



## District 11-B1 Newsletter

October 2022 Edition

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### A FEW WORDS FROM DG KELLY



#### **Together we can!**

We are almost half way through the Lions year, and I am having a great time! I have visited many clubs of District 11-B1, enjoyed Vandercook Lake's winning chili and Sunday breakfast, learned so much at Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids, supported KidSight booths at Jackson County and Calhoun County Fairs, went to the Council of Governors and district cabinet meetings, enjoyed IPDG Terri's Appreciation luncheon, and so much more!

I love all of our active leaders, and I am so glad we have opportunities for new leaders! There are many ways you can serve, both this year and next.

Have you sent in your RSVP or mailed checks to CT Annette for Fall Conference (Parade of Checks) on October 22?

Do you have projects and activities coming up? I would love to participate! You can reach me at 517-745-4404 or [klubbe1065@gmail.com](mailto:klubbe1065@gmail.com).



District rosters and pins are available.  
Contact your Zone Chair or DG Kelly for details.

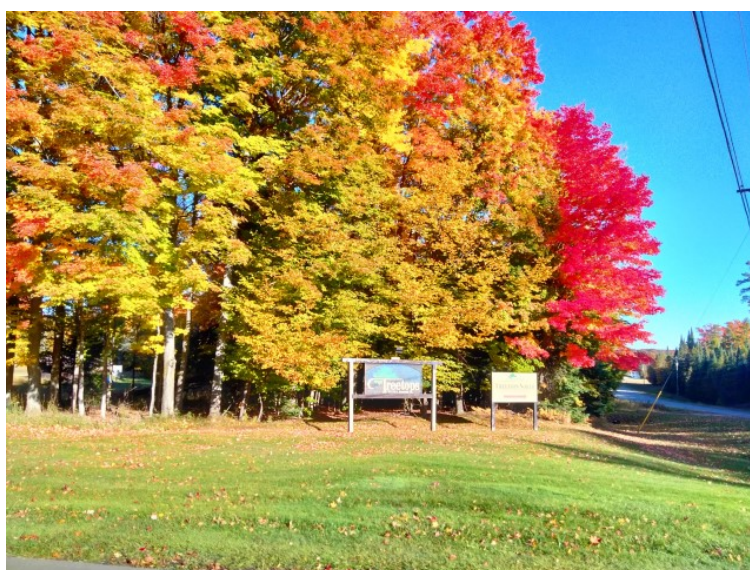
## CLUB VISITS

DG Kelly has been visiting the clubs of District 11-B1. She wants to visit your club too. Contact her to make arrangements. (She is currently booking December) - (517) 745-4404 or klubbe1065@gmail.com

DG Kelly recently visited Manchester and Battle Creek Cereal City clubs.



DG Kelly and VDG Annette recently attended the Council of Governors meeting in Gaylord. They enjoyed their fellowship with Lions and the Fall colors.





## **SERVICE REPORTING (MYLION)**

Reporting your club's community service hours in MyLion is a great way to share the fantastic impact your club is making in the community.

All clubs are encouraged to designate a person to report service. There is a little-known role called "club administrator" that can be assigned to a club member. It gives them the same role privileges in MyLCI and MyLion as the club secretary. This allows the club secretary to continue doing their usual functions while the club administrator performs the service reporting duties.

Contact Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator Nancy Hill at (517) 262-3759 or [Nancy.Ann.Hill@gmail.com](mailto:Nancy.Ann.Hill@gmail.com)

## **KIDSIGHT**

KidSight has a new, enthusiastic leader for this vital program this year. Immediate Past President Teresa Gest of Battle Creek Cereal City is our District Kidsight Chair.

Note, that as required by the Lions of Michigan Foundation who sponsor the KidSight program, all participants at the event must be trained and certified and have background checks to enable them to work with children.

If you have any questions related to KidSight, want to arrange to have the trailer for a special event, or learn about certification, contact Teresa and she will help you. She can be reached at (269) 625-4378 or [CCLionTG@gmail.com](mailto:CCLionTG@gmail.com)

## **WHEN A LION DIES**

This program provides remembrances and ceremony to honor the deceased. This can be at a club meeting or funeral and at the district convention. Contact DG Kelly for details and with death notifications.

## **CABINET MEETINGS**

September 25 - Mini Cabinet meeting (Zoom)

October 22 - Full Cabinet meeting - Immediately following Fall Conference. All are welcome.

## **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2023**

Boston, MA - July 7-11, 2023

Registration is open! <https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2023/>



## IN MEMORIUM - LION BETTY ROBINS - BATTLE CREEK HOST



Many of our older members will remember Lion Betty as a great Lion and a member of Battle Creek Host Lions Club.

Newer members who never had the privilege of knowing Betty may remember her as leading the Past District Governor (PDG) parade at the 2021-22 District Convention.

Rest in Peace Betty.

### Obituary:

Betty Rose (Morehouse/Osburn) Robins of Glenmore Village in Battle Creek, Michigan passed away surrounded by her family at the Glen Arbor Hospice in Battle Creek on Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

Betty was born in Detroit on February 5, 1928, to Rose and Ray Morehouse. She moved to Battle Creek as an infant, attending Battle Creek Central and graduating from Kellogg Community College with a degree in English Arts. She was employed at the Federal Center in DLA, then moved to a job at Kellogg's, where she retired.

She was an active member of the Westlake Presbyterian Church, recently transferring to First Presbyterian Church. Beginning at the Lakeview Hospital Auxiliary and Community Hospital, she graduated to volunteering at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital, amassing more than 15,000 hours of service. She also volunteered at the Salvation Army soup kitchen and Emergency Food Pantry, joined the Arboretum Society, Red Hat Society, and DAR.

As the first woman inducted into the Battle Creek Host Lions Club, she served as President for two terms, and as Zone and Region III Chairman, supervising several other clubs. She remained active to her death, helping to collect thousands of glasses for donation every year.

Betty was an avid reader and also enjoyed gardening, knitting, and travel. She was a season ticket holder for 45 years at the Barn Theater and had recently gone to Toronto to see the Swan Lake ballet.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Lakeview Lion Lloyd G. Robins, and daughter, Janet Osburn. She is survived by a son, David (Beverly) Osburn of Sherwood, a daughter, Elizabeth (Joe) Robins of McKinney, Texas, stepson Raymond (Gail) Robins of Holt, Michigan, ten grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

# Put on your party hats for **Fall Conference!!**

Presented by District 11-B1

**Lunch:  
Taco Bar  
Catered by Crazy Cowboy**



**RSVP to:**  
**Annette Hemeryck**  
**517-937-8453**  
[annettetravis95@frontier.com](mailto:annettetravis95@frontier.com)



# District 11-B1 Parade of Checks October 22, 2022

**SIDE 1:**      **CLUB NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	ACTUAL	CONTEST
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**FOUNDATIONS**

Lions Club International Foundation*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
Lions of Michigan Foundation*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award

**DISTRICT PROJECTS**

District Projects (Undesignated)	_____	
Michigan Youth Challenge Academy*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
Winter Camp for the Blind*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

Children Services	_____	
Diabetes*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
Hearing & Speech* (Deaf Picnic)	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
KidSight Screening	_____	
Leos of District	_____	
Peace Poster	_____	
Reading Action Program	_____	
Sight Conservation	_____	
District Childhood Cancer	_____	
Youth Exchange	_____	
Youth Outreach, Quest, Drug Awareness	_____	

**TOTAL ABOVE SECTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Write a check payable to “District 11-B1” from Activities account.**

When a Lion Dies (ADMIN Acct) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL THIS PAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Write a check payable to “District 11-B1” from Admin account.**

Funds the club has designated for each project listed above will be earmarked in the accounting.

**Remember:** The ADMIN donation must be a separate check from that account.

\*Contributions to these projects are required if your club participates in the Governor’s Club Award of Merit Contest (details on contest can be found in roster).

**DISTRICT 11-B1  
Parade of Checks  
October 22, 2022**

**SIDE 2:**                      **CLUB NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE/MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11/JOINT DISTRICT PROJECTS – Description of each is in District Roster.**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>CONTEST</b>
Bear Lake Camp*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
Leader Dogs for the Blind*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
Michigan All-State Band (Administrative Costs)*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
Michigan Braille Transcribing*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
Eversight (Eye Bank)*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
Paws with a Cause	_____	
Penrickton Center for Blind Children*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award
Radio Reading Services*	_____	\$10 minimum for Governor Merit Award

**TOTAL THIS PAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Contributions to these projects are required if your club participates in the Governor's Club Award of Merit Contest (details on contest can be found in roster).

**WRITE AN INDIVIDUAL CHECK MADE OUT to EACH project listed above.**

The District Treasurer will collect all of the checks at the Parade of Checks and forward them to the individual projects. In some cases, a representative will be available at the Parade of Checks to receive them directly.

It is understood that many clubs have their favorite projects and activities and it is appreciated that your generous contributions go well beyond the minimum amounts for the contest.

**\* REMEMBER TO PROVIDE THE CABINET TREASURER A COPY OF THESE FORMS \***

This will ensure you get credit for your contributions. Forms can be sent to the Cabinet Treasurer Annette Hemeryck BEFORE the Fall Conference which will assist in collecting the necessary data.

**Send forms/checks and RSVPs to Cabinet Treasurer Annette Hemeryck, 9551 Harrison St, Jerome, MI 49249.  
Annettetravis95@frontier.com**

**“Together We Can”**

**District 11-B1**  
**Parade of Checks - Understanding the Needs of our Supported Projects**  
**October 22, 2022**

*Every year the needs for individual projects and committees change based on their current balance, expected expenses, and anticipated needs.*

**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 \$10,000 grant for emergency services for Dexter Tornado victims. Historically the US receives more funds than are donated from within the US.

**Lions of Michigan Service Foundation** – This is where we get our Lions Mints, but more so, they provide grants for cataract surgery, 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 provide many grants, only limited by the donations received.

**District Projects (Undesignated)** – Funds designated to specific projects can only be used for that project. A project that does not receive adequate donations or has unexpected costs arise can request support from this undesignated fund.

**Michigan Youth Challenge 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 the continued educational and vocational success for these at risk individuals.

**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. Campers come from all over southern and mid-Michigan. Travel expenses, housing, and food comprise the bulk of the expenses. With COVID risks in recent years, camp has been virtual (on Zoom) but not without expenses (ie. mailings, craft supplies). We are gearing up for in-person camp this year so generous donations are appreciated!

**Children's Services** – This fund is the basis of funding for several special projects involving children. The committee is expanding the service opportunities for visually impaired and autistic children and opening doors for shared commitment to supporting our needy children. (NOTE sent to Roberta Sexton)

**Diabetes** – The diabetes committee has been very active in bringing diabetes awareness to people within our district and is involved in sending young adults to Camp Midichi for diabetic youth, which for some is a life changing experience.

**Hearing & Speech (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Picnic)** – The Lions of Michigan Foundation offers an Affordable Hearing Aid program through which we as a district assist in obtaining hearing aids for very low income applicants. If an applicant cannot afford the cost of both the aids and the fitting fee costs, or a Lions Club is not able to sponsor (pay for) one of those fees/costs, a request for payment is made for funds from the Hearing & Speech account.

The picnic is held the second Saturday in September of each fiscal year. The picnic provides an opportunity for district club members to volunteer their time and talent during this picnic which is provided free to our deaf and hard of hearing friends and their families.



While food is donated by area stores and prizes are normally donated by Deaf and Hard of Hearing Picnic committee members and several clubs in the district, the cost of the deaf interpreters, invitations and paper goods are paid with monies from the **Hearing & Speech** account.

**KidSight (District Expenses)** – The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides central management for the administration of KidSight throughout the state. They provide permissions and follow-up with those children who are referred for further evaluation. They provide insurance on the equipment, administrative supplies, and reimbursement of expenses. Accumulated funds will be used to upgrade and maintain equipment or supplies in the future.

**Leos of the District** – This supports the Leos so they can participate in district activities and Leo functions beyond their own clubs' limited resources. We encourage their attendance at the Banner Exchange, Fall Conference, and District Convention. Funds can also be used to start new clubs and support existing clubs within our district.

**Peace Poster** – The district provides awards for the top Peace Poster winners and has some administrative expenses. It is a great way for clubs to connect with local schools and encourage artful representations of peace.

**Reading Action Program** - The Reading Action Program is celebrated in March each year and allows Lions to provide additional funds to schools, day care centers, and individuals to put books into the hands of young readers. It is a great way to promote literacy and benefits from your financial support.

**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 club cannot afford the expense. In recent years, funds have helped provide white canes and white cane repairs at Winter Camp for the Blind. The account has a healthy balance and doesn't require additional funds.

**Childhood Cancer** – The Childhood Cancer committee depends on District 11-B1 Clubs to help with items or monetary donations to provide lap blankets, encouraging cards, backpacks full of goodies, and other supplies for children dealing with cancer.

**Youth Exchange** – Donations to this project can be used to provide supplemental 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 for their specific exchange trip, but differences in projected costs and variations in donations can leave some students in need of additional funding. This fund has a healthy balance so a minimal donation is requested.

**Youth Outreach, Drug Awareness & Quest** – Lions Quest is a comprehensive and universal, evidence-based social and emotional learning program. SEL is a process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. LCIF supports the research and development of quality social and emotional learning tools and resources as part of its global humanitarian effort to promote a safe, healthy approach to life, free from the harm of tobacco, alcohol and other drug use. Clubs of District 11-B1 have been fortunate to receive LCIF grants in recent years to further the program.

## **Administrative**

**When a Lion Dies** – This is actually an ADMINISTRATIVE program, so funds should come out of that account. This program provides remembrances and ceremony to honor the deceased and at the district convention.

There are administrative costs to provide this service but the account has a healthy balance.

## PEACE POSTER

The deadline to purchase Peace Poster kits from LCI has past for this year but District Peace Poster Coordinator Lion Shawne Lige has ordered a few kits for the district, in the case that you may need one and haven't yet purchased one.

Shawne encourages members to talk to their school community to find motivated students who would like to create a Peace Poster. If you have any questions, please email Shawne at [smondaylige@yahoo.com](mailto:smondaylige@yahoo.com)

Each Peace Poster kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

### **The 2022-2023 Contest: "Lead with Compassion"**

Children know how powerful compassion can be. They're often able to express this feeling more openly than adults. This year, we invite young people to explore and visually express the peaceful future that compassionate leadership brings.

### **Peace Poster Contest Deadlines for District 11-B1**

*Nov 10 - Turn in posters to District Chair Shawne Lige*

Nov 15 - 11-B1 Judging

Dec 3 - MD-11 Judging

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the age criteria and the submission deadlines will be disqualified.

Clubs and Districts should recognize local winners by sharing their poster images with your local news media and by posting them on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) with #PeacePoster.

District Peace Poster Coordinator Lion Shawne Lige

	<p><b>2021-22 Peace Poster Grand Prize</b> "We Are All Connected" Anja Rožen, 13 years old, Slovenia Sponsored by Slovenj Gradec Lions Club</p> <p><b>More info:</b> <a href="https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster">https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster</a></p>
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## **PARADE OF CHECKS INFORMATION from IPCC Dave Hill**

Dear Fellow Lions,

We are getting close to the Parade of Checks, and I wanted to ask that you give special financial consideration to three Lion Parade of Checks organizations.

**LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND** – During COVID Leader Dog was limited on providing Leader Dogs and Orientation and Mobility Training (white cane training), however, the Rochester Leader Dog campus is fully open and operational now. From July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, Leader Dog was able to provide 116 fully trained dogs to clients at no cost. Each dog costs approximately \$50,000 to train and provide. Leader Dog typically breeds 400 puppies for the program and typically approximately 200 dogs successfully complete the training and are placed with clients who are in the most need. Leader Dog plans on returning to providing 200 clients with dogs in this coming year. In the 2021-2022 fiscal year, 90 clients received OMT (white cane training) and 14 blind teenagers attended the Summer Experience Camp which included training with the handheld GPS unit that Leader Dog is working with. In the 2022-2023 year, we hope to increase the amount of dogs, white cane training and teenage summer experience clients to pre-covid levels, so please help in the Parade of Checks contributions.

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION** – The Foundation works with local Lions Clubs to help underserved populations and financially struggling individuals who require assistance with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event. The Foundation's services are offered statewide with a focus on helping Michigan residents succeed academically, develop normally, maintain independence and prosper in life. Some of the programs that the Foundation provides are Kidsight, Sight Restoration, Emergency Disaster Relief, Glaucoma Fund and Military Family and Veterans Relief Fund.

**BEAR LAKE CAMP FOR THE BLIND AND HEARING IMPAIRED** – Lions Bear Lake Camp's Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experience year-round to all persons, regardless of ability. Bear Lake Camp is located outside of LePere, Michigan, and since its opening in 2000 has served more than 10,000 campers and visitors. The Camp primarily provides blind/visually impaired and deaf/hard of hearing youth summer camp experiences.

I would be more than happy to provide a presentation regarding any or all of these organizations at your meetings. If you have any questions, you can contact me at my email or phone. Once again, thank you for giving special consideration to these organizations and most of all, thank you for being a Lion.

IPCC Dave Hill

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## PARADE OF CHECKS INFORMATION from WINTER CAMP

**Winter Camp thanks you and still needs your support!** Winter Campers come from many districts in Michigan to the Battle Creek Schools Outdoor Education Center (OEC) for fun, food, fellowship and most importantly a break from being at home. Due to Covid-19, we were forced to go virtual for the second year in 2022. While the cost was less, we did have costs for postage, crafts, and gift cards. We are very grateful to several districts, clubs, and individuals that supported our 2021 and 2022 Virtual Winter Camps through the purchase of gift cards that we used as raffle prizes. Winter Camp funds covered the remaining expenses. For in-person camp, the cost per camper averages around \$150, with \$45 paid by the campers themselves.

In previous years, our budget for the weekend at the Outdoor Education Center has been around \$7500, most of it for food. **The OEC has recently contracted their food service to a third-party vendor, which will increase our food cost in the coming year by around 30%.** The impact on our budget will be in the range of \$10-\$15 per camper. We don't want to increase the cost to our campers so we will need your help to cover the cost of camp this year. If you can help our project, through paying tuition for campers, providing transportation, donating to the operation of the camp, or sponsoring an item on our "wish list" below, we would greatly appreciate it. The Lions of Michigan Foundation has a fund specifically designated for Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired for a tax-deductible donation. If you would like to contribute, simply write a check to the LoMF and write "Winter Camp Fund" in the memo line.

### "Wish List" to Support Winter Camp 2023

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

**Winter Camp EMT volunteer position: good news!** We have a local club member in Battle Creek who has volunteered to be the Camp EMT/Nurse. She is a retired nurse and is looking forward to it. We can always use back up, so if you are interested, please let us know. The main duty of the Winter Camp EMT position is to ensure that campers get proper medication when needed, respond to emergencies, and be aware of any health issues that might come up. We utilize the Johnstown Fire Department nearby as backup for any serious needs that might occur. We do pay a small stipend for this important role. If you know someone who would be interested, please contact any of us below.

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



## VANDERCOOK LAKE

Club members cooked hot dogs for the Vandercook Lake Schools during their block party in August.



		<p>Vandercook Lake invites everyone to breakfast, 3rd Sunday of every month. <b>8am to 11:30 am</b> Biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, and coffee/milk. Dine-in or Carry-out. \$5 Donations are accepted.</p>
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On October 1, the multi-tasking award winning Vandercook Lake Lions Club was at all over the place. They helped out Summit Township with their trash day, at least one member joined other Jackson area Lions to plant daffodils at Cascades Park, and members worked at Jackson's Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off. The club won best professional chili and made the paper. Thanks to all members who helped out at one function or the other!





**Caption:** Vandercook Lake Lions Club members stir chili the K105.3 Fall Fest and Chili Classic along Michigan Avenue in downtown Jackson on Saturday, Oct. 16, 202. The event featured vendors, a chili cook-off, live music and kids activities.



## **ANN ARBOR HOST**

Through the great organization of Lion Richard Westbury, Ann Arbor Host held KidSight eye screenings at area preschools in early October. Lions worked alongside Delta Gamma sorority members to get the job done!

## **BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN**

Arrive early to the Fall Conference on October 22 at Sandstone Church to help pack backpacks for children with cancer. If interested in donating supplies, contact Lion Sana to see if needs still exist. (517) 812-3335

## **KNIT/CROCHET FILTER SOCKS**

To protect the water filters provided to at-risk communities, Nancy Hill invites you to join her in supporting Water for Blessings. Learn more by contacting Nancy or <https://waterwithblessings.org/crochet-for-a-cause/>



## CLINTON

The Clinton Fall Festival was September 23-25. We had Pumpkin Bowling for the kids and performed Project KidSight vision screenings for 127 attendees with 8 referrals. Thank you, Gregg, for your screening efforts!  
Clinton Lion Pat Kohmescher

