

District 11-B1 Spring Leadership Forum Rides Again!

On Thursday, April 23rd, the District 11-B1 leadership - and future leaders and officers – converged on the Vandercook Lake HS cafeteria, to once again enjoy a great meal, good fellowship and...”Lion training, sir!” It was the Spring Leadership Forum and it went something like this:

- You checked in with the smiling faces from the Vandercook Lake Lions Club, scored your “\$100 Pot” raffle ticket, and found some good seats to enjoy the sunshine and catch the action.
- You walked around and socialized with many a fine Lion, Leo and Lioness....avoiding that sneaky Tail Twister, Lion Chris Lake, bent on slipping a “whoopee” in your chair.
- Dinner was served and you loaded up on your choice of 4 (or was it 5) different pasta dishes – including lasagna – and those yummy chocolate brownies donated by Dawn Foods.
- You listened to IPDG Barry Allen speak and watched an interesting video about the life of Melvin Jones and his various involvements with Lions worldwide.
- You might have won a trinket of a door prize or – if you were that one lucky guy – the \$100 raffle pot!
- You got to meet the incoming District Governor, DGE Peggy Allen, and her Cabinet.
- You headed off to the specialized training course of your choice: Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Tail Twisters and more.
- You filled out an evaluation form and headed home, chock full of new ideas and fresh insights into your role as an Officer & a Leader in your club, thanks to trainers and experienced peers who know their stuff!



VCL Lion Jim Mason: the door-prize guy Lion Lorraine Lindsey – PR time! CT Walt Treichel enjoys a calm moment. DGE Peggy & IPDG Barry Allen: Door Prizes!



The 2015-2016 Cabinet with future DG Peggy Allen at the podium. Quiz time! Can you name all the rest & their positions? (see bottom of page 2 for answers).

YOUR DISTRICT 11-B1 OFFICERS

District Governor Vicki Lautzenheiser, North Jackson
 1VDG/DGE 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

ALSO IN THIS EDITION

From the Governor.....	2
Dates to Remember.....	3
Club Anniversaries.....	3
Lion News Bytes.....	4
Upcoming Events & Info.....	7
Contests, Contests.....	11
Club Doings.....	12
Welcome Aboard	14
Lions Links.....	15
Forms and More Forms.....	16+

From the Governor

DG Vicki Lautzenheiser, North Jackson Lions

Chapter - Leadership

What a great convention! I was indeed overwhelmed with our attendance and also our speakers were fantastic. The Tichenors were delightful people and hope our paths will cross again.

As you know Denny has been going through a myriad of paperwork of his late father's, PID Ken. We have found so many interesting articles and stories (some of which I have shared with you on my visits). Some of these stories/articles, Denny had no idea they existed until he began the slow process of sorting. We found many wonderful poems and thoughts that Ken had written personally.

Here is an editorial he wrote in 1987 and is still appropriate today:

"Leadership is the guiding influence or responsible authority that manages activities within an organization to attain those specific objectives. Since leadership cannot be defined with exactness, the foregoing should however, provoke your thoughts to generally define leadership and to determine what is expected in a leader.

It's said a leader must have a cause to lead. We Lions have our "Objects and Purpose" toward which our officers and members are striving. To be a leader, you must interpret the 'objectives' in the minds of the members and appeal to their emotions. As a leader, you must use your personality to release energies in the individual, the energies the individual is waiting for the opportunity to use.

Leadership then, is a matter of inspiration and motivation. Electrify your members so they become illuminated and give power of their own. Provide the motivation for the club because you want it to go somewhere.

I think its rather doubtful that leadership can be taught, but the potential for leadership can be developed with experience combined with opportunity. All individuals in positions of leadership might do well to examine themselves to determine weather they are leaders or drivers. One should meet and accept the responsibilities of leadership with the qualities that you possess.

Identifying the characteristics of a successful Lion leader are: Loyalty - Motivation - Determination - Delegation of Authority - Psychology - Courage - Vision - Knowledge of Lionism - Tact - Judgment - Personal Dignity and finally, Integrity.

Lionism is 70 years old this year (1987). We've been extremely successful in developing strong and dedicated leaders. If we are to survive into the 21st Century - at a time of the greatest knowledge explosion of all time - we must attract quality members and spend time developing their leadership potential. Without dedicated strong leaders, the future development of Lionism is in jeopardy."

PID Ken was a visionary. He was always looking forward to the next idea, project or ways to improve on Lionism. The Higgins Lake Leadership Institute was started because as he sat through a council meeting he became greatly annoyed by the discussions of the council. He and PID Chuck Weir immediately left the meeting and started laying out the foundation for what was to become the Leadership Institute.

Each of us can identify and mentor our club members. Sometimes simply a kudo for a job well done and nudging an individual out of their comfort zone will give us those leaders we are looking for to lead our great District. Members need to take ownership of their committee, position or activity in the club. I, personally, could barely speak in front of my peers while in high school. I needed self-confidence. It came many years later, when I wanted to be part of our church service and read the liturgy to the congregation. I knew if I could speak openly in Church, then I could speak anywhere.

Together, we Lions, can make a difference not only at the club level, but at our District level. We CAN and WILL touch a life and make a difference.

DG Vicki





Michigan Lions District 11-B1 Newsletter

May 2015



District and Club Dates to Remember

MAY – HEALTHY VISION MONTH & LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT MONTH

- 15-17 MD-11 Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Holland, MI.**
 16 Inter-Lake Lions Club Metals Recycling, 8AM-1PM, McCourtie Park in Somerset Township
 16 Bedford Area Lions Garage Sale at their clubhouse.
 16-22 Lions Worldwide Week of Service
 17 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30A, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
 17 WISD Leos “Fun Day at Gallup Park”, Ann Arbor, 4-6PM
 22-23 VCL Lions Annual Garage Sale FRI 9A-5P, SAT 9A-3P
 23 Bass Season Opening Day – For all the Fishin’ Lions Out There!
 25 Napoleon & Hanover Horton Area BBQ, Napoleon Twp Park, 11:30AM – 3PM
 25 Pittsford Lions BBQ
 25 [Memorial Day](#), Lots ‘n Lots of Parades!

JUNE – CATARACT AWARENESS MONTH

- 1 Helen Keller Day (LCI)
 12 North Jackson Lions Kidsight Screening at Jackson County Kid Fest (Fairgrounds)
 13 Michigan Eversight Gift of Sight Golf Classic, Polo Fields-Washtenaw Golf & Country Club
 17 Hillsdale Lions Kidsfest, 9AM – 3PM
 18-21 Michigan Center Carp Carnival, www.carpcarnival.com (Parade is on the 20th at 11AM)
 21 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30A, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
 21 [Father’s Day / First Day of Summer](#),
 23-27 Manchester Fair & Parade (Parade is the 23rd).
 26-30 Lions International Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii.
 26-3 Leader Dogs for the Blind 2015 Summer Experience Camp www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp
 27 Helen Keller’s Birthday

JULY – JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

- 16 Manchester Chicken Broil
 19 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30A, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
 23 Banner Exchange, Napoleon Lions Clubhouse

AUGUST – NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

- 6-15 Sightmobile at Jackson County Fair (Fair runs 9-15)
 16 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30A, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
 29 Hillsdale 57th Annual Bill Jackson Horse Show, Hillsdale Fairgrounds

Club Anniversaries

May

- | | | |
|----|----------------------------|--------|
| 7 | Jackson Host Lions | 94 yrs |
| 14 | Huron Valley Sunrise Lions | 34 yrs |
| 16 | Saline Lions | 40 yrs |
| 22 | Pennfield Lions | 41 yrs |

July

- | | | |
|----|---------------------|--------|
| 14 | Homer Lions | 73 yrs |
| 30 | Branch County Lions | 51 yrs |

June

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------------|--------|
| 4 | Battle Creek Cereal City Lions | 57 yrs |
| 7 | Dexter Cedars Lions Club | 2 yrs |
| 24 | Bedford Elsa Lioness | 41 yrs |
| 27 | Adrian Breakfast Lions | 38 yrs |

August

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 12 | Michigan Center Lioness | 28 yrs |
| 20 | Marshall Lions | 62 yrs |
| 25 | Mid-MI’s 1 st Omega Leos | 3 yrs |
| 28 | Parma-Spring Arbor Lions | 62 yrs |

Best Wishes to Your Club on Your Anniversary!

Lions News Bytes

Lion Linda Babcock Honored with Melvin Jones Fellowship in Style!

With thanks to PDG Gary Babcock, Napoleon Lions Club



Lion Linda Babcock has been the travel companion of ID Esther LaMothe. Recently, the two traveled to Prague, CZ, for the Lions International Meeting held April 8th thru the 22nd. While there, Lion Linda was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by none other than International President Joe Preston, with Immediate Past International President Barry

Palmer at her side, as well.

At the Napoleon Lions club meeting on May 4th, an encore performance was made with ID Esther doing the Melvin Jones presentation this time, and PDG Gary Babcock doing the pinning. Congratulations on a well-deserved award, Lion Linda!



Lions Have Washer & Dryer Delivered, Installed at Friendly Home!

From Lion Chuck Sinclair, Jackson Cascades Lions Club

Following Jackson Friendly Home Administrator Melissa Woodhurst's presentation to the Cascades Lions Club at a general meeting in October, the Club's membership took an active interest in supporting this home for needy ladies. One of the Administrator's concerns was the fact that the 44 ladies living at the facility depended on a single residential-grade washing machine and dryer to keep up with their laundry needs. The appliances were being used day and night and were not expected to last much longer. In the hope of assistance from other clubs in the zone, Cascades Lions committed to funding Friendly Home's purchase of new commercial-grade washer and dryer.

Club Treasurer Vern Robinson found a local merchant who would sell, install and service such equipment and set a corresponding dollar goal for the project. On April 6, 2015 Treasurer Robinson delivered a final check from Cascades Lions to cover the remaining \$616.00 necessary to fund the purchase; much to the relief of current Administrator Carrie Goode, who disclosed that the existing washing machine had finally failed 3 days earlier. The list of contributing clubs include Jackson Cascades, Clark Lake, Concord, Grass Lake, Hanover-Horton Area, Jackson Eyeopeners, Jackson Host Club, Michigan Center, Vandercook Lake and North Jackson.

Daffodils Are All Around Us – Thanks to Lions! Photo by Lion Peg Griggs



This Spring the daffodil display around Ella Sharp and Cascades was in full bloom, enjoyed by many, thanks to the hard work of Lions and the Daffodil Society. Lion Peg Griggs sent in this photo of the most recent planting at Cascades. Thanks, Lion Peg!

Don't Forget! Lions Worldwide Week of Service!

May 16 – 22

Plan - Share - Report / Youth – Vision – Hunger - Environment

2015 District 11-B1 Convention a Success! Final Report by PDG Terry Walters

The 2015 District 11-B1 Convention, held on April 10-11, was certainly fun filled and informative! It was held at the Village Conference Center and Comfort Inn in Chelsea, Michigan. Of the 220 registered for the convention, 215 were in attendance. The meals were all very well done and the staff did a great job. There were a total of 347 meals served. There were 111 at the Friday night buffet, 141 at the Saturday Luncheon and 95 at the Saturday Banquet. On Friday night, we had 23 Leos in attendance from Hanover-Horton, Grass Lake, Dexter, and Napoleon.

The speakers and entertainment for Friday night were excellent! Miss Michigan, KT Maviglia, gave an outstanding presentation about her background and her involvement in the pageant. She then took time to have her picture taken with various clubs and individuals. During the second part of the evening, Collette Cullen did a great performance as Annie Sullivan who was Helen Keller's teacher. Through her portrayal, you learned a lot about Helen Keller and the obstacles and challenges she faced growing up.

The Memorial Service was held on Saturday morning with the presentation recognizing 36 Lions who had passed away during the last year. The Opening Ceremony was next with the MYCA serving as the Honor Guard. The District Veterans were recognized and DG Vicki presented each of them with the Commemorative coin from the LOMF.

We then moved into the luncheon with 141 in attendance which made it a little tight in the room that we were in. Alex Teska from Eversight Michigan was the keynote speaker talking about the name change of the Michigan Eyebank and their continued mission. Patrick Pruitt, a Board member and cornea transplant recipient also spoke on behalf of Eversight Michigan. A new addition at the luncheon was a Pie Auction! The cabinet members and some other Lions donated 15 pies to be auctioned off. PDG Dick Dettling was the auctioneer. The pie auction was done in memory of a great Lion, Jan Bishop, from the Battle Creek Host club. It was a fun and successful event.

There were then three break out sessions that were back to back and about 30 minutes each. Howdy Holmes, CEO of Chelsea Milling (Jiffy Mix) and former race car driver talked about his career. It was a very inspiring presentation. PID Dennis Tichenor, our guest for the weekend, talked about what is going on at the International Lions headquarters and things that may be coming up. We then had a presentation by PDG Dick Dettling, IPDG Barry Allen, and PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser on "What everyone should know about Lions". The next event was the Business meeting where

Peggy Allen was nominated for District Governor and Dick Dettling was nominated for trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation. There were 65 certified delegates from 24 clubs who then voted and elected Peggy Allen as DGE and PDG Dick Dettling as a trustee to the Foundation.

Lions and guests began arriving for the social hour and banquet at 5:00 PM. There were 96 attending the banquet where Wendy Burns, Executive Director, of the Lions of Michigan was the MC. Lion Song Leader Jim Baum led us in various songs at the banquet. PID Dennis Tichenor and his wife Judi were our guests at the banquet and PID Dennis was our featured speaker. He was certainly an informative and entertaining speaker. Many commented on how much he and his wife participated in all the weekend activities. PID Dennis and Judi were very friendly and made sure to talk to many of those attending from the District. DG Vicki presented more awards at the banquet. Lion CT Walt Treichel received the Wendell Doty Award and ZC Margie Horsch was recognized as the District Lion of the Year.

It was a fun and enjoyable evening. DGE Peggy Allen spoke and introduced her Cabinet for 2015-2016. The drawing was held for the gift cards where Lion Diane Schweda won the \$200 gift card and Lion Claudea Templeton won the \$100 gift card. The results of the drawings for raffle gifts were then announced. This year there were 28 clubs that donated \$ 30 toward the raffle gifts; 6 clubs brought their own raffle gifts; and 4 individuals donated gifts to the raffle for a total of 38 gifts for the Saturday District Raffle.

The whole weekend seemed to go along smoothly and it was a fun and enjoyable Convention. Many commented on the good meals that were provided. A big thank you goes out to the Convention committee for their convention planning and execution. The committee members included: DG Vicki Lautzenheiser, PDG Terry Walters, PDG Dick Dettling, IPDG Barry Allen, 1st VDG Peggy Allen, ZC Margie Horsch, CT Walt Treichel, PDG Barbara Treichel, Lion Connie Neese, Lion Ron Kohmescher, Lion Pat Kohmescher, Lion Jay Myers, ZC Jim Montgomery and PDG Vicki Ruiz.

Thank you to PDG Gary Babcock for hosting our guests, PID Dennis and Judi Tichenor. Thank you to the Lions Clubs from Dexter, Battle Creek Cereal City and Chelsea for providing the Lions to work at the Convention. Thank you to Lion Diane Schweda for organizing the Credential table. Thank you to all the Leo Clubs and their advisors for attending. Thank you for everyone who attended this year's convention. Your attendance certainly made for a great weekend!

Munith Lions Have 2nd Reader Machine Available

Just an FYI. If you know of someone who may need a reader, contact the Munith Lions!

And Now, a Word From the Clarklake Lions Club! Thanks to Lion Walt Reed
Our CASH BASH was a great success! We made over \$5400 this year and, as usual, had an evening of fun and fellowship. Thanks to all those who helped and thanks to everyone in the community who participated!

By the way, the Clarklake Lions grill steaks for their summer meetings...so, if you're looking for a club to visit...well, just a thought!

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club Welcomes New Member! From Lion Roger Spriggs, Club President

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club welcomed their newest member Lion Sandra Determann, pictured here at her installation on May 13. The picture shows Lion Sandra lighting the purple candle signifying loyalty to country, friends and self: purple being the color of strength and courage. Lion Sandra was sponsored by Lion Mike Conklin who received his gold ribbon.



District 11-B1 Gets the Green Light to Purchase 3 Spot Cameras!

The District has been awarded a grant of over \$10,000 – and its own matching funds – to allow for the purchase of three new “Spot” cameras for vision screening. The cameras cost about \$7000 each and can take a picture in about 0.75 seconds!



Jackson Eyeopeners “Serve” it Up!

At left: Lions Jackie Hunter, Barbara Ray, Cyndie Gorton, and Karen Hutton serving lunch at the Interfaith Shelter on April 20th.

Keep up the good work!!

From the Jackson Eyeopeners Newsletter

Homer Lions Clean Up M-60 and Hold Auction! From Lion Jason Manke



The Homer Lions just after their M-60 cleanup.

The Homer Lions Club just wrapped up their M-60 Spring highway pick-up. They had 10 members take part in this event and collected almost 50 bags of trash!

They also held their annual auction, where they raised around \$750.00. The money raised at this event goes for a high school scholarship to be award at Homer Community Schools.

Lion Paul Blasfield served as the wonderful auction assistant and Lion Rod Evans the auctioneer.

News Byte: The North Jackson Lions recently held a Kidsight screening at the Parnall Kindergarten round-up, where they screened 173 children with 17 referrals over 3 mornings. Volunteers included Lions Bob & Peg Griggs, Jenny Wilburn, “Special Lion” Connie Fenton and DG Vicki Lautzenheiser. From the North Jackson Lions Jaw Newsletter



Blissfield Lions “Refresh” the Students!

From Lion Dick Saxton

Continuing their partnership with Lenawee Cradle to Career Program, the Blissfield Area Lions Club provided bags containing juice, goldfish and fruit snacks for 50 students during Blissfield Elementary Kindergarten Evaluation and Registration. Additional snack packs will be provided during upcoming registration. In the photo are Club President Lion Stan Masters and Secretary Lion Dick Saxton

Upcoming Events and Info

Leo Day at the USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids a Go!

Lion Bob Cox of South Carolina has organized a “Leo Day”, Saturday, September 19th, at the USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids. Special training related to Leo club operations and successes will take place throughout Saturday. In addition to the training seminars, there will also be exhibits and a special Leos-only lunch that day. The cost for Leo registration, including lunch, is only \$15! The event is open to all Leos under 19 years of age. Advisors and Parents with at least six Leos attending may also attend this day-only event and should contact the registrar for arrangements.

Leader Dogs for the Blind Accepting Applications for 2015 Summer Experience Camp

Do you know any teenagers who could use a week of fun, outdoor activity and friendship this summer? Do you think they would enjoy kayaking, rock wall climbing and tandem biking? How about the challenge of developing new travel skills and stretching their independence? If so, the Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience Camp was designed with them in mind.

The program combines outdoor activities with things exclusively Leader Dog—audible pedestrian GPS training and the opportunity to spend time with Leader Dogs in training and guide dog mobility instructors. The combination will help them increase the skills they need to live independently!

Summer Experience Camp is for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind. The program is completely free including airfare to Michigan—and everyone receives a free HumanWare Trekker audible pedestrian GPS device to keep. Summer Experience Camp is scheduled for June 26—July 3, 2015. Applications are due by April 1, 2015.

For more information: www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp, or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at 888-777-5332.

Inter-Lakes Lions Holding Metal Recycling Event

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



Fun Day at Gallup Park Sunday May 17, 2015 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Please join other families and teachers of students with visual

impairment. We will have the Gallup Park room reserved from conversation, information gather, and pizza.

Your family can also go on a paddleboat ride, canoe or fish on the Huron River

This event is sponsored by:

Leo Club of Washtenaw County
Michigan Parents of the Visually
Impaired Washtenaw Intermediate
School District



Michigan Parents of Children
with Visual Impairments

Please RSVP to:

Kathy Christensen kchris@washtenawisd.org

Jessica Klenk jklenk@washtenawisd.org

Michele Danilowicz

mdanilowicz@washtenawisd.org

Laura White lwhite@washtenawisd.org

Amy Shepherd amyshep4@gmail.com



NAPOLEON—HANOVER LIONS

CHICKEN BBQ

MAY 25, 2015

11:30 – 3pm

NAPOLEON TOWNSHIP PARK ON AUSTIN RD.



1/2 CHICKEN OR SMOKED PORK CHOP

INCLUDES

BAKED BEANS, POTATO SALAD, ROLL, BUTTER

BOTTLE OF WATER \$8

1/4 CHICKEN DINNER \$5



Gift of Sight Golf Classic
In partnership with the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club

Saturday, June 13, 2015
Shotgun Start: 1:30 p.m.

Please join us for the *Gift of Sight Golf Classic* to raise awareness and funds in support of sight restoration through corneal transplantation and vision research.

The Polo Fields, Washtenaw Golf and Country Club
2955 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan

\$135 Per Golfer

Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, grilled lunch, awards, tee gift, prizes, silent auction and New York strip steak dinner with an open bar.

Dinner only - \$50 Per Person

Schedule:

Registration, Lunch, Putting Practice,
Putting Contest, Silent Auction... 12:00 p.m.
Shotgun Start..... 1:30 p.m.
Dinner & Awards..... 7:00 p.m.

Contests:

Putting Contest
Longest Drive (Men/Ladies)
Closest to the Hole (Men/Ladies)
Hole-In-One



Dress Code and Footwear: The Polo Fields dress code is designed to maintain the highest standards of golf etiquette. Swimwear, cutoffs, jeans, jean shorts, short shorts, halter tops, and tank tops are not permitted while using any of the facilities. Shorts must be mid-thigh or Bermuda length. Gentlemen are asked to always wear collared golf shirts. Metal spiked golf shoes are prohibited on The Polo Field Golf Course. Any player that arrives with metal spikes will be required to purchase an alternative set of spikes at the cost of \$10 per pair.



See the Forms Section for a Registration or Sponsorship Form

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation selling limited edition coins to



honor veterans. Clubs or Lion members can purchase these for \$5.00 each and can be used as a fundraiser for your club. The coins retail for \$10.00 each for non-Lion members. Please contact Lion Clem Ruiz or Lion Vicki Ruiz @517-529-9689. These coins will go fast, so if you are interested, your club needs to take action. Some clubs want to purchase 25 coins at a price of \$125

and could potentially make another \$125 by selling to non-members. (from Lion Jim Montgomery, ZC.)

Funds raised through the sale of Lions of Michigan Foundation Challenge Coins will be deposited in the Lions of Michigan Foundation's Grant Yager Military Relief Fund to provide Emergency Financial Relief Grants up to \$1,000 to help military veterans and current military personnel. Grant Yager was a World War II Prisoner of War and a member of the Sandusky Lions Club in District 11-D2.

Information on the Grand Rapids US/Canada Forum... IPDG Barry Allen

The US/Canada Forum which will be held on September 17 - 19, 2015 in Grand Rapids, MI. We need to get our Lions thinking about attending since this will be in our own backyard. It's a fantastic opportunity for two days of seminars, but even better to see all of our Lions leaders in one place and to talk to them, including our current and past International Presidents, Directors and many of the LCI staff.

If you register before June 1st, you get a discounted price of \$277. From June 1st to July 20th the rate goes to \$288, and after that up to \$310.

For more information, follow this link: <http://lionsforum.org/>

Contests, Contests...

And the Winners Are...

The ticket seller's drawing for the Lions of Michigan Foundation Sweepstakes yielded the following lucky winners:

1 st Prize	\$500	Gary Rehberg of Oscoda, MI. (Oscoda Lions)
2 nd Prize	\$300	The Sault Ste. Marie Lions
3 rd Prize	\$200	The Saginaw Westside Lions
4 th Prize	\$100	Karen Lewis of Farmington Hills, MI (Livonia Hi-Nooners Lions)

Stay tuned for information on the big drawing at the Holland MD-11 Convention, coming next month!

Peace Poster Kits On Sale Now!

Clubs can now order their kits at LCI. For more info, click on this link:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/youth/peace-poster/index.php>

Club Growth Assessments Through April 2015

Albion - 6.67	Ann Arbor Host - 5.0%
Blissfield - 15.38%	Clinton - 4.76%
Dexter - 8.70%	Hanover-Horton - 10.00%
Marshall - 9.52%	Michigan Center - 5.97%
North Jackson - 4.55%	Pennfield - 2.33%
Pittsford - 31.03%	Vandercook Lake - 12.50%

Listed above are the percentages of increases for membership through the end of April. Thank you so much for adding more hands for service. - DG Vicki

How Much did Your Club Collect During White Cane Week?

Well, not all reports are in by far, but here's the number to beat the way I see it: \$2,529.45 Collected by the Munith Lions Club! Incredible! Sounds like some long hours there! I'd like to hear from you if your club topped this. Send me your numbers – steve@protechcomputers.biz

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

The Adrian Breakfast Lions held their annual radio auction with a huge list of items sold – netting them approximately \$10k! They provided 11 pairs of eyeglasses and exams for local residents and donated another \$1000 to provide medical vision treatment. They also donated to the Penrickton Center in memory of Lion Hop Anderson.

The Bedford Area Lions held their weekly cherry juice sale and participated in White Cane Week. They will be holding a Garage Sale at their clubhouse on May 16th.

The Dexter Lions sent eleven of their finest to the District Convention and four more to the Spring Leadership Forum. They donated \$500 to the Boy Scouts and were guests at a Lions Appreciation Night hosted by the Men's Dexter Lacrosse, recognizing their support of the team.

The Hanover Horton Area Lions held a White Cane Drive, sent a three Lion delegation to the District Convention and seven members to the Spring Leadership Forum, and made several donations including the support of three H-H students going to the National BPA Competition in CA (Business Professionals of America – a high school event where students showcase their leadership and skills in various professions). The students raised the \$3300 needed for the trip through use of the gofundme.com website and social media. It figures, as their skills are in computer programming! The H-H Lions will also be joint-hosting the Memorial Day BBQ in Napoleon.

The Hanover Horton Leos Club sent several members to the District Convention and the Spring Leadership Forum. They made several donations to organizations including the Leaderdogs, the Youth Exchange and the BPA Competition. They'll be joining with the Napoleon Leos Club to participate in the Memorial Day BBQ.

The Hillsdale Lions Club held a rummage sale fundraiser, sent a seven Lion group to the Spring Leadership Forum and donated \$350 to the Library's Reading Program. They have set a date of August 29th for their annual horse show. They've completed their White Cane collections, sponsored a camper for Bear Lake Camp, and are donating a handmade quilt (by Lion Rae Organ) to the Hillsdale Prep School auction/fundraiser.

The Inter-Lake Lions worked on a Highway Pickup project and sent a five Lion delegation to the District Convention. They did their White Cane collection and have a metal recycling fundraiser coming up on the 15th.



Michigan Lions District 11-B1 Newsletter May 2015



The Jackson Cascades Lions worked on White Cane collections, sent a Lion to the District Convention and the Spring Leadership Forum, and donated the final \$616 needed to the Friendly Home Washer/Dryer Fund. They've set a date of August 2nd for their annual John George Picnic.

The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions participated in White Cane, sold Lions of Michigan Foundation sweepstakes tickets, helped out with Gift of Life Day and served lunch at the Interfaith Shelter. They shipped seven Lions off to the District Convention and a group of six to the Spring Leadership Forum. The Eyeopeners doled out some generous donations to the Tonya Fletcher Roof Fund (VCL), the Lions of Michigan Foundation, and the Bear Lake Camp to help with the paddle boat and camper funds. They provided a \$300 donation toward the fitting of hearing aids for a Jackson resident and presented Brad Flory with a Heart of a Lion certificate for his work with local food pantries (Brad's Lunch Bunch).

The Jackson Host Lions sold a whole lot of onions, participated in White Cane collections, sent a six Lion crew to the District Convention and an eight Lion group to the Spring Leadership Forum. They donated to the Friendly Home washer/dryer fund and provided vision care support to 4 individuals needing eye exams and glasses.

The Manchester Lions worked a Charity Poker fundraiser and conducted Kidsight screening at Klager School. They sent a six Lion pack to the District Convention and five members attended the Spring Leadership Forum.

The Michigan Center Lions participated in White Cane week.

The Munith Lions supported the Stockbridge Lions Bingo, participated in White Cane and donated to the "Pay it Forward" program and Girl Scouts. They sent a seven Lion party to the District Convention and seven more to the Spring Leadership Forum.

The Napoleon Lions participated in White Cane Week, provided support for eye exams and glasses to local residents, sent a six Lion team to the District Convention and the Spring Leadership Forum, and donated funds to various organizations including the Bear Lake Camp. They just held their Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at their Club House, and are gearing up for the big event: their Chicken BBQ at Napoleon Twp Park with Hanover Horton Area Lions and the Leos.

The North Adams Lions participated in White Cane Week and will be awarding scholarships to some deserving graduates later this month.

The North Jackson Lions worked on their Onion Sale and conducted Kidsight screening at Northwest Elementary. They sent nine Lions to the District Convention and four to the Spring Leadership Forum. They donated funds to the VCL Lions "Roof Fund" and provided eyeglass/vision care support. They are participating in White Cane and will have members at the MD-11 Convention in Holland. They are planning to do another large-scale Kidsight screening at the Jackson County Kid Fest, which takes place at the Fairgrounds on June 12th.

The Parma-Spring Arbor Lions participated in White Cane and held Kidsight screenings at the Western School Kindergarten round-up, screening 100 children with 10 referrals. They sent a three Lion crew to the District Convention and had a unique club visit: 2 members of the Lake Alfred, FL Lions Club!

The Tekonsha Lions wrapped up their Onion Sale with 1100 lbs sold, doubling last year's effort! They supported the Fourth Grade Foresters project providing 20 spruce trees, sent two Lions to the District Convention and one to the Spring Forum, and helped a local resident with medical expenses. Club members helped with a local blood drive and donated a flag to the high school. They announced the winner of their "We Serve" contest for Tekonsha HS seniors, awarding Alexis Cole with \$200 college assistance.

The Vandercook Lake Lions sent six members to the District Convention, had 3 members attend the Spring Leadership Forum while another six worked at the Forum. They will have members at the MD-11 Convention in Holland. The VCL Lions hit their goal of selling 100 LOMF Sweepstakes tickets, participated in White Cane and held their monthly Pancake Breakfast. They continue to seek donations for the Tonya Fletcher Roof Fund, with about \$1500 collected towards their \$4500 goal.



Michigan Lions District 11-B1 Newsletter May 2015



WELCOME ABOARD!

Recent New Members in the District:

NEW MEMBER	CLUB	SPONSOR
George Lewis	Dexter Lions	Lion Rex Reeve
Brian McDonald	Dexter Lions	Lion Karl Bartscht
Joseph Bragg	Napoleon Lions	Lion Dick Tallman
Adam Dauer	Pittsford Lions	Lion George Clark
Allison Dauer	Pittsford Lions	Lion George Clark
Brenda Godfrey	Pittsford Lions	Lion Beth Caswell
Robert Godfrey	Pittsford Lions	Lion George Gier
Thomas Immel	Pittsford Lions	Lion Dick Anspaugh
Manuel Salazar	Pittsford Lions	Lion Donald Letherer
Jacklynn Salazar	Pittsford Lions	Lion Donald Letherer
James Watson	Pittsford Lions	N/A
Sandra Determann	Battle Creek Cereal City Lions	Lion Mike Conklin

GONE BUT ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

Lion Daniel Baker http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?pid=174755925	Clarklake Lions	April 29, 2015 Joined Lions in 2012
Lion Russel Rogers http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?pid=174624412	Munith Lions	April 12, 2015 Joined Lions in 1961
Former Lion Chuck Jessup http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?pid=174807633	Jackson Host Lions	May 6, 2015 Served Lions from 1973 to 2011
Former Lion Walt Vaclavik http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?pid=174705527	Jackson Host Lions	April 18, 2015 Served Lions from 1968 to 2011

Sightmobile Schedule Filling Up – Get Your Reservations In Soon!

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

Just Added: SEP 18-19 @ Albion



Michigan Lions District 11-B1 Newsletter May 2015



* LION LINKS *

Cool Lions Stuff Online

Good info about the LCI 100th Anniversary <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>

The District 11-B1 eClubhouse Website: <http://e-district.org/sites/11b1/>

The District 11-B1 Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/118930264790057/>

A Big THANK YOU! from me.

Lion Steve Britten here. I'd like to say THANKS! to all the contributors to the District Newsletter that help make it what it is. It's your content that makes it interesting and worthwhile! Keep those great photos and articles coming! ☺

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

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

-- Muhammad Ali

Forms & Publications Section:

1. Michigan Eversight Golf Outing Registration/Sponsorship
2. 2015 USA/Canada Lions Forum (GR, MI) Volunteers Sign-up
3. Leaderdog CDC Contribution Form (2 Pages)

Sponsorship Packages

Visionary: \$5,000

2 foursomes, signage on banner, listing on sponsor board and website.

20/20: \$1,000

1 foursome, listing on sponsor board and website.

Hole: \$150

Signage on course, listing on sponsor board and website.

Crystal: \$2,500

1 foursome, signage on banner, listing on sponsor board and website.

Gift of Sight Friend: \$500

Signage on course, listing on sponsor board and website.

Table: \$25

Signage on dinner table, listing on sponsor board and website.

Yes! We would like to support the Michigan Eye-Bank *Gift of Sight* Golf Classic

___ Visionary: \$5,000

___ 20/20: \$1,000

___ Hole: \$150

___ Crystal: \$2,500

___ Gift of Sight Friend: \$500

___ Table: \$25

We would like to provide an item for your silent auction:

Gift Description: _____ Value of item: \$ _____

Donor Signature (required to validate gift amount): _____

Please make arrangements to either deliver the item or have it picked up by calling (800) 247-7250 ext. 2628.

We are unable to participate, but would like to make a financial contribution of \$ _____

Visit www.michiganeyebank.org for easy online donation, sponsorship, or to pre-register individual golfers, dinner-only attendees or foursomes, or complete this form and mail to: *Michigan Eye-Bank, 4889 Venture Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.*

Company/Organization: _____ Primary Contact: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Method of Payment: Check Enclosed \$ _____ *(Please make check payable to the Michigan Eye-Bank)*

Please Charge My Credit Card: \$ _____ VISA MasterCard American Express

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature: _____

Player's Name, Address, Phone: _____

Player's Name, Address, Phone: _____

Player's Name, Address, Phone: _____

Player's Name, Address, Phone: _____

Please register by May 15, 2015. Donations are tax-deductible as provided by law (Tax ID# 27-3107692).

For more information, contact Lisa Langley at (800) 247-7250, ext. 2628, or lisa@michiganeyebank.org.

Thank you for your support!



2015 USA/CANADA LIONS FORUM

Volunteers Sign-up Form



Yes, I (we) would like to work at the 2015 Forum. *(Same form may be used for both spouses.)*

Check all areas where you would be interested in working.

Me Spouse

Grand Rapids-2015 USA/Canada Forum

- * Will be available to help Sept. 15-19, 2015 in Grand Rapids, MI
 Tues Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.
- Host Committee office at DeVos Place Convention Center (Wed. - Sat.)
- * Hotel registration booths (at hotels Wed. & Thurs.)
- * Convention Center Registration (Wed. - Sat.)
- Run VIP airport Shuttles (personal vehicles needed, Tues.-Sun.)
- Airport Welcome and Information booth (at Grand Rapids Ford Airport: Wed.-Sat.)
- Welcome Centers on highways into Michigan- (club project if possible: Tues-Thurs.)
- Registration and promotion booths at the State Conventions in adjacent States; Wis.,
 Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Ontario Hawaii - Intl. Conv.
- Data entry in Host Committee office (Thurs. - Sat.)
- Convention Center greeter and/or information provider (Thurs. - Sat.)
- * Seminar Sergeant-at-Arms (Fri. - Sat.)
- * Seminar Observer (Assist presenters and moderators if needed Fri. - Sat.)
- * Sergeant-at-Arms: banquets (Thurs. p.m. - Sat. p.m.)
- Assist with seating at banquets (Thurs. p.m. - Sat. p.m.)
- Forum Store set up (Wed.)
- * Work at Forum Store (Thurs. - Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Assist in setting up/ tear down Peace Poster display on Wed. & Sat.
- I/we will work where ever needed except _____

* denotes areas where many volunteers will be needed

All shifts will be no more than 4 hours in length. Many will be much less

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

District _____ Club _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Return form to Forum Host Manpower Co-Chair: PCC Brian Shepard,
6235 Pollard,
East Lansing, MI 49127
(517) 256-9184 cell
shepard@financialtec.com



Lions Canine Development Center—Contribution Form

CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name: _____ District #: _____ Club Membership: _____

Title: President/Secretary/Treasurer Club Contact Name: _____

Club Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Home / Cell / Work (please circle)

Name as it should appear in recognition: _____

We would like to be anonymous

THIS IS A ONE-TIME GIFT (not a pledge or a pledge payment)

Check # _____

Multiple checks—please complete page 2

THIS IS OUR CLUB'S PLEDGE

Our total Club's pledge is \$ _____

To be paid in installments of \$ _____ over _____ years beginning on _____ date.

Payments to be made:

Yearly on the following date _____

Other schedule (please attach details of schedule)

If your Club wishes to make your first installment, please complete the following:

First installment attached: \$ _____

Cash

Check (# _____)

Other _____

If multiple people are contributing to the pledge payment, please complete page 2

Please make checks out to: Leader Dogs for the Blind- Canine Development Center.

Please forward the completed form to: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Attn: Philanthropy, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI, 48307. For additional information or questions, please call 248/651.5812.

Please sign and date below.

Club Contact Signature

Date

Thank you for your support!



Lions Canine Development Center—Contribution Form

Club Name: _____

If your Club is sending in multiple checks, please complete the following table.

- For **one-time gifts** (in addition to the pledge or pledge payment) please complete the donor and gift information below. Please note that all of these gifts will still be soft credited to the Club.
- For personal gifts that will be **counted as part of a Club’s pledge payment**, please check the first column next to each gift that should be counted towards the Club’s pledge.

Part of the Club’s Pledge Payment (check if yes)	Donor Information Name, Address, City, State, Postal Code	Total Pledge amount	Total Pledge Payment or One-time gift amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be anonymous		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be anonymous		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be anonymous		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be anonymous		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be anonymous		

Total Amount One-Time Gifts: _____

Total Amount Gifts towards Club’s Pledge Payment: _____

Total Amount Included: _____