Joseph Czubski
Inter-Lakes
Glenn Kraub
Lorenzo "Bino" Midena
Clinton Sneary
Richard Vinaske
Jackson Cascades
Donald Ridge
Jackson Host
Kenneth Hall
Marshall
Don Brewer
Fred Haslem
Guy Robinson
Michigan Center
Raymond Cross
Gerald Morris
Melvin Stone
Munith
Richard Wright
Napoleon
David Belcourt
Saline
Kenneth Guenther

The Opening Ceremony with DG Vicki Lautzenheiser, included the presentation of the club banners, the MYCA Color Guard and a Veteran Recognition and Honor Ceremony. Lest not we forget PDG Terry Walters won the morning 50/50 for a monster \$162 pot! Lucky Lion!



The Awards Luncheon featured PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser as the MC. We heard from Lion Alex Teska (AA Host) of Eversight Michigan on their change and upcoming events, and Patrick Pruitt, an active Eversight Michigan Ambassador since he underwent a sight-restoring cornea transplant as a child. There was the primary awards presentation by DG Vicki, where the bulk of the awards and recognition were given; an amazing "pie auction" - led by PDG Dick Dettling - where homemade pies were auctioned off to the highest bidder; and a great deal of fun was had by all. A list of all the award recipients follows this article (page 5) and I've included select photos here (the entire photo set will be available at the VCL Lions Facebook page as soon as I can get them uploaded).



The luncheon line - fast 'n furious!



A table of diners - Dexter Lions



Lion Alex Teska



Ambassador Patrick Pruitt



Lion Chris Lake
Lautzenheiser Fellow



Lions Jack & Bonnie Reamer
Region 3 Lion of the Year



Lion Elaine Langston
Hillsdale R3 Club of the Yr



Lion Ron Kohmescher
R1Z1 Lion of the Yr



PDG Dick Dettling Auctions Pies
Raised over \$400 in 20 minutes!

And I almost forgot to mention: Lion Dave Hill (VCL) won the lunch 50/50 for a quick 92 bucks!

The Afternoon Sessions brought us Howdy Holmes, former race car driver and CEO of Chelsea Milling Co. (Jiffy Mix). Howdy talked about how he got into racing, then following in the family footsteps at Chelsea Milling, and finally some interesting information about Chelsea Milling itself. After his presentation he was presented with a Plaque of Appreciation to the milling company from the Vandercook Lake Lions Club for their generous support of the VCL Pancake Breakfasts.

He was followed by PID Dennis Tichenor who talked about his experiences and travels, and we squeezed in PDG Dick Dettling, IPDG Barry Allen and PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser for a quick “Everything You Wanted to Know about Lions” session.



CEO Howdy Holmes



PID Dennis Tichenor



PDGs Dennis, Dick and Barry share their knowledge



At Left: Vandercook Lake Lions President Dave Hill presents Chelsea Milling Company CEO Howdy Holmes with an Appreciation Plaque. The plaque thanked the Chelsea Milling Co. for their generous contributions of pancake batter to the VCL Lions pancake breakfast fundraisers.

The plaque was handcrafted by VCL resident and business owner Margaret Moorehead (Award Connections).

The Business Meeting was next, followed by the elections. No excitement there, although plenty of emotion. Those nomination speeches can get a little warm ‘n fuzzy. We then had about 1-1/2 hours to socialize, catch some sunshine, and take in the vendor displays until the 6PM Banquet, which was nicely done and the food excellent. Our MC for the evening was Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director of Lions of Michigan. We got to enjoy some Lion Jim Baum song activities and DG Vicki introduced her family.

After dinner, we were treated to a dazzling motivational speech from PID Dennis Tichenor, who vigorously pushed “creativity” and “enthusiasm”, urging us to use creativity and enthusiasm to spread lionism throughout our community “like a wildfire!”

PID Dennis was followed by DG Vicki with raffles, prizes and awards. The winner of the dinner 50/50 was Lion Jan Fox with a \$110 take. Several of the most anticipated and prestigious awards were announced (see photos) and then the big door prize and gift card raffle, with the \$100 gift card going to Lion Claudia Templeton and the \$200 card to Lion Diane Schweda.



PDG Hal Geppert & Desmaris Lion Wendy, PID Dennis & wife Judi IPDG Barry & DGE Peggy Allen PDG Dick & Shawn Dettling PDGs Clem & Vicki Ruiz



DG Vicki, ZC Margie & PID Dennis with District Lion of the Year Award



Lion of the Year!



DG Vicki, Lion Pat Kohmescher Karl Sorrick Club of the Year



PID Dennis, ZC Jim Souder, Lion Wendy Melvin Jones Fellow



Lion Walt Treichel, CT Wendell Doty



PID Dennis, Lion Carole Briggs, Lion Wendy Melvin Jones Fellow



Lion Walt and DG Vicki Cheesin'! Wendell Doty



Lions Char Chrisman, Bob Chrisman, John Krienke, & the Allens Presidential Certificates of Recognition



DGE Peggy Allen introduces her Cabinet for 2015-16. Hmmm... too many to list here! My carpal tunnel is setting in... well, my apologies to the gang.

See You All Next Year!

District Convention 'Vendors' Recap

The following vendors participated in this year's District Convention. Thank you, Vendors, for your contribution!

Paws with a Cause
Eversight Michigan
Lions of Michigan Foundation
Leader Dogs for the Blind
USA/Canada Forum
Peace Posters of District 11-B1
Bear Lake Camp

The Penrickton Center for Blind Children
WKAR Radio Reading Services

There were also displays from:
The Hanover-Horton Leos Club
The Diabetes Awareness Committee
Lion Paul Hemeryck, PDG/PCC (running for ID)

District Convention Awards Recap

A complete list of all the awards & fellowships presented at this year's District Convention!

DG Vicki Lautzenheiser

Melvin Jones Fellowship - Lion Gary Beck - North Jackson, Carole Briggs - Jackson Eyeopeners, Jim Souder - Inter-Lakes.

Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship - David Steptoe - Dexter, Christine Lake - Jackson Host, Dick Saxton - Blissfield, Peg Griggs - North Jackson, Jim Baum, Cereal City, Patrick King - Michigan Center



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William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship - Joann Sneary, Inter-Lakes, John Anderson, Battle Creek Cereal City, Michael Cole – Pennfield

Chuck Weir Sight Conservaton Fellowship - Walt Reed - Clarklake, Lioness Judy Trefry - Michigan Center, Lioness Laura Yates - Bedford

Lions of the Year

Region 1 Zone 1 - Ron Kohmescher - Manchester

Region 1 Zone 2 - Gary Laskowsky - Adrian Evening

Region 1 Lion of the Year - Jim Souder - Inter-Lakes

Region 2 Zone 1 - Marti Willard - Jackson Host

Region 2 Zone 2 - George and Geraldine Steers - Clarklake

Region 2 Lion of the Year - Steve Britten - Vandercook Lake

Region 3 Zone 1 - Dawn Copas- Tekonsha

Region 3 Zone 2 - Patricia Stiff - Cereal City

Region 3 Lion of the Year - Jack and Bonnie Reamer - Hillsdale

Lion of the Year Margie Horsch – Jackson Eyeopeners

Lioness of the Year Donna McGuire - Bedford

Leo of the Year - Austin Shepherd - WISD

Leo of the Year - Autumn Summers - Hanover Horton

Karl Sorrick Club of the Year

Region 1 - Dexter

Region 2 - North Jackson

Region 3 - Hillsdale

Manchester - District Karl Sorrick Club of the Year

Wendell Doty Award - Walt Treichel - Hanover Horton

Presidential Certificates

Lion Tom Tyson - Huron Valley Sunrise

IPDG Barry and DGE Peggy Allen - Manchester

PDG Bob and Lion Char Chrisman – Munith

Lion John Krienke - Ann Arbor Host

In Addition:

The Saline Lions Club was honored Friday night for 40 years of service. Lion Stephanie Clink accepted the recognition banner of President Joe Preston and 40 year patch.

The Adrian Evening Club was honored at the Saturday luncheon for 65 years of service. Lions Bill and Wanda Suydam accepted the banner and recognition batch for 65 years of service to the Adrian community.

Congratulations to both of these fine clubs for their continued longevity and support of their respective communities. May you each continue to thrive for many years to come!

“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”

— John Bunyan

Lions News Bytes

Clarklake Lions First Annual Easter Egg Hunt

ON April 4, 2015, the Clarklake Lions, along with the Clarklake Community Church, hosted the first annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. Over 50 children, ages 2 to 10 years old, collected all of the 450 Easter Eggs hidden in and around the Clarklake Lions Clubhouse. (Except one egg - grabbed by a Crow while we waited for the kids to arrive.)



OK, here are the rules . . . No Parents in the hunt!



Got Eggs?



Snacks while we wait . . . And after the hunt.



Counting Eggs . . . And the winner was?

Parents and Grandparents who brought kids were given cards that invited them to join the Clarklake Lions for a dinner meeting.

Hanover-Horton Leos do Reading Month in an Elementary Way



In commemoration of the month of March being designated as reading month; the Hanover Horton Leo Club spent their after noon reading to the Hanover Horton Elementary students. Twelve Leos with their Advisor and their Middle School Principal attended the reading project.

Submitted by Lion Walt Treichel



Emmett Lions Paddle Boat Project Update

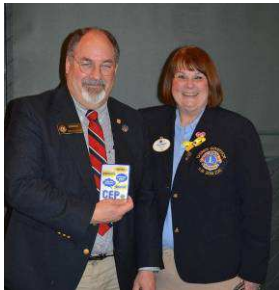
The Emmett Lions have setup a fund, hoping to raise \$4000 to purchase a 2nd special paddle boat for Bear Lake Camp. Here is the most recent list of donors.

Emmett Lions	\$100.00
Memphis Lions	\$100.00
Almont Lions	\$200.00
North Branch Lions	\$100.00
Lapeer Lions	\$100.00
St John's Episcopal Church Dryden	\$100.00
Harbor Beach Lions	\$100.00
Owendale Lions	\$100.00
Lexington Lions	\$100.00
Sandusky Lions	\$100.00
Seabewaing Lions	\$100.00
Imlay City Lions	\$200.00
St. Clair Lions	\$100.00
Elkton Lions	\$100.00
Mrs. Frances Boomer (From Almont)	\$100.00
Hadley Lions	\$100.00
Anchor Bay Lions	\$100.00
Mayville Lions (11-D1)	\$100.00
Clinton Lions (11-B1)	\$100.00
Elkton Lions	\$100.00
Snyderville Lions	\$100.00
Jeddo Lions	\$250.00
Romeo Lions (11-A2)	\$100.00
Vandercook Lake Lions (11-B1)	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total as of 03-28-15	<u>\$2850.00</u>



Lions Bear Lake Camp is a Lions of Michigan State Project. Please consider making a donation of \$100.00 or more to this very worthwhile project. Please make your check out to the **Emmett Lions** and on the memo line please put **Paddle Boat**. Mail your check to PDG Lion Chuck Belesky, 11280 Hill Road, Riley Mich. 48041.

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Complete the CEP Lite Program!



District Governor lion Vicki Lautzenheizer presents a C.E.P. banner patch to Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club lion tamer Roger Bosse at the club meeting on March 11th.

Making the decision to complete the CEP Lite program has added more interest for the members allowed the club to find more opportunities to serve the community and generated some enquiries from potential new members. Cereal City Lions thank lion Lorraine Lindsey for her leadership and support to complete CEP.

Lions Give Homer Club a Taste of Michigan's Role in the Civil War

On Monday, the 23rd of March, Lions Peggy and Bob Griggs visited the Homer Lions Club to talk to them about Michigan's role in the Civil War.



After a great dinner, put on by the men's club from the Homer Presbyterian Church, the show was started.



Afterwards, there was time for a question and answer

period, and the Lions Club members were able to look at, hold/feel, and ask more question about the items that were on display.

If the applause was any indication as to how much they enjoyed the presentation, they enjoyed it a lot. Peggy and Bob wish to thank the Homer Lions for inviting us to attend their meeting and put on this show. Submitted by Lion Bob Griggs, North Jackson Lions Club.

Hanover-Horton Lions Honor Elementary Student by Lion Walt Treichel

At the Hanover-Horton Elementary student assembly on Monday, April 6th, The Hanover-Horton Area Lions made a presentation to Olivianna Watkins - a student in Mr. Scott Struck's art class. Olivianna's Peace Poster Contest entry was chosen as the best of the Elementary School. The Lions club framed her entry along with a check for efforts.

From L-R: Cindy Forgione Hanover-Horton Elementary Principal, Brian McClain Vice President of the Hanover-Horton Area Lions club, Olivianna Watkins, proud winner, and Art Instructor Scott Struck.



VCL Lions Seek Donations for Jackson Resident's "New Roof Fund"

When visually impaired Jackson resident Tonya Fletcher contacted the Vandercook Lake Lions Club seeking assistance for a new roof on her house, they didn't exactly leap into action. Being an unusual request and something Lions don't generally delve into, they considered turning her down. But after several interviews and two site visits, it was clear that Tonya's luck had pretty much run out and she was in a tough spot. Her roof was several years overdue for replacement and in very bad shape. The many organizations she had already approached had all turned her away.



Tonya Fletcher and Family

With the City of Jackson citing her roof as a code violation and pressuring her to replace it or else...the VCL Lions Board of Directors approved a plan by Lion Steve Britten to create a fund, seed it with a \$250 donation from the club, and seek donations from other clubs – and the general public – to help cover the costs. E-mails and letters were sent out, and positive response has been received. So far, the club has received just over \$1,100 for the project, bringing the fund total to approx \$1,350, with a fundraising goal of \$4500.

If your club can help out or would like more information, contact Lion Steve Britten at 248-252-4527, or steve@protechcomputers.biz. You can also get more info or make a personal donation with VI/MC/DISC at: <http://www.gofundme.com/r7qq76w>. Checks should be made out to the Vandercook Lake Lions with New Roof Fund in the memo field, and mailed to The VCL Lions, 4628 Francis St., Jackson, MI 49203.

The Vandercook Lake Lions would like to thank the Jackson Eyeopeners Lions, the Hanover-Horton Lions, the Grass Lake Lions and the North Jackson Lions for their generous support of this worthwhile project! Hopefully, we'll hear from more of you as time goes by!

Hanover Horton Lions & Leos Support Fundraiser Lion Walt Treichel

Lions and Leos,

Enclosed is a link to help Hanover Horton, Napoleon and Jackson High Seniors attend a National competition in computer programming. Please review and let us contribute to good cause. <http://www.gofundme.com/qf2eebbc>

Battle Creek Cereal City Knows How to Prep for White Cane!



Here is a photograph showing the Battle Creek cereal City Lions Club getting ready for the White Cane project in Battle Creek. The picture shows the majority of the club members with their white canes ready to go. Talk about battle drills! These Lions are PUMPED! – from Lion Roger Spriggs

Munith Lions Provide Reader Machine to Pleasant Lake Resident

From Lion Char Chrisman



Brett is from Pleasant Lake and asked the Munith Lions if we could find out anything about a reader machine as she knew that was what the Lions did. So we did!

Thanks to Kim from the Foundation for locating a used donated machine, Brett can now read her books, mail or anything she wants.

NOTE: The Munith Lions report that they have received a 2nd reader machine during their quest for the first. They now have one available if anyone knows of a good home for it.

Esther & Linda at Boystown

From Jackson Eyeopeners

ID Esther LaMothe and Lion Linda Babcock visited Boystown in Omaha, Nebraska during their February travels.

Father Flanagan established Boys Town for wayward boys in 1917, almost one hundred years ago. It has evolved into a total coed campus for troubled youth who are placed by the courts, social service or parents with the goal of rehabilitation & return to society. They have about 500 youth on campus.

You may have seen the 1938 movie about Boystown, starring Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney.



Battle Creek Cereal City Inducts New Member!

Lion Roger Spriggs

Shown at right is a photo of the BCCC Lions inducting their newest member. From L-R: Membership Committee Vice Chair, Lion Dave Buresh, installs Ron Marlatt, under the watchful eye of Membership Committee Chair De Davis. Super job, BCCC!



Michigan Center Lions add Two to the Pride

from PDG Clem Ruiz

Climbing to 71 members, the Michigan Center Lions Club added 2 new members in March: Johnnie Moultrie and Shawn Scott. Congratulations, Michigan Center!



In the photo: PDG Clem Ruiz welcomes new member Johnnie Moultrie into the Michigan Center Lions Club at their March 2015 meeting.



Chelsea Lions Get a Visit From Eversight Michigan

from Lion Keith Bloomensaat

At a recent meeting on good ol' St. Patrick's Day, the Chelsea Lions enjoyed a presentation from Lion Alison Wright (Ann Arbor Host) of Eversight Michigan. Pictured is Chelsea Lion Phil Radant thanking Lion Alison for being their guest speaker. Lion Alison providee information on the eye bank and also explained that they have know partnered with the Gift of Life program.

Saline Lions Hold Kidsight Screenings w/Press Release Lion Leslee Niethammer

Now this is a great way to increase attendance at Kidsight screenings: issue a press release to notify the public! That's what the Saline Lions did when they spent a whole week screening youngsters age 2-5 at the Saline District Library. For any club who would like to use this idea to increase your participation (think: Carp Carnival, County Fairs, etc.), here is the press release they used:



At right: Lion Rick Worcheck screens a child

The Saline Area Lions Club is offering free digital eye screenings for any child in the Saline area ages 2 – 5. Screenings will be available at Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Rd. on a drop-in basis. Lion Club volunteers will assist in filling out the parental consent form, answering questions and operating the digital camera.

The screening program helps identify the presence of eye disorders including far and nearsightedness, astigmatism, misaligned eyes, and other conditions. Digital photography techniques are used, and a screening result is provided at the conclusion of the procedure, which takes less than 2 minutes. Parents can follow up with an ophthalmologist or optometrist of their choosing if any problems are detected. No physical contact is made with the child and eye drops are not used.

The Lions Clubs of Michigan began providing free vision screenings for children in 2003 under the direction of Dr. John Baker, a Pediatric Ophthalmologist at Children's Hospital of Michigan. The Saline Lions Club has been offering this service to the local preschools and daycares for 4 years.

This year the Club decided to offer the service at the District Library for children who are not enrolled in a daycare or preschool. "We have been very pleased with the commitment of the preschools and daycares – each year we go back to the same places and test a new group of young children. Everyone recognizes what a great service this is to the parents, and it doesn't cost anything!", stated Leslee Niethammer, the contact person for the Kidsight program.

Screenings will be offered in the Brecon Room on these dates: Thursday, March 19, 11 – 12 pm; Friday, March 20, 10 – 12 pm; Saturday, March 21, 10 – 1 pm; and Thursday, March 26, 11 – 12 pm. There is no registration required and the screening is free.

For more information about the program, go to www.lmsf.net or contact Leslee Niethammer at leslee@salinelibrary.org.

Diabetes Awareness Committee to Send Three Kids to Camp

The District 11-B1 Diabetes Awareness Committee (DAC) has registered 3 youngsters with Camp Midicha, a special camp in Michigan for children with diabetes.

They will be sending children from Jonesville, North Jackson and Adrian to camp this summer. This would not have been possible without the assistance of the following Lions: Carol Burton and Donald Germann of Jonesville, Denny Lautzenheiser of North Jackson, Peggy and Barry Allen of Manchester and Bert Fenby of Adrian. - Lion Barb Baggerly, Committee Chair

Hearing Aid Coverage for Children & Teens in Michigan (LOMF)

Most children and teens in Michigan, unless they are undocumented, should be able to obtain a hearing aid through the following State of Michigan Public Assistance Programs.

Medicaid

Michigan Medicaid is a health insurance program that covers families with household incomes up to 135% of federal poverty level guidelines.

MIChild

MIChild is a health insurance program. It is for uninsured children of Michigan's working families. MIChild services are provided by many HMOs and other health care plans throughout Michigan.

Healthy Kids

Healthy Kids is a program that provides a wide range of health care coverage and support services for qualifying pregnant women, babies and children under age 19.

Children's Special Health Care Services

CSHCS strives to enable individuals with special health care needs to have improved health outcomes and an enhanced quality of life through the appropriate use of the CSHCS system of care.

Our goals are to:

- Assist individuals with special health care needs in accessing the broadest possible range of appropriate medical care, health education and supports.
- Assure delivery of these services and supports in an accessible, family centered, culturally competent, community based and coordinated manner.
- Promote and incorporate parent/professional collaboration in all aspects of the program.
- Remove barriers that prevent individuals with special health care needs from achieving these goals.

The above programs will also provide a pair of glasses to a child or teen once every two years.

If you have further questions, you can contact Chad McCann, Director of LOMF at:

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5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, MI 48911
517-887-6640 x14
517-887-6642 (Fax)
www.lmsf.net

This Just In...

An email was received from Lion Thomas Hayes III, President of Clinton Lions Club, advising that he knows someone who has 2 electric handicap scooters that work and are no longer needed and wishes to donate them. He is wondering if this is something the Lions could use. If you have any leads on an apt candidate, contact Lion Tom at tfhayesiii@gmail.com .

And Last But Not Least

Saturday, May 16th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 P.M. Inter-Lakes Lions will be having metal recycling at McCourtie Park in Somerset Township. Basically anything metal or containing metal (wiring) is accepted. No paint or tires. This is in conjunction with Somerset Township clean up days. Thanks to Lion Connie Bay

LCI Makes Change to Financial Suspension Policy

The policy at LCI to suspend a club that is over 120 days past due on their obligations to LCI has been revised to 90 days. Here is the blurb from LCI:

“Currently, clubs have 120 days to pay outstanding balances before they are in jeopardy of automatically being placed on suspension. Effective July 1, 2015, clubs will have 90 days. Cancellation will continue to occur after the 28th of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. However, clubs canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation.”

This amended policy has serious consequences for clubs that have traditionally paid their club balances in excess of 90 days. To prepare for this amendment, we recommend all club officers become familiar with the amended policy and prepare to schedule payments as required. Officers should also prepare to review and update membership by visiting www.lionsclubs.org and consider paying online.

Please feel free to contact us at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org should you require additional information. We trust all clubs will review their statements regularly, and will send the necessary payments to ensure their active status is protected

Upcoming Events and Info - Recap

April 19	VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, Clubhouse, 8:30A-11A
April 23	Spring Leadership Forum – VCL High School – Dinner 5:30PM, Events 6:15PM
April 25	Clarklake Lions Cash Bash – Brooklyn Legion Post 315 – 6PM - 11PM Walt Reed 517-529-4979 or Gary Konarska 515-206-7233
April 25	Adrian Breakfast Lions Annual Radio Auction, WLEN 103.9, All Day For More Info and a List of Items: http://home.comcast.net/~bfenby/site/
April 26 – May 2	White Cane Week
May 9	Bear Lake Camp Spring Clean-up
May 10	Napoleon Lions Pancake Breakfast, Clubhouse, 7AM – 11AM
May 15-16	MD-11 Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Holland, MI
May 16	Inter-Lake Lions Club Metals Recycling, 8AM-1PM
May 16-22	Lions Worldwide Week of Service
May 17	VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, Clubhouse, 8:30A-11A
May 22-23	VCL Lions Annual Garage Sale, Fri 9A-5P, Sat 9A-3P
May 25	Hanover-Horton & Napoleon BBQ, Napoleon Park
June 13	Eversight Michigan Gift of Sight Golf Classic, The Polo Fields, Washtenaw Country Club
June 18-21	Michigan Center Lions Carp Carnival
June 21	VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, Clubhouse, 8:30A-11A
June 23-27	Manchester Fair & Parade
June 26-30	Lions International Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii
June 26 – July 3	Leader Dogs for the Blind 2015 Summer Experience Camp www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp
July 23	Banner Exchange, Napoleon Lions Clubhouse
September 17-19	US/Canada Forum, Grand Rapids, MI

Please note: The Ann Arbor Evening Lions May 19th Tiger Ballgame Bus Trip has been cancelled.



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THIS MONTH'S "CLUB DOINGS" *Clubs Doing What They Do!*

The Adrian Breakfast Lions provided \$390 in eyeglasses & eye exams. They screened 15 children with Kidsight and donated to the Little League.

The Adrian Evening Lions recently participated in a project where they helped Habitat for Humanity make pasties to sell!

The Ann Arbor Host Lions conducted eyeglass collections, delivered Meals on Wheels and held Project Kidsight vision screening. They also attended the Michigan Forum where they gained a new member, Lion KT Maviglia (Miss Michigan 2014).

The Bedford Area Lions held their Soup 'n Salad Dinner and weekly Cherry Juice Sales, and are planning their upcoming White Cane collections. On May 16th they'll be holding a Garage Sale at the clubhouse.

The Clinton Lions made donations to a local food pantry, active duty overseas troops and for vision care for a resident. They have a Vidalia Onion Sale this month and will be participating in White Cane.

The Hanover Horton Area Lions wrapped up their Terri Lynn Candy and Holiday Cheese sales, and made donations to the Jackson Interfaith Shelter and Friendly Home.

The Hillsdale Lions Club made a donation to the Hillsdale Library Reading Program and held a Rummage & Bake Sale.

The Inter-Lake Lions supported their Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt, donated paper products to Domestic Harmony, attended their Zone Meeting, and awarded their Peace Poster Contest winner.

The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions held a Charity Poker fundraiser, served lunch at the Interfaith Shelter, donated tissues to McCullough School and newspapers to a veterinarian. They donated to various local organizations and an individual for a hearing aid fitting.

The Jackson Host Lions have their onion sale in progress, their CEP in progress, and helped 5 individuals with eye exams and glasses.

The Marshall Lions are holding their Vidalia Onion Sale and putting together their White Cane collection schedule.

The Michigan Center Lions wrapped up their Annual Draw Down fundraiser and inducted two new members into their ranks to put them at 71 total members!

The Munith Lions helped Stockbridge w/Bingo, found a driver for local senior to doctor appointments, supplied a reader machine to a local senior and supported the Munith/Stockbridge "Pay it Forward" project.

The North Adams Lions have pledged \$1000 to the Leader Dogs Kennel Project.

The North Jackson Lions are having their Vidalia Onion Sale, donated funds to the MI All State Band and collected eyeglasses.

The Parma-Spring Arbor Lions resumed meetings in March after a month break. They donated to help with vision care and are planning a major kidsight/kindergarten project in April with 150 children expected.

The Saline Area Lions held Kidsight screenings March 16-27 for preschool students and provided financial support for an eye exam and glasses.

The Tekonsha Lions are holding a Vidalia Onion Sale. In March, they donated clothes and food, gave blood, donated \$\$ to good causes, participated in fundraisers and recycled. They are planning on providing Arbor Day trees to the Fourth Grade Foresters of Tekonsha Elementary the last Friday in April.

The Vandercook Lake Lions held their world-famous pancake breakfast, initiated the Tonya Fletcher New Roof Fund with a seed donation of \$250 and purchased 20 LOMF Commemorative Coins.



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Be Sure to Get Your Club's Info into the Newsletter!

Be sure to send your M&A Reports and articles w/photos to steve@protechcomputers.biz! Be sure to expand on those one-liners in the M&A in the text section at the end! Tell us more about your events there. **NOTE ON PHOTOS:** If you send photos, be sure to provide names of those in the photo using the L-R (by row if nec) convention. A little back-story on the photo is great, too. Thank you!

REMEMBER: What you are going to do (upcoming events) are just as important as what you did! The Newsletter is a great way to get your events publicized! Be sure to put them on page 2 of your M&A! (toss in the who, what, when and where – ok?)

Please note: If you have a computerized version of your article, please e-mail it to me! Do not print it and snail-mail me the hardcopy (unless you really feel evil and malicious!). Don't always have time to re-type the article back into the computer. Thank you!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Steve Britten, District 11B1 Newsletter Editor

Sightmobile Schedule Update

The last-known Sightmobile schedule (as of 4/16)

JUNE

10 Chelsea
12-13 Battle Creek Cereal City
17 Hillsdale
17-21 Michigan Center – Carp Carnival

JULY

4 Hanover Horton Lions
25 Interlakes and Tekonsha (Screener Only)

AUGUST

6 – 15 Jackson County Fair (Fair runs 9-15)
19 Eyeopeners