



Michigan District 11-B1 Newsletter

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Jerome - It is unbelievable that it is already June 2024. To start, I want to say Happy Father's Day to all fathers. I guess it would be a happy Father's Day from Melvin Jones as well, as he is our father and builder of Lions International. We watch as trees and flowers burst out of the ground to provide us with the beauty that is in this world. We feel the sun on our faces that brings us joy and happiness. What a Wonderful World that we live in. I know that our world would not be as beautiful as it is if Lions didn't exist. Every one of you has done something for someone, somewhere, that may have been small but had the biggest impact on somebody else. We know there's always two moments when you become a Lion, one when you join and when you have your aha moment. Some people take a while to get to the aha moments but that's okay, as it will come. We serve purpose in our communities every day and our communities need us. While there's still lots to do I know we can tackle it. We have the greatest Lions in the world here in District 11-B1. It has been a pleasure to be your Governor this year because I've learned so much more than I ever thought possible from each one of you. Thank you for all you do and for being the Lions we are. So on to the next chapter and don't forget to stretch your spirit. Thank you for a fantastic year!

Together we are Changing the World!



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ROSTER BOOK CORRECTIONS AND UPDATES

August

Gregg Brindamour - C: 517-605-5611 - brindamourphotography@yahoo.com (page 26)
Harriet Spriggs - C: 630-926-8836 (page 68)
Roger and Harriet Spriggs - remove home phone (page 68)
Louvenia Shack-Seals - 905 S. Gorham Street, Jackson, MI 49203 - 517-914-9600 (page 4)
Teresa Gest - whitecane3@gmail.com (page 7 and 65)
Becky Walters - bwalters01@comcast.net (page 27)
Vicki Ruiz - misvicki46@gmail.com (page 63, 64, 67)
Roberta Sexton - Michigan Center Lioness Lions (page 68)

September

David Burlingame - Battle Creek Host - 269-979-3324 (page 23)
Craig Bishop - no longer using email - new/only phone: (H) 269-965-7117 (Page 63 and 66)

October

Kathy Emerson - Vandercook Lake. Remove the home and business numbers. Add cell phone number 517-581-0039 (Page 40)
Pennfield – The club’s meeting location has changed to Riverside Golf Club & Banquet Center, 245 E. Columbia Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49014 (Page 37)

December

Robert “Bob” Myers, c/o Barbara Myers-Simmons, 1500 W Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49202
C: 517-202-4526, SimmonsB8937@yahoo.com (Page 67), PDG Myers (1979-1980), Vandercook Lake, is suffering from Alzheimer’s. His daughter asked that all correspondence be mailed to her so she can share it with him.

January

Jackson Cascades – add club mailing address of P.O. Box 202, Jackson, MI 49204-0202 (page 30)
Melvin Jones Fellows – add Donald Parker and David Shafer to Jackson Cascades list (page 49)
Cultural & Community Activities Committee, Roger Yoder, C: 517-539-1903, rogeryoder@yahoo.com (page 62)
Radio Reading Services Committee, Roger Yoder, C: 517-539-1903, rogeryoder@yahoo.com (page 65)
Jackson Eyeopeners – meeting info changed to 1st and 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Country Club of Jackson, 3135 Horton Rd., Jackson, MI 49203 (page 31)
Scott Walters – Blissfield – change email address to swalters@blissfieldstate.com (page 24)
Add Leo Advisor Committee, Terry Walters, 6847 Wellington Dr., Dexter, MI 48130, C: 734-474-6914, twalters02@comcast.net (page 64)

March

Peggy Allen – add to list of International Presidential Medal award recipients (page 44)

April

Melvin Jones Fellows – add progressive asterisk after the name of Cathy Koning on Ann Arbor Evening list (page 48), add Gina Lammers to Grass Lake list (page 48), add Arthur Turner and Roger L. Yoder to Jackson Cascades list (page 49)
Lions of Michigan Foundation John S. Noel Fellow – add Richard Westbury to list (page 52)
Helen Keller Fellow – add Kelly Lubbe to list (page 53)
Ken E. Lautzenheiser Fellows – Change to Kenneth, add Roger Bosse and Frank Ivy to list (page 53)
Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship – add Teresa Gest to list (page 56)
William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship – add Bryan Cook, Cathy Koning, Stan Masters, and Hope Swank to list (page 57)
Wendell Doty Award – add 2024 Nancy Hill, Vandercook Lake to list (page 57)
Lions Bear Lake Camp Esther LaMothe Fellowship – add award and recipients Esther LaMothe, Jackson Eye Openers; Barry Allen, Manchester, Peggy Allen, Manchester to district 11-B1 Awards list on (page 57)

Please let us know if you have roster book changes to share.

The district roster book is available in PDF format by request with Cabinet Secretary Nancy Hill.



INTERNET INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL

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

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

STATE

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

Lions of Michigan Website: Website for Michigan Lions (Districts 10 and 11) - Connects you to state projects, convention information, and leadership training. lionsofmi.com

Lions of Michigan Foundation Website: Non-project charity for Michigan Lions. Provides grants for emergencies, projects, hearing aids, and eyeglasses. Accepts tax deductible donations on club's behalf using their 501(C)(3) status. lmsf.net

DISTRICT

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

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

Facebook Page: "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/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

20 July 2024	Cabinet Meeting, Vandercook Lake Clubhouse, 4628 Francis St., Jackson, 10:30 a.m.
20 July 2024	Manchester Chicken Broil, Alumni Memorial Field, 600 E Duncan St., 4-7:30 p.m.
21 July 2024	Banner Exchange, Napoleon Lions Clubhouse, 7935 Napoleon Rd, Napoleon,
2-3 August 2024	Council of Governors Meeting/VDG Training, Sheraton Airport Grand Rapids
3 August 2024	Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Dinner, Sheraton Airport Hotel Grand Rapids, 6 p.m.
25 August 2024	IPDG Hemeryck Appreciation Dinner, Gene Davis & Sons Banquet Center, 1-5 p.m.
5-7 September 2024	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Louisville, Kentucky
28 September 2024	Bedford Fall Festival, Bedford Park
4-5 October 2024	Council of Governors Meeting/VDG Training, Treetops Resort, Gaylord
12 October 2024	Fall Conference, Lily Missionary Baptist Church, 1117 Wade Dr., Jackson
18 October 2024	Penrickton Center Banquet, The Henry Hotel, 300 Town Center Dr., Dearborn, 6 p.m.

WHEN A LION DIES (WALD)

Many people accepting an invitation for membership in our organization do not join, expecting to receive special recognition. They live by our motto of "We Serve." The sadness of a member's passing, however, gives us an opportunity to recognize and honor that Lion. We enact this tribute through the "When a Lion Dies" Program.

When you hear of the passing of one of our District Lions or former District Lion's passing, please contact our District Governor. Notifying the DG will allow us to determine the best way to pay tribute by:

- Attending the visitation or funeral and provide other support as needed.
- Presenting a "When a Lion Dies" certificate to the family to thank them for the work their loved one did and the support the family gave the Lion.
- Sharing the Lion's passing with the District by email and in our newsletter.
- Including the Lion in our Memorial Service at the District Convention.



Clarence F. Sheufelt Jr., (aged 85)
5 June 1938 – 28 April 2024
Jackson County Professional Virtual

Robert L. McCreery (aged 76)
1 October 1947 – 29 April 2024
Jackson Host

Donald E. Parker (aged 97)
10 May 1927 – 24 May 2024
Jackson Cascades

Ronald B. Quada (aged 86)
25 March 1938 – 25 May 2024
Marshall
11-B1 District Governor 1991-1992

Sandra L. (Sessions) Determann (aged 76)
15 September 1947 – 6 June 2024
Battle Creek Cereal City

CLUB MILESTONES

- 100 Years, Battle Creek Host, 28 April 1924 – 28 April 2024
- 50 Years, North Adams, 3 April 1974 – 3 April 2024
- 50 Years, Pittsford Area, 24 April 1974 – 24 April 2024

The Battle Creek Host Lions Club hit the 100th Centennial Anniversary on Sunday, 28 April 2024. The Battle Creek Regional History Museum, 367 Jackson St W, Battle Creek, Michigan, was host for a Lions regional history exhibit and open house held on Sunday, 21 April 2024. North Adams and Pittsford Area reached the 50-year mark on 3 April 2024 and 24 April 2024, respectively. They held a joint celebration on Monday, 3 June 2024 at Ginolfi's Restaurant, 117 W Main St., North Adams, Michigan. PID Esther LaMothe presented 50-year Lions Anniversary letters from Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill to North Adams President Brian Dubois and Pittsford Area President Bonnie Shaffer. CCE Terri Huffman shared her memories of the two clubs. DG Annette Hemeryck presented 50-year plaques to the club presidents. Barbara McNutt provided North Adams history, with Pittsford Area charter member George Clark sharing his memories of events through the years. Other dignitaries attending was PCC Dave Hill, CS Nancy Hill and ZC Anita Hoyt. Everyone thanked Pittsford Area President-elect Beth Caswell for organizing and decorating the restaurant for this memorable joint-club event.



Brian Dubois and Bonnie Shaffer were given letters by PID Esther LaMothe from LCI President Dr. Patti Hill



DG Annette Hemeryck presented 50-year plaques to the club presidents on a special night of celebration.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The District 11-B1 Lions convention was on Saturday, 6 April 2024, at the Gene Davis and Sons Banquet Center, 3575 Francis St., Jackson, Michigan. The program included a salute to veterans, memorial service, and project tables. Awards were presented after lunch, followed by a business meeting, elections, and past district governor recognition. The newly created Lions Bear Lake Camp Esther LaMothe Fellowship is a prestigious honor to recognize those with unwavering commitment to community welfare and are an inspiration for others. The first recipient was PID Esther LaMothe of the Jackson Eye Openers Lions Club, followed by a presentation of the award to CT Barry Allen and PCC Peggy Allen from the Manchester Lions Club. State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck presented a Hanover-Horton Area Lions Club Home Club Banner for his daughter DG Annette Hemeryck. Guest speaker ID Marie Cunning shared her experiences as a Lion, with goals for the future. Her message was inspiring and challenged Lions to do more in the community. Deb Davis, Director of the Lions of Michigan All-State Band was accompanied by band members from the 11-B1 district. Nathan Rodgers, an eighth-grade student at Camden-Frontier Middle School, senior Connor Bacon of Napoleon High School, and junior Allison Morris of Addison High School. They spoke on their trip to the Lions International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. There was a 50/50 raffle, dessert auction, can raffle for baskets, and bids for Lion Art and a Detroit Tiger basket.



The 2023-2024 "Stretch Your Spirit" Banner of DG Annette Hemeryck was displayed at the convention.



The convention Honor Guard posted the colors, followed by the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.



DG Hemeryck honored our veterans in attendance with a commemorative Certificate of Appreciation.



The Memorial Service honored our 11-B1 Lions that died this past year. Our memories of them will live on.

DISTRICT CONVENTION Continued



11-B1 Convention Guest Speaker ID Marie Cunningham from Phoenix, Arizona, shared her inspirational story.



11-B1 Lions of Michigan All State Band members Nathan Rodgers, Connor Bacon, and Allison Morris.



Jackson Eye Openers Lions member Shawne Lige served as the district Peace Poster Committee chair.



DG Hemeryck with her camping themed cake for the Lions and their guests at the convention on 6 April.



PDG Craig Bishop was a big winner during the can raffle basket drawing, with his name called twice.



Our 2023-2024 11-B1 district cabinet members did a fantastic job leading 39 clubs, with over 900 Lions.

CONVENTION PROJECT TABLES



PCC Hill and PDG Walters with the Lions of Michigan.



Deb Davis with the Lions of Michigan All State Band.



Patty Obrzut of Penrickton Center for Blind Children.



Beth Slade with the Leader Dogs for the Blind table.



IPDG Kelly Lubbe had info for the Eversight table.



Lions Bear Lake Camp Executive Director Traci Tribley.



Brad Walker with WKAR Radio Reading Service table.



Joe Finley & Roger Bosse, Winter Camp for the Blind.

OFFICER TRAINING

Vandercook Lake – The Joint 11-B1/11-C2 officer training event was held at the Vandercook Lake High School, 1000 E Golf Ave., Jackson, Michigan, on Thursday, 25 April 2024. Session One included a Membership Round Table led by PDG Brent Beracy and GMT Cheryl Bradshaw; MYLion/Service Reporting by PCC Dave Hill; Tail Twister class by Lion Chris Lake, and Treasurer training conducted by PCC Barry Allen. Session Two had a schedule of Service Beyond Your Club by CCE Terri Huffman; Secretary instruction from Lion Dorothy Bosse; President/VP course of instruction led by CS Nancy Hill; and Time Management by instructor IPDG Kelly Lubbe. GLT Roger Bosse encourages all 11-B1 district Lions to complete online training at their convenience as well. The Jackson Cascades Lions Club had five members take advantage of the valuable officer training provided by the district.



1VDG Louvenia Shack-Seals, ZC Jim Phelan, and ZC Bea Furman check-in Cascades Lion Dave Robinson.



ZC Michael Nowak and IPDG Kelly Lubbe sold 50/50 tickets at the joint 11-B1/11-C2 officer training event.



Lions enjoy training at Vandercook Lake High School.



GLT Bosse, DG Hemeryck, IPDG Lubbe, and ZC Phelan.

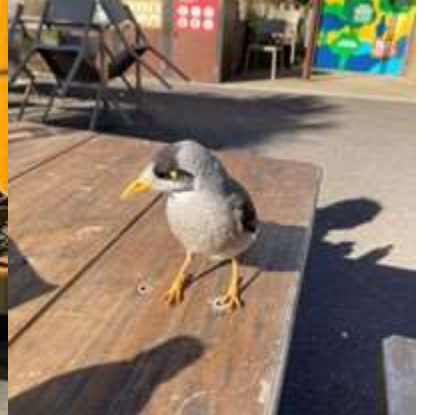


PDG Brent Beracy, ZC Debbie Chambers, and GMT Cheryl Bradshaw in the membership round table talk.



Cascades members Roger Yoder, Dave Robinson, Ron Meagher, Dave Shafer, Art Turner, and DG Hemeryck.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND



LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND Continued



LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND Continued



105TH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA



ANN ARBOR EVENING

Ann Arbor – Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club President Cathy Koning was unable to attend the district convention where DG Annette Hemeryck announced several awards for her to include a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship and the William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship. Lion Koning is a past zone chairperson for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 service years, with extraordinary service as the district newsletter editor from 2021-2024.

ANN ARBOR HOST

Ann Arbor – Lion Richard Westbury was presented the John S. Noel Fellowship by the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LOMF). This is the most distinguished recognition extended to Lions from the LOMF. Richard was recognized for his service to the Lions and to those in need. Lion Westbury had the winning bid for an outstanding Lion art project completed by 1VDG Louvenia Shack-Seals. The Club recently donated 100 Scholastic books to the Family Learning Institute (FLI), 1954 S Industrial Dr., Ste D, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This organization is a community-based nonprofit dedicated to providing low-income students with free tutoring services so that they can catch up to their reading level for grades two through five in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Washtenaw County. The FLI is one of the service year benchmark projects annually for members of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club.



John S. Noel Fellow Richard Westbury and DG Hemeryck.



Lion Westbury had the highest bid for the Lion.



FLI Executive Director Sharine Buddin, with Lions Carol and David Downton who made the book presentation.



BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

Battle Creek – Several Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club members were recognized at the district convention. Global Leadership Team Coordinator Roger Bosse with a Kenneth E. Lautzenheiser Fellowship for extraordinary efforts as a Lion; ZC Teresa Gest received a Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship for humanitarian service; with Hope Swank and Club President Bryan Cook receiving a William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship.



Kenneth E. Lautzenheiser Fellowship for Roger Bosse.



Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship to ZC Gest.



Hope is a William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellow.



Bryan is a William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellow.



Kay Smith, Harriet and Roger Spriggs, Dorothy Bosse.



Bryan and Jane Cook were winners in the basket raffle.

BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY Continued

Battle Creek – Club members volunteered for Dickman Road Adopt-A-Highway on 16 April 2024. They sponsored a 200 square garden at the Binder Park Zoo, 7400 Division Dr., Battle Creek. Chairperson Lion Jane Prahl designed the space. The committee planted flowers to be maintained through September. Zoo visitors walking through the Zoorassic Park area will enjoy the Lions garden. The White Cane Fundraiser was at Horrock’s Farm Market, 5801 Beckley Rd., Battle Creek. Guest speaker Eric LaFary of Tillers International spoke about classes to harness and drive donkeys and oxen at their 220-acre farm at 10515 OP, Ave E, Scotts, Michigan. Tillers has an impact around the world with six-year projects to share skills for sustainable agricultural practices. They designed and built oxen yokes and carts, with equipment created from melted down soda cans. Functional Kids Therapy CEO Maria Dobbertein discussed the Irlen syndrome of visual processing on 22 May 2024. Certain colors of the light spectrum tend to irritate the brain and can include light sensitivity and may include text distortions. The Irlen Method is non-invasive technology using colored overlays and filters to improve the brain’s ability to process visual info. It is the only method scientifically proven to successfully correct Irlen Syndrome processing problems.



The Adopt-A-Highway roadside clean-up. Cereal City Lions have sponsored a garden at the Binder Park Zoo.



The White Cane Fundraiser was at Horrocks Farm Market, 5801 Buckley Rd., Battle Creek, Michigan on 28 April.



Eric LaFary of Tillers International was our guest speaker on Wednesday, 8 May 2024.

Maria Dobbertein

BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY Continued

Battle Creek – Lions Mary Wallace, Dorothy and Roger Bosse visited Captain Grace Roinila at the Salvation Army, 400 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, Michigan, on 13 May 2024, with a tour and meal. The MD-11 Convention was held 16-18 May 2024, at the Sheraton by Marriott, Grand Rapids. Several events were a Thursday picnic, Friday prom night, and a formal banquet on Saturday. Cereal City Lions assisted with a Food Packing Service Project. Quilts and pillow cases were donated to Camp Quality on Saturday. Cereal City Lions and community partner Calico Quilters completed the project. The Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Rd., Taylor, Michigan, held their picnic on 17 May 2024. Roger and Harriet Spriggs took a guided tour of the different themed bedrooms, medical center, laundry, and kitchen. Lions Mary, Roger and Harriet Spriggs were ushers at Kellogg Auditorium on 17 May 2024, for a Battle Creek Brass Band children’s concert. Lions Roger and Dorothy Bosse put flags on the graves of fallen soldiers at Fort Custer National Cemetery on 25 May 2024, prior to Memorial Day.



Grace, Mary, Dorothy, and Roger visit Salvation Army.



The MD11 Convention. Not Pictured Dorothy Bosse.



Cereal City Lions with the Food Packing Service Project.



Quilts and pillow cases were donated to Camp Quality.



Lion ushers Mary Wallace, Roger, and Harriet Spriggs.



The Battle Creek Brass Band Concert for the Children.

BEDFORD AREA

Bedford – PDG Roger Spriggs visited the club on Tuesday, 7 May 2024. He had the honor of inducting new member Gordy Millsap. Lion Ron Keagle sponsored Millsap that had been a Lion years ago. PDG Spriggs installed the new officers for the 2024-2025 service year, as each was provided a gift to assist them with their new tasks.



Ron Keagle, PDG Spriggs, and recruit Millsap.



PDG Spriggs installed officers for the 2024-2025 service year.

BLISSFIELD AREA

Blissfield – MD Quest Chairperson Stan Masters was speaker at the Jackson Eye Openers Lions Club on Thursday, 7 March 2024. He processed a LCIF grant to start Quest programs at two Lenawee County school districts. Quest is a Lions International Social and Emotional Learning Program for students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. Lion Masters was presented the William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship by DG Hemeryck at the district convention.



DEXTER

Dexter – PID Esther LaMothe presented a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to PDG Dick Dettling at the district convention held on Saturday, 6 April 2024. Dick checked in convention delegates, led the dessert auction, and escorted guest speaker ID Marie Cunning and PCC Rosemarie Gabriel from Phoenix, Arizona. Pam Smaby visited on Thursday, 23 May 2024, to discuss Leader Dog breeding and brought mother Silvie. She collaborates with Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, Michigan, to host breeding moms.



Presidential Certificate of Appreciation is presented to Dick.



Speaker Pam Smaby brought leader dog Silvie.

GRASS LAKE

Grass Lake – Membership Chair Gina Lammers of the Grass Lake Lions Club earned the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship. The fellowship was announced by DG Annette Hemeryck during the 11-B1 district convention held on Saturday, 6 April 2024, at the Gene Davis and Sons Catering and Banquet Center, 3575 Francis St., Jackson, Michigan. The award represents an immense contribution to humanity and legacy of Lions Clubs International founder, Melvin Jones. Lion Lammers received a plaque, commemorative lapel pin and a congratulatory letter.

HANOVER-HORTON AREA

Hanover – Region 2, Zone 2 Zone Chair Michael Nowak was host for an all-zone meeting at the Heritage Building, 121 Tefft St., Hanover, Michigan, on Thursday, 7 March 2024. Lions of Michigan All State Band members Nathan Rodgers and Allison Morris visited. They will travel to Melbourne, Australia for the 2024 Lions International Conference. Nowak was presented a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation at the district convention. State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck presented daughter Annette Hemeryck with a Home Club Banner commemorating her year as district governor. The Hanover-Horton Area Lions Club held their annual Fourth of July Chicken BBQ in Perrine Park, Hanover, Michigan. The barbecue is their main fundraiser, with many volunteers assisting the club.



7 March All-Zone Meeting, with Nathan Rodgers, ZC Michael Nowak, IPDG Kelly Lubbe and Allison Morris.



District convention dignitaries on 6 April 2024, PID LaMothe, ID Cuning, ST Hemeryck, DG Hemeryck.



ID Marie Cuning awarded a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to ZC Michael Nowak at the convention.



Hanover-Horton Home Club District Governor Banner from Paul Hemeryck to daughter Annette Hemeryck.

JACKSON CASCADES



Park Supervisor Shane Morse of the Michigan DNR Was our featured speaker on Monday, 26 February.



1VDG Lovenia Shack-Seals visited our club on Monday, 11 March 2024, when she shared her goals for Lions.



Membership Chair Ron Meagher presented Lion Art Turner with his 25-year Lions Anniversary lapel pin.



Our club donated \$500 to the Jackson Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a high school civics contest.



DG Annette Hemeryck presented Lion Roger Yoder a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the district convention.



Kindergarten Round-up KidSight screening. Chris with Jackson (Parma), Art, and Johncie Turner (Cascades).

JACKSON CASCADES Continued



CCE Terri Huffman visited our club on 22 April 2024. She shared service projects from around the state.



Lion Bob Cole was presented his 15-year pin, as he Celebrated his Lions Anniversary on 28 April 2024.



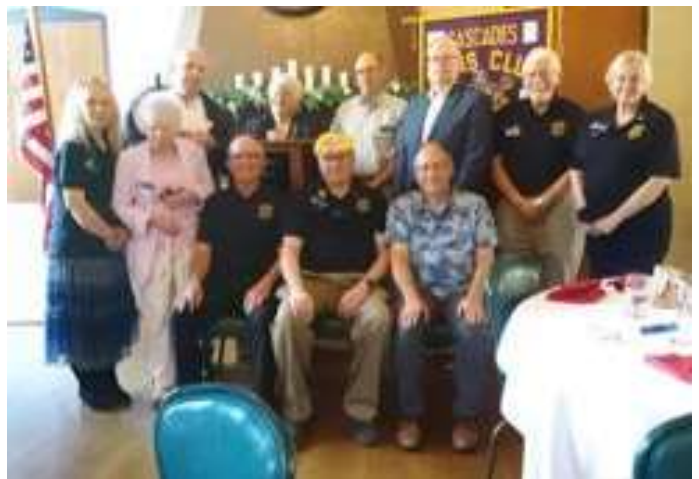
The first-year fundraiser sold 1,620 pounds of onions. Lion Roger Yoder led members with 670 pounds sold.



President Dave Robinson and our guest speaker Kim Parker of Jackson Relay for Life on Monday, 13 May.



President Dave Robinson with the 2023-2024 Lion of The Year Lion Roger Yoder on Monday, 10 June 2024.



2VDG/ZC Bea Furman visited us on Monday, 10 June 2024 to install officers for the 2024-2025 service year.

JACKSON COUNTY PROFESSIONAL VIRTUAL

Jackson – IPDG Lubbe and ZC Hoyt visited the Winter Camp for the Blind on 3 February 2024. Hoyt assisted with convention check-in. DG Hemeryck bestowed the Helen Keller Fellowship to IPDG Lubbe on 6 April 2024 at the convention where Anita took home a dessert. ZC Hoyt volunteered at the North Adams Williams Park service project on 20 April 2024. She was one of the dignitaries for the 50-year club celebrations held on 3 June 2024.



IPDG Kelly Lubbe, ZC Anita Hoyt, and CT Barry Allen enjoy time together at the Winter Camp for the Blind.



ZC Anita Hoyt checked-in Lions and their guests at the District convention on 6 April, such as Kay Smith here.



IPDG Lubbe was presented the Helen Keller Fellowship from DG Hemeryck at the convention on 6 April 2024.



Anita Hoyt had a winning bid for pastries during the exciting dessert auction at the district convention.



Anita Hoyt assisted the North Adams Club on 20 April for the Williams Park Spring Clean-up Service Project.



The North Adams and Pittsford clubs celebrated their 50-year anniversaries. ZC Hoyt addressed the crowd.

JACKSON EYE OPENERS

Jackson – The guest speaker at our meeting on Thursday, 7 March 2024, was Lion Stan Masters, of the Blissfield Area Lions Club. He is the MD Quest Committee chairperson. Stan obtained an LCIF grant to begin Quest programs at two school districts in Lenawee County. Quest is a Lions International Social and Emotional Learning Program for pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade students. The club welcomed new member Joe Finley on Thursday, 4 April 2024. President Diane Schweda inducted Joe Finley, with Membership Chair Sam Browning standing in for his sponsor Carole Briggs. Our Annual Bowling Fundraiser was held at JAX 60, 3501 Wildwood Ave., Jackson, Michigan, on Saturday, 13 April 2024. The event had 100 participants, with 24 lane sponsors. This is the main fundraiser for the club during the service year and raised \$4,219 for our Activity Account. The money will be used to serve the Jackson Community, with projects such as: paying for eye examinations and purchasing eyeglasses; supporting local food pantries; maintaining a clothes closet for the Northeast Elementary School; sending children to Diabetes Camp; donations to organizations such as the Interfaith Shelter and Aware Shelter; sponsoring Christmas families; and other important community projects. The basket raffle earned \$627 for the club, with \$177 raised from the 50/50 drawing, as Muriel Walters won for the second year in a row. We thank all members that worked so hard to make this a fun and successful event. We have plans for next year's event.



Sam Browning and Joe Finley.



Tom Hutton, Margie Horsch and Barb Ray.



Nancy Hill won a basket.



Muriel Walters won the 50/50.



PDG Brent Beracy from 11-C2.



The club's bowling fundraiser at JAX 60 in Jackson was a huge success.

JACKSON HOST



ZC Bea Furman ready to perform during the Winter Camp for the Blind Talent Show on 3 February 2024.



PID Esther LaMothe presents Lion Bea Furman with a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation at convention.



Lions Dick Colony and Chris Lake enjoy the convention.



Lion Lake was coordinator for the Memorial Service.

JACKSON LIONS DIABETES SERVICE

The club conducted a Spring Training for Healthy Eating event on Tuesday, 16 April 2024, at the Vandercook Lake Lions Clubhouse, 4628 Francis St., Jackson, Michigan. Hamburger salad was the featured meal with a presentation on fat grams. The club partnered with Jackson College and other agencies for an overall Health Fair, as members conducted glucose and eyesight testing at the Jackson Interfaith Shelter on 22 April 2024. CCE Teri Huffman was the guest speaker for the North Adams Lions Club meeting held on Wednesday, 8 May 2024.



MANCHESTER



Several Winter Camp for the Blind weekend volunteers were Lions Peggy and Barry Allen, and Ron Kohmescher.



DG Hemeryck and GST Allen look at knotted blankets for service project at the Winter Camp for the Blind.



Retired United States Navy Commander Barry Allen provided the significant meaning of the POW table.



The Prisoner of War table was set up for presentation, as each item had a specific reason for being displayed.



Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for Peggy Allen.



Lions Bear Lake Camp Esther LaMothe Fellowships.

MARSHALL LIONS CLUB

Marshall - ZC Teresa Gest asked the Cereal City Lions to assist the Marshall Lions Club with their White Cane fundraiser, as Roger and Harriet Spriggs, Hope and Scott Swank, Roger Bosse, Ronnie Grobell, and Red O'Leary volunteered valuable service hours to help a fellow Lions club. Roger and Harriet joined Lion Don Weberling for the best spot in town. They had a prime spot just outside of Louie's Bakery, 144 W Michigan Ave., Marshall, Michigan. They enjoyed donuts and coffee afterwards. Louie's Bakery enjoys plenty of foot traffic for a fundraiser. Marshall Lions give Lions Mints to donors in appreciation of their generosity that is heartily given and warmly received.



MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS

ZC Debbie Chambers assisted Creal City Lion Hope Swank with the convention raffle tables set up. Debbie had the highest bid for the Detroit Tiger basket that included four tickets, t-shirt, hat, Comerica Park puzzle, and a personalized book. The Michigan Center Lions and Lioness Clubs were hosts for the 65th annual Carp Carnival on Center Lake Thursday through Sunday, 6-9 June 2024, at noon to 11 p.m. daily in the Leoni Township Park on Fifth Street in Michigan Center, Michigan. This event is the main fundraiser for the clubs and featured a parade, rides, fishing, food vendors, with music by classic rock band FLYTE on Saturday and Southern Roads on Sunday.



ZC Chambers assisted Hope Swank with raffle tables.



Lion Chambers had the winning bid for Tiger basket.



Michigan Center Lioness ride in Carp Carnival Parade.



Michigan Center Lion Joe Chambers directed traffic.



One of the Michigan Center ball teams in the parade.



Michigan Center High School Band marches in parade.

MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS



Michigan Center Lioness coney and hot dog sales.



Michigan Center Lions sell their Smash Burgers.



Lioness had onions, meat raffle tickets and koozies.



The Southern Roads Band performed on Sunday.



The Michigan Center Lioness sold elephant toes.



The Carp Carnival crowd enjoyed the live music.

NAPOLEON



The Kenneth E. Lautzenheiser Fellowship for Frank.



Lion Bryan Cook is casting his votes with PDG Ruiz.



Lions Jo and Frank Ivy are with Linda Babcock.



Linda and PDG Gary Babcock at the convention.



Vicky Ruiz and Jo Ivy enjoy the district convention.



Lion Ivy with basket of tickets. Were you a winner?

NORTH ADAMS

Lion Roger Yoder gave a Winter Camp for the Blind presentation at our meeting held on Wednesday, 10 April 2024. Members of the North Adams Lions Club conducted a spring clean-up of the James E. Williams Park, East Main St., North Adams, Michigan, on Saturday, 20 April 2024. Region 3, Zone 2 Chairperson Anita Hoyt, Judi Glej, Al Rounds, Roger Yoder and his daughter Caroline Yoder, a senior at Addison High School, braved the cold and windy weather to clean the park for the local community. Trees were trimmed, with trash and sticks picked up. The painting the playground equipment will be scheduled for completion on a warmer day later in the year.



Lion Roger Yoder had a Winter Camp for the Blind presentation on 10 June.



James E. Williams Park located on E. Main St., North Adams, Michigan, was the site of an spring park clean-up environmental service project.



Caroline Yoder volunteered her time.



Second-Vice President Al Rounds trimmed trees and removed debris.

QUEST SOUTH EAST JACKSON

Jackson – The club was host for the Inaugural Teresa Delph Memorial Oratorical Contest on Saturday, 27 April in the Middle School at Parkside, 2400 4th St., Jackson, Michigan. Delph was a cherished former teacher at Jackson Public Schools. The contest for Jackson County students was a testament to Delph’s legacy to cultivate the reading, writing, and public speaking skills of young people in our community. Three students presented their speeches on the “Why my voice matters” theme. Earning the first-place trophy was Payton Brown with a speech on utilizing one’s voice to advocate for fairness, instigate change, and amplify the voices of the marginalized. Other finalists were Joshua Hamilton with a speech on “writing his voice” to communicate feelings and thoughts on what’s going on around you, and Jonathan Reffitt sharing poignant reflections on the importance of hearing one’s own voice. The successful contest was made possible with generous contributions from sponsors Harold White, American 1 Credit Union, Alro Steel, District 11-B1, and Polly’s Country Market. The sponsors support facilitated the provision of certificates, medals, and monetary donations to each participant recognizing their dedication and hard work. Club President Cheryl Bradshaw extended appreciation to chairperson Teri Taylor for her visionary leadership for this meaningful event. Bradshaw emphasized the club’s commitment to nurturing the public speaking skills of young people and reiterated their dedication to serving the community. DG Annette Hemeryck presented Louvenia Shack-Seals her DG patch at the district convention.



The finalists Peyton Brown, Joshua Hamilton, and Jonathan Reffitt at the Middle School at Parkside.



Payton Brown took first-place for the Teresa Delph Memorial Oratorical Contest held on 27 April 2024.



1VDG Louvenia Shack-Seals is ready for the district convention to start in Jackson on Saturday, 6 April.



DG Annette Hemeryck gave DGE Shack-Seals her district governor patch for service year 2024-2025.

VANDERCOOK LAKE

ZC Jim Phelan was a weekend volunteer at the Winter Camp for the Blind, Friday-Sunday, 2-4 February 2024. CS Nancy Hill was presented the district's highest honor, the Wendell Doty Award at the district convention on Saturday, 6 April 2024. The Vandercook Lake Lions Club held their annual garage sale on Friday and Saturday, 6-7 June, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 8 June, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Every area of the clubhouse had tables of clothing, glassware, household items and electrical appliances donated by the public for the garage sale. Members hope to see you at their terrific breakfast held every third Sunday of the month from 8-11:30 a.m. for a \$5 donation.



Winter Camp for the Blind volunteer ZC Jim Phelan.



CS Nancy Hill received the Wendell Doty Award.



Vandercook Lake Lions Club Annual garage sale.



The clubhouse sold items donated by the public.



Lions breakfast has biscuits, gravy, sausage links, Scrambled eggs, toast, pancakes, coffee, and milk.



Members volunteer their time to prepare and serve fellow Lions and the community a good breakfast.