

## BRANCH AREA

The Branch Area Lions of Coldwater were busy during the town's annual Applefest event on September 17. It was a warm, beautiful day for the event and the streets were crowded with happy shoppers browsing the dozens of brightly decorated stalls looking for fall décor and gifts.

Branch Area operated two locations, one a combined Lions information booth with the adjacent KidSight trailer offering eye testing to the younger visitors. There were brochures and giveaways for the taking and eager Lions to answer questions. For those looking for some nourishment, the club also manned a hot dog stand further down the street to raise those much-needed funds. Battle Creek Cereal City offers thanks to Branch Area Lions Club for their warm welcome.



## BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

Cereal City Lions have taken up the need for eye screenings. They have worked with preschools, day cares, and many community events to provide screenings. They hope to expand the area screenings to include local school districts that currently only screen every other year. Since July of 2022 they have assisted Jackson Area Lions with screenings as well as doing screenings at the Calhoun County Fair. In October they partner with First Presbyterian Church to provide screenings for both the children and adults attending their annual Health Fair.

All club members are invited to become screeners. It is easy and very rewarding. Just follow these two steps to become a KidSight screener:

- \* Complete the Background Check and the Volunteer Form at

[.https://www.lmsf.net/index.php/programs/project-kidsight/kidsight-forms-info](https://www.lmsf.net/index.php/programs/project-kidsight/kidsight-forms-info)

- \* Obtain training for camera use and how to complete paperwork. (Training can be at a scheduled screening event or arranged with District KidSight Chair Teresa Gest).

Screenings will go the smoothest with three volunteers working together at an event.

Lion Mary Wallace , Cereal City KidSight Chair

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(left to right) Emily Slucter of Grace Health, Lion Kay Smith; Ashley Willavize of Grace Health, Lion Dorothy Bosse, Lion Christine Klipfer of Grace Health; Jonathan Russell of Grace Health, Kalli Sackrider of Grace Health, Alisha Morris of Grace Health, Lion Jim Baum, Lion Muriel Walters, Lion Mike Guzak, and Lion Roger Bosse.

The Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club presented Grace Health a \$500 gift for Optometry/Vision Care to assist patients in need of eyeglasses. Grace Health began providing vision/optometry services in March 2016 and added glasses on June 21, 2017. Patients may get an eye exam and glasses all at Grace Health.

For those in need, the Cereal City Lions Club and Grace Health are partnering with the Cereal City Eyeglass Program to provide free glasses to qualifying individuals.

To learn more about Grace Health and services provided, visit the website at [www.gracehealthmi.org](http://www.gracehealthmi.org).



The Battle Creek Cereal City Lions annual family picnic was held during August and was attended by many members of the club. They were remembering when the members used to bring small grandchildren to the picnic but for many years they had not had any small children attend. This year it was great to welcome back several small children who played and joined in the fun and made the whole event so much better.



## JACKSON EYEOPENERS

The Jackson Eyeopeners held their Fall Picnic and Awards Night September 12.



Samantha Browning was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by DG Kelly Lubbe and PID Esther LaMothe



Diane Schweda received 25-year membership pins.



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Wendy Burns received a 10-year pin.





Jackie Hunter, Karen and Tom Hutton and Ed Schweda all received 10-year pins.  
Jim Biondolillo received a 5-year pin.



Ed Schweda collecting donations for  
Candy Days at A&A Market.



## APPRECIATION LUNCHEON FOR IPDG TERRI HUFFMAN









## TEKONSHA WELLNESS

On September 18, 2022 - The Tekonsha Wellness Lions Branch Club provided root beer floats to the residents of Whispering Meadows Adult Care Home in Marshall, Michigan.



Our club members attended the first 2022-2023 meeting of our parent club, Tekonsha Lions.

Club members: Timi Perry, Lorraine Lindsey, Barb Baggerly, Jason Cole, Jeni Stowall, and Peg Griggs



## VIRTUAL LOW VISION/BLIND PEER SUPPORT GROUP

The Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (CIL) has set up a new Virtual Low Vision/Blind Peer Support Group that is open to anyone with vision loss or blindness. You don't have to be a resident of Washtenaw, Livingston or Monroe Counties (Our service areas) to join us.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 12pm-1pm on Zoom. Below is the flyer for the Peer Support Group. At the CIL, we have three blind peer staff facilitators, including myself, where we discuss challenges, help people navigate vision loss, and support our peers through guided questions and lively discussions.

Please share this far and wide! We want to grow our participation. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

~Lion Mark L. Hymes

Program Coordinator - Livingston County

Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living (AACIL)

[mhymes@aacil.org](mailto:mhymes@aacil.org) 517-586-0233 x 670 or 734-904-0530

### Your World

Navigating Life with  
Blindness and Low Vision



The **Center for Independent Living**, serving **Washtenaw, Monroe and Livingston** Counties, is proud to announce a new peer support group for adults who are blind or low-vision.

**Your World** is a welcoming, participant-driven peer support group for people who are blind or are experiencing vision loss. Sessions will consist of topics of interest to people who are low-vision or blind with the goal of empowering group members to embrace their self-identities and individuality as people with low vision, while strengthening belonging and community inclusion.

The facilitators are trained professionals from a wide range of backgrounds. All of us have experience as people who are blind or have vision loss.

- ❖ Monthly meetings starting September 7
- ❖ First Wednesday of every month at Noon
- ❖ Virtual meetings
- ❖ Yes, we can offer Assistive Tech support

Register in advance by contacting us:

734-971-0277 and ask for **Renee**  
or email [rechols@aacil.org](mailto:rechols@aacil.org)



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[www.annarborcil.org](http://www.annarborcil.org)

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Ann Arbor, MI 48106 734-971-0277  
15515 S. Dixie Hwy.  
Monroe, MI 48161 734-682-5271  
Virtual Office, Howell, MI 517-586-0233



## JACKSON HOST

Jackson Host Lions recently attended Immediate Past District Governor Terri's Appreciation Lunch, hosted Nancy Hill at a club meeting where she spoke about Global Service Team (GST) and Faculty Development Institute (FDI), volunteered at Jackson's Daffodil Day where 2000 bulbs were planted by 40 volunteers in 24 minutes, are selling Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy, and are making plans to visit nearby Quest Lions. They will be doing White Cane October 15 at Ferguson's Corners, coordinated by Lion Nancy Romano.

## BEDFORD



Bedford Lions love serving BBQ Chicken. Making money in the process is even better!

The BBQ chicken dinner was served on October 8, 2022. This is Bedford's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Picture shows first batch of chicken on the grill.

## EYEGLOSS CASES

Lion Ron K of Clinton has 2 1/2 paper shopping bags full of new and like new hard eyeglass cases. Free! Phone, text, or email Ron at (734) 775-9854 or [rjk955@gmail.com](mailto:rjk955@gmail.com)

## TRAINING EVENT - HOW TO INTERACT WITH BLIND AND VI INDIVIDUALS

Zone Chairs Bea Furman (R2Z4 and Jim Phelan (R2Z3) invite everyone to attend and bring a friend on Saturday, November 12. - 10am-12pm At Vandercook Lake Lions Clubhouse, 4628 Francis St, Jackson

This is a multiple zone event in which we will learn how to interact with blind and visually impaired individuals. It will be a time of fun interaction, as well as learning how to interact with one another. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Bea at [healingsongcmt@gmail.com](mailto:healingsongcmt@gmail.com) or Jim at [pizzajim2@aol.com](mailto:pizzajim2@aol.com) with how many will be coming from your club or zone. RSVP no later than November 1.



## **WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY and WORLD SIGHT DAY**

White Cane Safety Day (Oct 15) and World Sight Day (Oct 13) are similar events. Some might ask why we have both. While I do not know all the details, I can say that White Cane Safety Day was established by an act of U.S. Congress in 1964. World Sight Day was established by Lions Clubs International (LCI) during Campaign SightFirst in 2000.

Campaign SightFirst worked to preserve and prevent blindness whenever possible by education and encouraging eye examinations. World Sight Day is now promoted by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB).

A healthy eye contains a clear, smooth dome called a cornea. The cornea is a clear window that allows light rays to pass through and focus sharply on the back of the eye, the retina.



We must be careful and have proper eye exams as we age.

We must also be careful of the quality of contact lenses we use. Of particular concern are novelty lenses sold on the Internet for Halloween.

White Cane Safety Day gives Lions an opportunity to increase awareness of white cane traffic safety laws. Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe, reliable navigation and to communicate to sighted individuals that a person has low vision. Sufficient training with an Orientation and Mobility specialist can aid in successful cane use, technique, and safety.

### **Suggested Activities for Lions**

Mobilize your club to partner with local blindness experts, schools and organizations for the blind to plan your International White Cane Safety Day awareness activity.

Arrange for a person who is blind to demonstrate the use of the white cane and its benefits, and share his or her accomplishments and aspirations with the community or your club.

Invite a representative from a local school for the blind or a low vision clinic to speak about white cane, orientation and mobility, and white cane laws in your community.

Work with your local government officials to create a White Cane Safety Day Proclamation for your event.

Work with local news media to convey your community's white cane laws to the public.

Be sure to report your white cane awareness project or event using the Service Activity Report in MyLCI.



## NAPOLEON

Napoleon Lions recently brought their community together with a free lunch, serving over 30 people. Community businesses donated most of the food. Frank Ivy did an excellent job organizing the event. Other Lion volunteers were Vicki Ruiz, Bonnie Curry, Taryn Weinberg, Levi Kimball, Gary Morill, Frank Seaberg, Melissa DiForio, and Jo Ivy.

Coming up on October 15, they are holding a Stuff the Bus event to collect supplies for the Napoleon Food Pantry. The bus will be at Dollar General on Napoleon Rd. Items of need include non-perishable food, hygiene products, baby formula, and diapers.



# FOR THE NAPOLEON FOOD BANK

October 15, 2022  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**DOLLAR GENERAL®**

South St, Napoleon

**DOLLAR GENERAL®**

Napoleon Rd,  
Napoleon

## Items Needed



**Non Perishable  
Food Items**



**Baby  
Formula**



**Diapers**



**Personal  
Hygiene Items**

## HILLSDALE

The Hillsdale Lions is sponsoring a craft show on October 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church. 9am-3pm  
Contact Stuart Risedorph, President with questions. (517) 425-1803 or risedorphstuart@ymail.com

HILLSDALE 4562



We Serve

# **1st Annual Vendor Event October 22, 2022**

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

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Luther Hall**

**69 Griswold St., Hillsdale**

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

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



**MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS**

**WITCHES NIGHT OUT (aka Quarter Mania aka Ladies Night Out)**

**October 22 (Saturday) - Doors: 5pm Raffle: 7pm**

Michigan Center Eagles, 302 5th St, Michigan Center, MI

\$25 ticket includes Admission, Dinner, 1 free drink, auction paddle plus cash bar

**RSVP** to Debbie Chambers (517) 937-8663 or Kim Tousley (517) 812-5478

**MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS**

**WITCHES NIGHT OUT**

**QUARTER MANIA AUCTION**

**OCTOBER 22, 2022**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM**

**AUCTION STARTS AT 7:00**

**\$25 TICKET INCLUDES**

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- **ADMISSION**
  - **DINNER**
  - **ONE FREE DRINK**
  - **AUCTION PADDLE**

**BRING QUARTERS FOR AUCTION**

**50/50 DRAWING & MORE**

**CASH BAR**

**TICKETS:**

**KIM TOUSLEY (517) 812-5478**

**DEBBIE CHAMBERS (517) 937-8663**

**LOCATION:**

**MICHIGAN CENTER EAGLES**

**302 5TH ST. MICHIGAN CENTER**

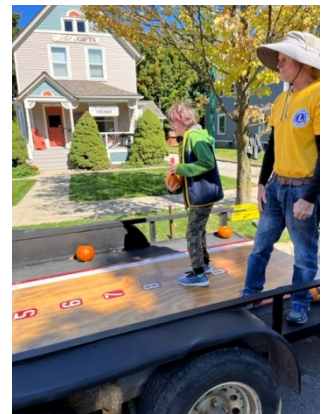


## DEXTER

Dexter Lion Dennis Berry (RIP) and his 1960 Studebaker Lark were remembered at the Chelsea Classic Cruisers car show.



Dexter Lions played an integral part in the recent AppleDaze celebration. They hosted kids games, hay rides, pie eating contests, pumpkin bowling, and more!









## PENRICKTON CENTER FOR BLIND CHILDREN

Penrickton welcomed Martha's Fur Angels for an evening of pure joy!  
The Delta Gamma sisters from U of M helped with the reunion between the kiddos and the furry friends!

**October 21 (Friday) 6:30pm**  
Annual Kickoff Dinner. The Dearborn Inn, 20301  
Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48124  
**Contact:** mail@penrickton.com, (734) 946-7500 to learn more



Painting of a handprint lion by a Penrickton student and presented to IPDG Terri at her luncheon





# LIONS OF MICHIGAN

## 2022 Lions Leadership Events

**Two training opportunities, one location**

### **LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

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

### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE**

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

### **EVENT INFORMATION**

Dates November 3 - 6, 2022  
Location R. A. MacMullan Center  
104 Conservation Drive  
Roscommon, MI 48653

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



## More Information!

### Lions Leadership Institute

There is a **\$250** fee. This includes registration, course materials, two nights of lodging, and six meals.

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

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

Here's a sampling of classes:

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

### Faculty Development Institute

There is a **\$350** fee. This includes registration, course materials, three nights of lodging, and eight meals.

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

Qualifications:

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

Here's a sampling of classes:

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

## Application form Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute



**Deadline: October 13, 2022**

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

### Applicant information

First name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Club name \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ # years in Lions \_\_\_\_\_  
Highest Lions office held \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute?    yes \_\_\_\_    no \_\_\_\_

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

Leadership Institute \_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Development Institute \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information

#### Pay by check, payable to Michigan Lions Leadership Institute

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

#### Pay by credit card online:

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 13, 2022



## **COUNCIL CHAIR**

How does one become council chair? Are they nominated by the current Council of Governors? It turns out, a Past District Governor who wants to serve as Council Chair for Multiple District 11 has to apply and be interviewed by the 1st Vice District Governors.

From the desk of Wendy Burns, Executive Director for Lions of Michigan:

### **2023-2024 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTEED!**

**Please Note the Deadline of November 23, 2022**

Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors and Immediate PDG's: The search is on! In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor or Immediate Past District Governor. He/she shall serve a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than **November 23, 2022**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the 2022-2023 MD 11- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors on Friday afternoon, **December 2, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Grand Rapids, MI**. Selection of the 2023-2024 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews and introduced that evening at the Council of Governors meeting.

**Thank you** for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11 in this very important capacity.

(Contact Cathy Koning or Wendy Burns for the application)

By the way, what is a Council Chair?

The Council Chair of MD-11 is a Past District Governor who serves as administrator, supporting the actions and decisions of the Council of Governors, facilitating discussions, communicating information on policies, programs, and events of Lions Clubs International, convening meetings, and more.

The Council of Governors is the governing body of the multiple district and, providing administrative support for the multiple district and is subject to the International Constitution and Board Policy. It is comprised of the currently serving District Governors. They authorize expenditures, designate a depository for multiple district funds, receive financial reports from council secretary-treasurer, and provide for an audit at the end of the fiscal year.

## MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS

Michigan Center Lioness Lions recently visited the Penrickton Center. They declare it to be a life changing experience. If you have never been, you should make time to take your club on a tour. Contact Kurt Sebaly to arrange your tour. [mail@penrickton.com](mailto:mail@penrickton.com) (734) 946-7500





## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

On October 1, 2022, five members of the University of Michigan Lions got a private tour of the Leader Dogs facility in Rochester Hills. Mike Dengate of Leader Dogs gave the students a personal tour of all the facilities dedicated to raising and training the future Leader Dogs. All of the members had the opportunity to be blindfolded and led by an ambassador dog. Many thanks to Mike Dengate and Leader Dogs to providing this educational opportunity to the members of the University of Michigan Lions.







## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **October 16 (Sunday) 10am-4pm**

Yardsaleapalooza plus Junk or Treat and White Cane with Jackson Professional Virtual Lions

Commonwealth Commerce Center, Jackson

Contact DG Kelly for details or simply stop by the table.

### **October 21 (Friday)**

Penrickton Center Kick-off Dinner. The Dearborn Inn. 20301 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48124

Contact: mail@penrickton.com, (734) 946-7500 to learn more

### **October 22 (Saturday) 9am (Doors open 8:30am)**

Fall Conference and Parade of Checks - \$15/person

Sandstone Church, 710 S. Sandstone Rd, Jackson, MI

RSVP to Annette Hemeryck, 9551 Harrison St, Jerome, MI 49249. Annettetravis95@frontier.com

(District Cabinet meeting immediately follows (~ 1pm))

### **October 22 (Saturday)**

Adrian Breakfast. Radio Auction

### **October 22 (Saturday) - Doors: 5pm Raffle: 7pm**

Witches Night Out/Quarter Mania

Michigan Center Eagles, 302 5th St, Michigan Center, MI

\$25 ticket includes Admission, Dinner, 1 free drink, auction paddle plus cash bar

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### **October 22 (Saturday) 9am-3pm**

Vendor Event and Crafts at Hillsdale Lutheran Church, 69 Griswold St

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

(YES, 4 events on October 22!)

### **October 30 (Sunday) 3pm-9pm**

Hocus Pocus Party at DG Kelly's house

Mini psychic fair with readers and energy workers, food, fun, and a bonfire

Food donations appreciated for our Lions club. Message DG Kelly for her address.

### **November 10 (Thursday)**

Peace Poster submissions due to DG Kelly

Contact Shawne Lige at smondaylige@yahoo.com with questions.

### **November 12 (Saturday) 10am-12pm**

Training Event: Learn how to interact with blind and visually impaired individuals

Vandercook Lake Lions Clubhouse, 4628 Francis St, Jackson

This is a multiple zone event in which we will learn how to interact with blind and visually impaired individuals. It will be a time of fun interaction, as well as learning how to interact with one another. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Bea at [healingsongcmt@gmail.com](mailto:healingsongcmt@gmail.com) or Jim at [pizzajim2@aol.com](mailto:pizzajim2@aol.com) and let us know how many will be coming from your club or zone, so that we will know how much to get for refreshments. RSVP no later than November 1.

**May 4, 2023 6pm-8pm**

Spring Leadership Forum at Vandercook Lake High School  
Contact Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684 with questions.

**July 7-11, 2023**

Lions Clubs International Convention, Boston, MA

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

**INTERNET INFORMATION**

**District Website:** <http://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1>

**"Lions of District 11-B1":** Public group for sharing to the world. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/372012908261994>

**"Lions Members of District 11-B1":** Closed group for support and encouragement of our district Lions -  
Join the discussion! Share your events! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/164726954206924/>

**Lion Pride** - The magazine of Michigan Lions <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/downloads/lion-pride>