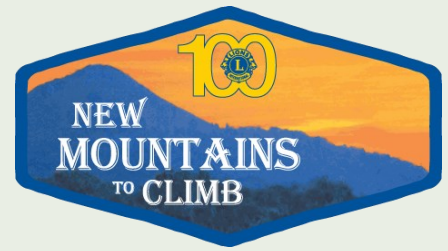




# District 11-B1 Newsletter AUGUST 2016



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Lions of District 11-B1

## Banner Exchange 2016



Using the theme of baseball, PID Esther LaMothe installed DG Dave Hill's cabinet for 2016. Jim Baum led the Lions in song, and nobody went hungry with the fabulous pot luck which served over 100 attendees. A special thanks to the Vandercook Lions for hosting and showing up in force, and to the Napoleon Lions for the use of their clubhouse. IPDG Peggy Allen passed the district gavel to DG Dave Hill along with the framed slogan "This Year Everything's My Fault"



# From the Governor

## We Need Some Heroes

In full "Battle Rattle" and with the weapons we had carried for a year, the soldiers of the 3rd Corps Support Command boarded C130's in Balad, Iraq. I was one of those that would out-processed in Kuwait and flown back to Germany. When we landed at Ramstein Air Force Base and disembarked to plane, we were welcomed to the music of "Holding Out For A Hero".

When I retired from the Army, I was gifted with the opportunity to rejoin the Lions Clubs. I have been fortunate to meet some real heroes in my life, to include Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. In the Lions, I have met many heroes who silently serve their communities without recognition or reward. They do it out of dedication to their communities and to their fellow Lions. To paraphrase the lyrics of the song:

We need some more Heroes!  
They gotta be strong,  
And gotta be fast,  
And gotta be fresh from the fight,  
We need some Heroes!

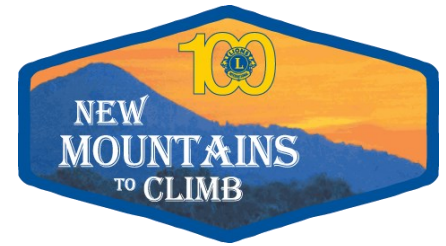


The challenges of this day and age have made you strong, fast and fresh from the daily fight. You and your community need some more heroes. Are you a hero? Do you want to be? Your community needs you.

The Lions Clubs is the largest humanitarian organization in the world. We have been serving our communities, nation and world for one hundred years. When Helen Keller asked our founder, Melvin Jones" to become the "Knights of the Blind" we pledged to fulfill that mission. Since accepting that mission, the Lions Clubs have provided prescription glasses to millions of people in your local community and world, founded eye banks, founded Leader Dogs for the Blind, conducted eye examinations clinics, conducted diabetes screening and countless other initiatives to help sight impaired people. Silently, children in your schools are provided with prescription eye glasses by your local Lions when their families are financially challenged. In addition, the Lions contribute thousands of dollars each year to improve the quality of life in your community, our state, nation and world. We contribute thousands of dollars each year to the local schools in addition to conducting service projects.

What do you get out of it? A support group that will probably find shares common family and moral values that you possess. Good people who help one another and their community. We also have fun. You have the opportunity to attend one or two breakfast, lunches or dinners every month to get caught up with your fellow Lions and plan. We offer a network of over eleven thousand members in Michigan and over 1,400,000 members in the world. We offer leadership and social opportunities, locally, state wide, U.S. and Canada and in the world. Next year we will have our Centennial Celebration in Chicago and expect to have over 50,000 Lions from around the world. Every Lion is invited to attend. Nancy and I just returned from the 99th Lions Club International Convention in Japan, and we can attest to the fact that it is entertaining, educational and memorable. As a new or current Lion, you will the activities to be "world class" and an experience of a life time.

We invite you to share a meal at your local Lions Club to see if you want to become a bigger hero. Also, if you are interested in starting a Lions Club in your area you can call me and leave a message at (517) 787-3950, or GMT Peggy Allen 734-428-7034, [PeggyA7747@aol.com](mailto:PeggyA7747@aol.com) or VDG (GMT - Club Growth) Roger Springs 269-282-0292 [GBRoger@aol.com](mailto:GBRoger@aol.com)



## Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew and 1st Lady Dianne to visit Michigan

**Mark your calendars** for a unique opportunity to visit with President Bob Corlew and his wife, Dianne, when they stop in Jackson with the LCI Centennial bus. The date is **Friday, September 30, 2016** and the location is Baker College, ¼ mile north of I94 off of Airport Road.

The Corlews will be greeting Lions and having lunch from 12:45 – 2 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Their journey will begin in Detroit with an evening of activities with Lions in that part of our state and their trek west will begin Friday AM with a visit to Leader Dog followed by a stop in Ann Arbor for Eversight Michigan.

Their next stop is Jackson and from here, they will continue to head west, ending in St. Joe that evening.

Registration forms to participate in the Meet/Greet/Eat at Baker College will be sent via the district newsletter distribution emails and will also be posted on the district website. You must register so we can provide adequate space for everyone.

This could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have your new member(s) inducted by an International President and to have your photo taken with them.

They will be hosted by ID Jenny Ware, PID Esther LaMothe and DG Dave and Nancy Hill.

Let's show our President and Lion Dianne a warm, District 11-B1 welcome!



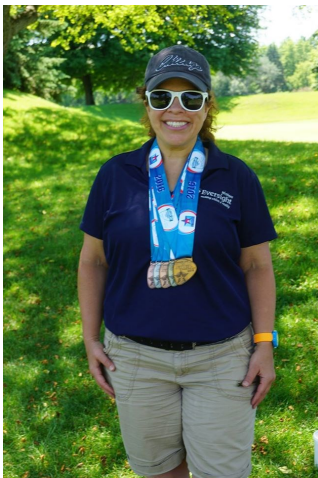
## MEET THE 2016-2017 1<sup>st</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



**LuAnne Bullington** was born & raised in Alpena, Michigan, the second oldest of eight children. Her father was a third generation family grocery store owner. She's lived in Ann Arbor since 1992 and has two grown children working in the medical field. Her son John lives in Manhattan, a University of Michigan grad, works for an international pharmaceutical consulting firm. Her daughter Rebecca graduated from Washtenaw CC and is a Para-medic in Westland. By all accounts LuAnne is overeducated with a BS from EMU in Education and Special Education, with certificates in 23 teaching areas. She received a second BS in Computer Science and a technical degree in Project Management. She was the first in the nation to be certified to teach Learning Disabilities, and has taught from pre-school to college level, as well as having been a presenter at the Lions Michigan Forum. She has graduated from all three levels of training at Higgins Lake, and LCI's Advanced and Emerging

Leadership Institutes.

LuAnne developed retinitis pigmentosa at an early age and was declared legally blind in 1985, but didn't have too much difficulty until 2004 as this progressive disease continued. This hasn't slowed her down in being an advocate and activist for at risk populations including seniors and people with disabilities. Lions is a natural continuation of her service to humanity, and her optimism leads her on to bigger and better things. She's served the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club since 2008, and is the Club President for her second year, and on her third term as Zone Chair. She hasn't allowed her disability to hinder her advancement to Vice District Governor, and looks forward to being a Centennial District Governor.



4,032

more people can see life in all its intended glory because of your work this year.

**Thank you,  
Eversight Staff!**

It has been 20 years since Priscilla Mays received her cornea transplant.

"I am celebrating this milestone, I am thinking of my donor and their family, I am so grateful and appreciate them every day for making the decision to donate and for giving me this amazing gift. I can't wait to SEE what I can do in the next 20 years."



Our very own Cabinet Secretary Lorraine Lindsey welcomes home her submariner son Blackie.

Welcome Home &

Thank You  
For your Service.



***HAILS and FAREWELLS:***

***WELCOME ABOARD!***

***NEW MEMBER***

Paul Arnold

Daniel Gough

Karthy Kunchappa

Scott Leach

***CLUB***

Dexter

Michigan Center

Parma-Spring Arbor

Vandercook Lake

***SPONSOR***

Karl Bartscht

Howard Gates

Teri Datte

Jim Sexton

***GONE, BUT IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER***

Raymond Spicer

Hanover-Horton

June 12, 2016

Lion Ray was a Life Member

<http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?pid=180316821>

Henry Wendel

Quincy/Branch County

July 19, 2016

Lion Henry was a decorated WWII Veteran

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thedailyreporter/obituary.aspx?pid=180720520>

Dennis L. Simpson

Clinton

July 31, 2016

Charter member

[http://www.handlerfuneralhomes.com/home/index.cfm/obituaries/view/fh\\_id/14562/id/3826766](http://www.handlerfuneralhomes.com/home/index.cfm/obituaries/view/fh_id/14562/id/3826766)

Howard T. Main

Tekonsha

August 1, 2016

Lions member for 72 years.

<http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Howard-T.-Main-103819576>



From our Environmental Chair..

**Save Water While Saving the Lawn**

<http://www.thesalinepost.com/be-green/save-water-while-saving-lawn>

# CLUBS Doing What they Do!

**The Albion Lions** - had their installation of officers at their annual picnic, performed by PDG Craig Bishop. They also participated in the Festival of the Forks with their annual vision screening using the SPOT camera and the Sight Mobile.

**The Ann Arbor Lions** - Participated in the Ann Arbor 4th of July parade. Shouts of "Thank you Lions" could be heard along the parade route. Lions John Krienke and Richard Westbury provided the roars. The club is beginning their collection of 'back to school' supplies to provide them to very low income or homeless children. They also assisted in the Eversight Michigan golf outing.

**The Adrian Breakfast Lions** installed their new officers at a dinner meeting at the Stables in Blissfield with PDG's Barry & Peggy officiating. They also donated more supplies to PDG Peggy's cap and blanket program.

**The Adrian Evening Lions** walked away from the Banner Exchange with the Traveling Award for the greatest positive gain in membership for last year, with a whopping **+37.50%**.

**The Albion Lions** installed their new officers at their annual picnic, with PDG Craig Bishop (and Lulu?) doing the honors.

**Battle Creek Cereal City Lions** - did their scheduled highway cleanup.

**Battle Creek Host Lions** - The Host Lions Club is proud to announce that PDG Paul Frederick has been selected for the Athens Area Community Foundation Hall of Fame. Lion Paul was one who initially started the Foundation in 1993 and it now has grown to more than one million dollars in assets.

**The Bedford Area Lions** continued their cherry juice sales.

**The Blissfield Lions** joined the Blissfield Rotary's clock in the enhancement of the O'Mara Park in Blissfield with the addition of two Benches and a trash can.

**The Chelsea Lions** had their annual steak fry and installation of officers. IPDG Peggy surprised (?) Keith Bloomensaat with a Melvin Jones Fellow. The Lions are looking for volunteers to assist them with their dunk tank during the Chelsea Fair on August 23 - 27.

**The Clarklake Lions** will be holding their annual Raft'O'Rama on Sunday, August 7th. Come on out to live entertainment, hundreds of pontoon boats, and sunburned bodies. The club sells BBQ chicken dinners and sweet corn.

**The Clinton Lions** donated to the Clinton Food Pantry and donated blankets for cancer patients. They continue their program of sending 'care packages' to military members overseas.

**The Dexter Lions** are preparing for Dexter Days on Friday August 12, and Saturday August 13th. Lots of activities in the Gazebo and at Mill Creek Park. The Lions operate the snack trailer, stop by for a lemonade and hot dog.

**The Homer Lions** will be hosting their bingo tent for the Homer Summer Festival this Saturday August 6th from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the County National Bank drive-thru downtown Homer on Main Street.

**The Inter-Lakes Lions** served popcorn at the 4th of July celebration, and during Addison Days, and held their annual club picnic. They will be having their club Ice Cream Social on August 22nd.

**The Jackson Cascades Lions** The Club's annual picnic at the John George Home for men is scheduled for August 6.

**The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions** did a charity poker event at the new venue Hard Knocks Café in Jackson. They also served lunch at the Interfaith Shelter

**The Jackson Host Lions** Past Pres Bob called Bert Sexton to the center and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her selection as the Lion of the Year. She graciously accepted the award accompanied by a standing ovation (no hooting and hollering) from the assembled Lions, they also recognized David Foster with a Distinguished Service award.

**The Manchester Lions** - Lions Peggy & Barry went to the Lions International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan, then spent another five days in Osaka visiting with eight of the twelve Youth Exchange students they have hosted from Japan. They also had the opportunity to meet with some of the Youth Exchange families and Aoi and her mother, Aoi will be arriving in August for her YE visit.

Lions Barry Allen and Bruce Bates worked the famous Manchester Chicken Broil as chicken haulers. They bring the cooked chickens to the serving lines, dodging lightning and pouring rain until the skies cleared up. The Manchester Lions are making preparations for their annual Kids Korner as part of the Manchester Street Fest. Their activities will include face painting, a blind maze, a graffiti wall, and treasure hunt with coins and toys for the kids.

**The Marshall Lions** installed their new officers and bestowed a MJF and KLF to Jerry & Sherrie Jones.

**The Napoleon Lions** will be conducting a vision screening with the SPOT camera at the Napoleon schools on August 22nd from 4 to 6 pm. They installed yet another handicap ramp for a local citizen.

**The North Jackson Lions** conducted a vision screening with the SPOT camera at the Northwest schools roundup on August 4th, and collected 57 pair of used eyeglasses.

**The Parma-Spring Arbor Lions** - It's official. The Parma Lions submitted their name change through the proper channels to officially become the Parma-Spring Arbor Lions. They had been using this name for many years, but LCI had them listed simply as the Parma Lions. Lion Teri Datte took over the reins as the President for this year and promptly inducted a new member. Lion Karthy Kunchappa is originally from India and is in the medical field.

**The Saline Lions** participated in the Saline Celtic Festival, and they will be serving ice cream during the Saline Summerfest on August 12 & 13.

**The Vandercook Lake Lions** are continuing the remodel of their second floor (see pictures), and conduct their usual 3rd Sunday pancake breakfast (which I recommend). They came out in force to host the Banner Exchange at the Napoleon Lions Clubhouse.

**YOUR CLUB HERE! Send your club doings to PDG Barry**

PID Esther in discussions with DG Dave



I'd rather look back  
at my life and say  
**"I can't believe I did that"**  
instead of saying,  
**"I wish I did that."**

## Vandercook Lake Lions Renovate Clubhouse Upstairs for Meetings, Activities.

Several months ago, the VCL Lions Club acquired the upstairs of their clubhouse building in a space exchange with the ambulance service that had been occupying it. The ambulance service moved into the large barn adjacent to the clubhouse building while new storage was built onto the rear of the clubhouse for the Lions to store what they had in the barn.

Club members quickly realized by knocking out some walls they could make a very nice, large meeting and activity room at the front of the upstairs that would be even larger than the one downstairs...so they went to work!

The new room will feature a kitchenette with an island counter (on wheels) that can be moved out of the way to make more space, and plenty of room for tables and chairs. There are several windows to let the sunshine in. Once done, the room will be available for community events, rentals and club/district use with one caveat: no elevator. Access to the upstairs is – well – up the stairs.

Here are a few photos of the space. The first one shows the room fairly gutted, with walls removed, but in a very raw state. The next few show the room as it evolved, with new flooring, drywall and a fresh coat of paint being added.

L-R: VCL Lions Ron Kapuga, Erv Handloser and Ron MacDonald work the demolition phase of the project. The walls and kitchen counters and cupboards have already been removed. What was once 4 different rooms is now one big one!



L-R: Lions John Wheaton, Al Lairson, Jim Sexton and Corky Bouldrey (behind column) at a recent "Painting Party"



### CENTENNIAL SPONSOR and CENTENNIAL MEMBER Pins

Any Lion who sponsors a new member from July 2016 to June 2017 will receive a Centennial Sponsor Pin recognizing their commitment to their club. Every new Lion will receive a special membership pin with "Centennial" on the rocker above the crest.



# District and Club Dates to Remember

## AUGUST – NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

- 5/6 Council of Governors, Causeway Bay, Lansing  
6 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Dinner, 5:30P-9P, Causeway Bay Convention Center, Lansing  
<http://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/lmsf/HallOfFame/CurrentMembership.pdf>  
6 Cascade Lions picnic at the John George Home for Men.  
6 Manchester Street Fest, Lions Kids Korner  
6 Homer Lions, SPOT  
7 Clarklake Lions: The Clarklake Raft-O-Rama Chicken BBQ, 12 - 4 PM, Eagle Point  
<http://clarklakespirit.com/raft-o-rama-2016/>  
7-13 Sightmobile at Jackson County Fair, Contact Lion Al Lairson to Get Early Dibs on Best Days!  
<http://www.jacksoncountyfair.net/>  
8-14 Lions Worldwide Week of Service: Engaging Youth  
12/13 Saline Lions, Serving Ice Cream, Saline Summerfest  
13 DG Peggy Allen Appreciation Dinner, Davis Convention Center, 2 PM  
14 Jackson Host: 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Diamond in the Rough/Jim Rich Memorial Golf Outing, see Event News  
14 VCL Lions Ice Cream Social, Ice Cream & Treats, 2 - 5 PM, VCL Clubhouse, Free to Public  
16 Jackson Eyeopeners, SPOT Screening, First Methodist Church, 4 - 7 PM  
21 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30A, VCL Clubhouse, Donation  
27 Hillsdale 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Bill Jackson Horse Show, Hillsdale Fairgrounds  
[http://www.jacksoncounty4horsecouncil.com/rose\\_city\\_shows\\_information](http://www.jacksoncounty4horsecouncil.com/rose_city_shows_information)  
28 VCL Lions Ice Cream Social, Ice Cream & Treats, 2 - 5 PM, VCL Clubhouse, Free to Public  
28 Youth Exchange, Japanese girls return home

## SEPTEMBER – NATIONAL GUIDE DOG MONTH

### 5 Labor Day

- 7-10 Manchester Lions, Charity Poker at Hard Knock Grill  
10 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Picnic, Bedford Lions Den, 10 - 3  
15-17 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Omaha, Nebraska <http://lionsforum.org/>  
17/18 Albion Lions, Sightmobile at the "Festival of the Forks" <https://www.festivaloftheforks.org/>  
18 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast 8-11:30 AM, VCL Clubhouse, Donation  
21-24 VCL Lions Charity Poker at Hard Knock Grill, 3705 Ann Arbor Rd, Jackson  
23-24 Clinton Fall Festival, Sight Mobile/SPOT <http://www.clintonfallfestival.com/>  
24 Leader Dog Open House, 12 - 4 pm RSVP

## OCTOBER – NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH

- 1 Deadline to order PEACE POSTER kits  
7/8 Council of Governors, St. Ignace  
8 Lions of MI Foundation "Eye Care, Do You?" 5K/8K/Half Marathon Race/Walk  
<http://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/lmsf/2016EventBrochure.pdf>  
8/9 Tecumseh Lions, Sight Mobile, Appleumpkin Days  
<http://www.downtowntecumseh.com/events/october/tecumseh-s-23rd-annual-appleumpkin-festival#.V5PdyvkrLq4>  
4 Leader Dog Open House, 12 - 4 pm RSVP  
15 FALL CONFERENCE/Parade of Checks, Sandstone Church, 8:30 AM/9:00 AM start  
15 Cabinet Meeting, Sandstone Church, Noon  
15 VCL Lions Cash-O-Rama, Davis Catering, 4 pm (tickets are going *FAST!*)  
16 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast 8 - 11:30 AM, VCL Clubhouse, Donation  
22 Tecumseh/Adrian Evening, Fall Frolic - Reverse Raffle

# Upcoming Events and Info

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

### AUGUST

- 2 - BATTLE CREEK HOST
- 4 - DEXTER
- 5 - MD-11 C OF GOV - LANSING
- 6 - MD-11 C OF GOV - LANSING
- 9 - ANN ARBOR EVENING
- 10 - VANDERCOOK LAKE
- 13 - IPDG PEGGY ALLEN APPREC DINNER
- 15 - NAPOLEAN
- 18 - SALINE
- 24 - MANCHESTER
- 25 - JACKSON EYE OPENER'S PICNIC
- 30 - CLARK LAKE

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 - CHELSEA
- 7 - ANN ARBOR HOST
- 12 - JACKSON CASCADES
- 13 - MARSHALL
- 19 - TEKONSHA
- 28 - BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

I have been able to schedule DG visits with several clubs. If you have a date you would like me to visit, please email me at [coldhill@gmail.com](mailto:coldhill@gmail.com)

RSVP TO IPDG PEGGY ALLEN NO LATER THAN AUGUST 5TH!


## DG Peggy Allen's Appreciation Dinner

Gene Davis & Sons Banquet & Convention Center  
3575 Francis Street  
Jackson, MI 49203 (Vandercook Lake)

August 13, 2016


2:00 PM

Master of Ceremonies - PID Esther LaMothe





RSVP TO IPDG PEGGY ALLEN NO LATER THAN AUGUST 5TH!

RSVP/Checks to "Manchester Lions Club"  
 19230 Sharon Valley Rd      734-428-7034  
 Manchester, MI 48158      [PeggyA7747@aol.com](mailto:PeggyA7747@aol.com)



\$20.00

Buffet Dinner  
Beverages  
Dessert

## Here Comes the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Clarklake Raft-O-Rama!

The 56th Annual Clarklake Raft-O-Rama and Lions Chicken Bar-B-Q will be held at Eagle Point on Clark Lake on Sunday, August 7th. The Clarklake Lions will start serving their delicious chicken dinners around noon and will continue serving until they run out of food (*about 3:30 pm*). The Raft-O-Rama party includes live music, a water slide for the kids, a face-painting clown and MORE! The best part...admission is FREE!

<http://clarklakespirit.com/clark-lake-connections/raft-a-rama/>

**The Jackson Host Lions Club** will hold its 27th annual **Diamond in the Rough/Jim Rich Memorial Golf Classic** on Sunday, Aug. 14, at Lakeland Hills Golf Course. The entry fee is \$240 per team with prize money for first, second and third awarded along with hot dogs at the turn and dinner after golf, door prizes, 50/50 and men and women closest to the pin competition. Hole sponsorships for \$100 are available. There will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start with registration beginning at 7 a.m. Proceeds from the event benefit local Jackson charities, and a golfer who hits hole-in-one on the designated hole wins \$25,000 toward the purchase or lease of a new Buick or GMC through Jim Winter Automotive Group.

For more information, call Dan Sullivan at 517-787-5100



# Lion News Bytes

## BATTLE CREEK HOST LIONS

The Battle Creek Host Lions Club is proud to announce that PDG Paul Frederick has been selected for the Athens Area Community Foundation Hall of Fame. Lion Paul was one who initially started the Foundation in 1993 and it now has grown to more than one million dollars in assets.



Cindy Leach presents the award to PDG Paul Frederick. Lion Paul was one of those who initially started the Foundation in 1993 and it has grown to have over \$1M dollars in assets. Congratulations Paul.

The club is gearing up for their annual newspaper sale and is accepting donations and ads for the paper. Anyone interested in assisting the club in this endeavor should contact any member of Host Club for information.

Host has collected 196 pair of eye glasses for redistribution in Africa.

## PARMA-SPRING ARBOR LIONS



New officers installed by PDG's Peggy & Barry Allen, with President Teri Datte.



New member Karthy Kunchappa inducted.

*"Whether you think you can, or if you think you can't, you are probably right."*

*Henry Ford*



<https://www.dropbox.com/s/s770evu3nwou3y5/BC%20%20Cereal%20Celebration%202016%20.m4v?dl=0> by Jerry Mackey

## VIDEO of the Month

**Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Parade**

**BC Cereal City** always kick off their year with a club Steak Fry. Lion Kai Lassen cooks up the steaks. And it's an opportunity to invite the spouses & significant others to share in the joy of lionism.



Left to Right, Harriet Spriggs, Sharon Davis, Jan O'Brien, & Carolyn Harvey

Note to membership chair, all these lovely ladies would make great lions

'JUST ASK'



On June 28 **The Battle Creek Host Lions Club** hosted a blind golf meet at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Lions Bob and Janet Damon spearheaded the event and took some of the blind men out on the course in golf carts. They also purchased and helped serve lunch afterwards with the assistance of Lions John Dammers, David Burlingame and Betty Robins. There will be another golf meet for the blind veterans later this year.

**MANCHESTER LIONS** Peggy & Barry Allen returned from the International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan. After spending five days at the convention, they flew to Osaka to meet up with many of their Lions Youth Exchange students. They were able to meet EIGHT of the TWELVE kids they have hosted over the last eight years, and were able to meet Aoi and her mother, Aoi arrived on August 3 and will be here until the 28th, with a second girl, Arisa. Look for them roaming the district in search of Lions service projects, first up is the Clarklake Raft'O'Rama.

Lower left, Sydnee Gifford, President of the Hanover-Horton LEO's went on her Youth Exchange trip to Italy in July. The message Peggy received from her said she had a FANTASTIC time and really enjoyed the Italian culture and her host family.

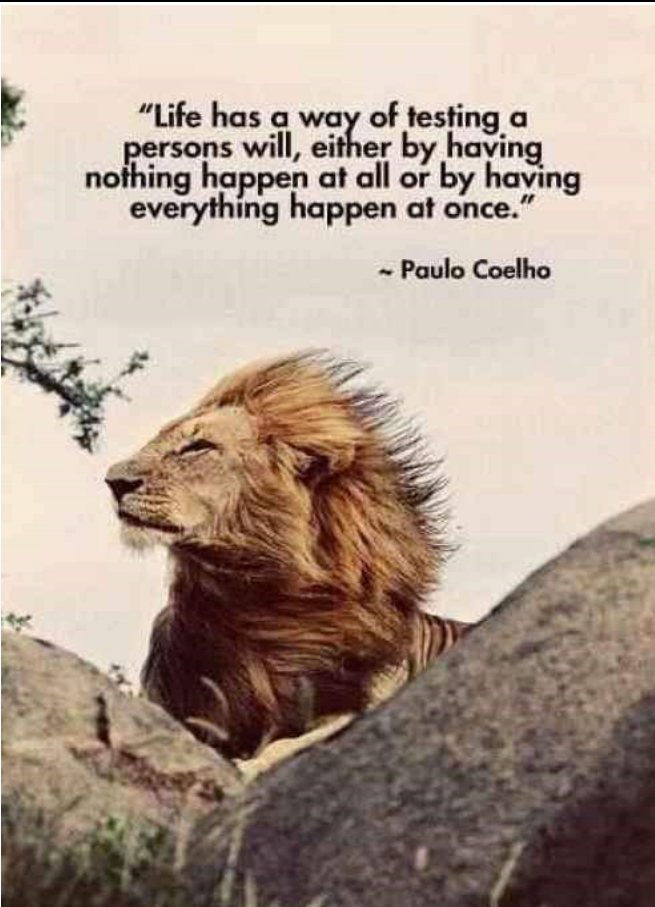


## DEXTER LIONS CLUB

The Dexter Lions have completed their playground project and it is ready for the children to enjoy. A Great community project.



The Dexter Lions donated \$10,000 toward this project.



## JACKSON EYEOPENERS



The evening of July 29<sup>th</sup> found Lions Michelle, Diane, Ed and Esther at the Eversight Michigan's BBQ and music festival at it's headquarters in Ann Arbor.

Along with almost 200 lions from across the state, they toured the facility and learned about the important work of the Eversight organization.

This evening was a celebration of the gift of sight.



**BLISSFIELD LIONS** dedicated a new bench for the Memorial Park. Pictured are members of the Blissfield Area Lions Club, village council members and the Downtown Development Authority/Main Street representatives as well as members of the O'Mara family.



Mary Slater and Maurice Barnes show off a Lions Club dance at the pig roast.

Albion annual pig roast with Mary Slater and President Maurice Barnes

**THE ALBION LIONS** met on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> at Victory Park to celebrate summer, enjoy a picnic, socialize and install new officers.

President Maurice Barnes, Vice President Dick Lewin, Treasurer Vivian Davis, Secretary Susan Conner, Membership Chair Mark Robinson, Tail Twister/Lion Tamer Mack Powaga and Sight Officer Mark Reiman. The officers were installed by PDG Craig Bishop of Battle Creek Host Club.



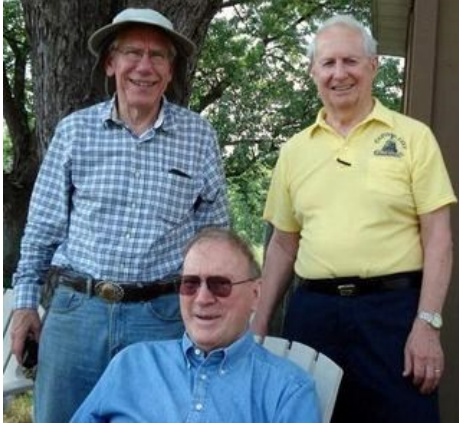
Albion Lions Club was founded in 2007 and is twinned with the Lions Club of Noisy Le Roi in France. Through donations from their French counterparts the club has planted trees in Victory Park.

Other activities include support for the programs at the Bohm Theater, fundraisers for the Albion District Library and an annual Pig Roast. They also provide a pancake breakfast at the opening of hunting season.

## Jackson Blind Club Picnic

Hosted by **Jackson Host Lions Club**

Little Wolf Lake - July 20, 2016



*The Hosts*

*Dave Foster John Wilcox & Dick Colony*



*The Guests*

*The Lake & The Raft*



## Golf Quotes

If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball. ~ Jack Lemmon

Need a ramp?

The **Napoleon Lions** built yet another deck for a member of their community. They can 'get'r'done' in only three days.



Sitting in the shade with a cold lemonade was President Don Rose who took the pictures.



Shown are:

Meryl Clayton, Chris West  
Levi Kimball, Tom Bendall, & David Heckaman



Walking in a city can be like walking on a mine field for someone who is visually impaired. Traditional walking canes help detect obstacles on the ground, but what about obstacles that are higher? They present a different challenge—and one that **SmartCane** wants to tackle. Using ultrasonic ranging and vibration patterns, **SmartCane** serves as an enhancement to the classic walking cane by detecting dangling or above-knee-height obstacles. It creates spatial awareness and warns of possible contact with objects—and people—from a safe distance. This short film by Rintu Thomas and produced by Black Ticket Films and The Better India explores this powerful innovation.

[https://youtu.be/cnW1\\_XMUIzM](https://youtu.be/cnW1_XMUIzM)

# Club Anniversaries

## August

12	Michigan Center Lioness	29 yrs
20	Marshall Lions	63 yrs
28	Parma-Spring Arbor Lions	63 yrs

## September

20	Michigan Center Leos	11 yrs
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## October

2	Inter-Lakes Lions	49 yrs
8	Vandercook Lake Lions	60 yrs
12	Hanover-Horton Lions	52 yrs
27	Napoleon Lions	63 yrs



People Served:

# 90,045,786



**District SPARK PLUG Awards for 2015 - 2016** The Spark Plug Award is given to any club who has a net growth of + 5 % or more during the Lions Year. Each club is awarded a Spark Plug Banner Patch, and the winning club keeps the traveling plaque for the following year.

<b>Adrian Evening</b>	+ 37.50 %	*Clinton	+ 4.55 %
Albion	+ 25.00 %	*Homer	+ 3.70 %
Concord	+ 22.22 %		
Ann Arbor Host	+ 17.50 %		
Hanover Horton	+ 9.09 %	* Honorable Mention	
Blissfield	+ 6.67 %		

CONGRATULATIONS **The Adrian Evening Lions !!!**

**+ 37.50% WOW!**



## RETENTION

### The other part of Growth

Hopefully in most Lions Clubs there is a lot of focus on growth, lions discuss it at every level, and some have heard it before. The word growth almost always conjures up the thought of new members but there is another side to growth, it's called retention, and it will destroy all of your hard work in recruitment, and more, to drive down membership.

Sometimes we cannot control retention, our friends pass or become too sick to continue but there are many who simply make a decision to leave. This isn't limited to our long time established lions, our newer lions often choose to drop too. The problem is that often we don't know lions are leaving because they don't advertise the fact, and it's easier to slip away than to discuss issues with their club. This means we need to be proactive.

People join us because they want to serve their community and because they want to belong, and be an involved and accepted member of a group that is supportive and friendly that enables everyone to have FUN. When they don't feel they are contributing or that their efforts aren't recognized or that they don't feel that they are a fully integrated part of the group, they may choose to move on.

There are several tools a club can make use of to minimize member loss:-

As a club leader, put RETENTION front and center as part of your plans for GROWTH, you worked hard to get your new members now make sure they stay.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor.....Lion Roger

Recognize retention as a major component of achieving growth goals.

Provide orientation to new members to help them integrate into our organization

Make sure that everyone has an opportunity to serve, no matter at what level.

Recognize the work and commitment of your members

Encourage involvement outside your club, joint projects and district projects.

Encourage training as a path to hold a leadership position.

Anonymous member surveys, to determine how your lions view their club.

Complete an exit survey to find out why they are leaving, try to fix the problem.

Make sure that everyone HAS FUN.

*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart"*

*Helen Keller*

*"It is no use saying we are doing our best  
You have to succeed in what is necessary."*

*Sir Winston Churchill*

# \* LION LINKS \* AND OTHER COOL LIONS STUFF ONLINE

History of Lions: Growth & Expansion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUeRP3QiW4A>

Lions Quarterly Video <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/lq.php>

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/advanced-leadership-institutes/index.php>

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

The District 11-B1 e-District Website: <http://e-district.org/sites/11b1/>  
Get up-to-date contact info and previous District Newsletters/Constitution & Bylaws/Policy Manual!

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

**Got Cool Links? Send Them In! (Especially Lions Links!)**

## ADULT TRUTHS

**Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many.**

### SUPPORT Project KidSight

**5K - 8K - 13.1 MILE RUN  
5K RACE WALK**

Hidden Lake Gardens - Tipton, MI  
October 8, 2016 - 10:00 AM

Pre-Registration & Packet Pick-up

Saturday, October 8 - Pre Event  
Hidden Lake Gardens - Tipton, MI



### MILE MARKER SPONSORSHIP - \$100.00

COURSE SIGN WITH NAME & LOGO  
TWO FREE EVENT REGISTRATIONS  
DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

#### 2016 EYE CARE, DO YOU EVENTS

- I am interested in participating in a timed event. Please send me a registration form and information.  
 I am interested in the Mile Marker Sponsorship. I have enclosed a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Walk the World with LCIF



#### CHARITY MILES

LCIF is proud to partner with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies to provide [Sight for Kids](#). Now, you can walk or run to raise money for Sight for Kids wherever you are in the world. Simply download the [Charity Miles](#) app on your smartphone, select "Sight for Kids," and take a walk! LCIF will receive a donation for every mile logged. Supporting this vital initiative has never been easier! Watch for updates over the next year to see how far Lions and our friends have walked to save sight.



## 2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Omaha, Nebraska

Sept. 15-17, 2016

*Leadership ? Service ? It's what Lions do !*

“Leadership for Service”, the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer, Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car “Follow a Dream” to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream.

Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

Register for this outstanding opportunity at <http://www.lionsforum.org/>



Leadership | for Service | LIONS UNIVERSITY  
Omaha • Nebraska | September 15-17, 2016

Dear Lion...

March 28, 2016

1. Are you a “Young Lion” ?
2. Are you a Lion interested in staying healthy and promoting diabetes awareness ?
3. Are you a car racing fan ?

If you can say YES to any or all of these questions, you have even more reasons to attend the 2016 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha, Nebraska.

Young Lions – Friday – Four seminar sessions.....all held “back to back” in the same room. Presented by young Lions, about what is important in Lionism to our young adult members. Attendance open to Lions of all ages – come in and meet the future leaders of our association.

STRIDES Walk – Thursday September 15, 2016 at 1:30PM  
Register on-line when you register for the Forum.  
One mile scenic walk – commemorative shirt and lunch included.  
All proceeds to support the Diabetes Association of the US and Canada.

Race Car – Lion Jay Blake will have his “Follow a Dream”, Alcohol Funny Car in the Exhibit Hall for the whole Forum. Jay is the only blind crew chief in the sport of auto racing. He is the main mechanic and heads the Super Comp Dragster racing team.



Register online today @ [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org)  
Don't forget to register for the Strides Walk too.

Eleven great hotels to choose from. Check out the hotel specifics and the amenities.  
Questions ? email: [registrar@lionsforum.org](mailto:registrar@lionsforum.org) phone: (605) 723-4007

See you in Omaha,  
PID Gary Anderson, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Chair



A bus has been reserved for a Lions of Michigan trip to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha, Nebraska. The cost is \$210 per person round-trip.

This is a 48 passenger bus, and we will need 40 reservations to make the trip possible. Register now and get some Lions friends to join you!

The bus will leave Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday morning September 14. Additional pick-up locations include Grand Rapids, then continue on to Omaha, arriving Wednesday evening. Return trip leaves Sunday morning September 18, and will take the same route back, arriving later Sunday evening in Michigan.

To register for the Forum go to [lionsforum.org](http://lionsforum.org) and register online. Many Michigan Lions are staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel. They have a great *free breakfast* and a *free happy hour!*

Make a reservation for the BUS by contacting PDG Bob Schalow at 231-288-0607 or [lionbobmi@aol.com](mailto:lionbobmi@aol.com).



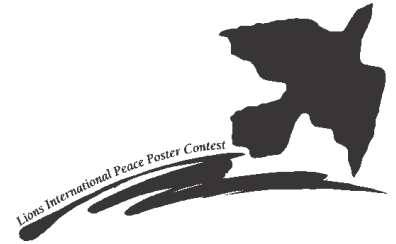
# Contests and Awards

Peace Poster Kits for 2016-17 Available Now!  
(Deadline October 1st)

*"A Celebration of Peace"*

Get your kit or find out more about the contest at this link:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/contests/e-poster-contest/index.php>



The **MARSHALL Lions** bestowed a Melvin Jones Fellow to Lion Jerry Jones and a Ken Lautzenheiser Fellow to Lion Sherrie Jones. Two very deserving Lions who do a lot for the Marshall Lions and for their community. Congrats to both! The plaque was presented by PDG's Lowell & Suzanne Maxxon.



Installation of the 2016 - 2017 Officers



*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*

Helen Keller

**NORTH JACKSON LIONS** Denny Lautzenheiser presented the A. Charles Weir Award consisting of a certificate and a nicely engraved acrylic award to Polly's Country Market on Parnall and also to Klavon's Pizzeria & Pub in Jackson. Both of these awards were made possible because of donations to our club in memory of Evelyn Stringham and Lion Ed Collins. The money was then sent on to Eversight Michigan for their work in sight conservation.



Accepting the award for Polly's was manager Heather Scott. Manager Bobby Cole & Rachel Steeler of Klavon's are pictured accepting the award from Lion Dennis.



## CHELSEA LIONS

IPDG Peggy presents Chelsea secretary Keith Bloomensaat with a Melvin Jones Fellow at the annual Chelsea Lions steak bake at Lion Norm's beach-front abode. She made Keith smile.



**The CHELSEA LIONS** pictures the recipients of their \$1000 service awards that are given to Chelsea HS students for their community service. you have Mason with his parents John and Cindy Mitchell and Kelly with her parents Rob and Sue Bertoni.



The next big event for the club will be the Chelsea Fair August 23 thru 27 which we will be operating the dunk tank. **We are looking for workers and sitters!**

Sign Up <<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4DACA29A02-2016/5064282>>

### **Another one of Murphy's Laws**

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

**Why Do I Have To Press "ONE" For English When You're Just Going To Transfer Me To Someone I Can't Understand Anyway?**

## **Lions of Michigan Foundation**



### **Project KidSight**

Jeremy Hull of Cinescope Productions in Lansing has finished the Lions of Michigan Foundation Kid-Sight promotional video. View it at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QT9YXH25R08&feature=youtu.be>



Alison Wright presents Lion John Krienke with a Shared Vision Award for his MANY years of service to Eversight.





**27th Annual Diamond in the Rough  
Jim Rich Memorial Golf Classic**  
Sponsored by  
**The Jackson Host Lions Club**

**Lakeland Hills Golf Course**  
**Sunday, August 14, 2016**  
8am Shotgun Start  
Registration Starts at 7am  
Four Person Scramble Format  
517-764-5292 (Golf Course)  
**All Proceeds to  
Local Jackson Charities**

**Entry Fee \$240 Per Team**

**Golf, Food, Fun, Beverage, Door Prizes & More**

**Designated Hole in One Wins \$25,000**  
towards the purchase or lease of a  
**New 2016 Buick or GMC**  
Sponsored by Jim Winter Automotive Group

**Prize Money for Top Three Teams**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place \$200 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$100 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50

**To Register or Donate:**  
Send Check, Team Name, Captain Name, Contact to  
Jackson Lions, PO Box 241, Jackson, MI 49204  
Checks Payable to Jackson Host Lions Club  
Questions contact:  
Dan Sullivan 787-5100 day or 536-4607 night

**Entry Deadline is August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The Jackson Host Lions Club supply  
10-15 children a month with eye exams  
and glasses. We also donate to local  
individuals and groups in the Jackson  
Area. We also sponsor sight and hearing  
impaired students at local colleges with  
scholarship funds.

**Sponsorships are available:**

- \$100 Hole Sponsor  
Vinyl Sign with name on it to show your support
- Donate of Door Prizes
- Cash Donations Accepted

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY IN THE PAST,  
AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
EFFORTS IN SUPPORTING LIONISM IN JACKSON.  
YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION  
FUNDRAISING CRUISE**  
Aboard Royal Caribbean International's

**ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 - Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**7-night Southern Caribbean Cruise sailing from San Juan, Puerto Rico**



\$50.00 per stateroom (based on double occupancy)  
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**Pricing:** Per person (based on double occupancy)  
including cruise, port charges and government  
taxes/fees - Airfare is additional. Please contact  
Travel Leaders for pricing.



Day	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sat	Mar 4 2017	San Juan, Puerto Rico		8:30 PM
Sun	Mar 5 2017	Cruising		
Mon	Mar 6 2017	Bridgetown, Barbados	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Tue	Mar 7 2017	Castries, St. Lucia	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Wed	Mar 8 2017	St. Johns, Antigua	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Thur	Mar 9 2017	Basseterre, St Kitts & Nevis	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Fri	Mar 10 2017	Phillipsburg, St. Maarten	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Sat	Mar 11 2017	San Juan, Puerto Rico	6:00 AM	



**Interior Staterooms from: \$680.87**  
**Ocean View Staterooms from: \$833.87**  
**Balcony Staterooms from: \$1064.87**

**Please note: A \$25.00\* per person donation is  
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5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911**  
\*Consult your tax advisor regarding possible benefits

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We invite you to Meet/Greet/Eat with our Centennial President, Chancellor Bob Corlew and his wife, Dianne, at the Baker College Welcome Center, 2800 Springport Road, Jackson, MI 49202

Friday, September 30, 2016  
12:45 - 2:00 PM

Cost: \$12.00, which includes lunch.

Bring new members to be inducted by our International President. Have your photo taken with them and the Centennial bus. Enjoy the fellowship with other Lions from our state.

Reserve your place now for this unique opportunity! Reservations deadline: Friday, September 9, 2016. You must register to attend.

Send your reservation and money to: Walt Treichel, District 11-81 Cabinet treasurer  
9100 Dew Rd., Horton, MI 49246

Make checks payable to: District 11-81

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/President%20Corlew%20Bus%20Trip.pdf>

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION  
FUNDRAISING CRUISE**

**Holland America Line®**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017—Sunday, June 18, 2017**  
Land first (5-days) then 7-day Discovery Cruise  
(Seward to Vancouver) Aboard the *Noordam*



**12-Day Double Denali - This Journey includes:**  
Two nights Denali with Tundra Wilderness Tour  
Riverboat DISCOVERY (includes lunch)  
McKinley Explorer® domed rail between Anchorage and Denali;  
Anchorage/Seward Kruisetrain  
7-Day Glacier Discovery cruise

**Interior Staterooms from: \$2333pp**

**Ocean View Staterooms from: \$2693pp**

**Balcony Staterooms from: \$3053pp**

**Date Date Destination / Port**

Wed	June 7 2017	Fairbanks
Thu	June 8 2017	Denali National Park
Fri	June 9 2017	Denali National Park
Sat	June 10 2017	Anchorage
Sun	June 11 2017	Seward - Board Noordam
Mon	June 12 2017	At Sea (Gulf of Alaska)
Tue	June 13 2017	Glacier Bay
Wed	June 14 2017	Haines (Skagway)
Thu	June 15 2017	Juneau
Fri	June 16 2017	Ketchikan
Sat	June 17 2017	At Sea
Sun	June 18 2017	Vancouver

**Pricing: Per person (based on double occupancy)  
including cruise, land tour, port charges and  
government taxes/fees**

**\$50 per stateroom (based on double occupancy) will  
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## Reach the Summit of Service

[Centennial Service Challenge](#) – Lead through service by joining the challenge to help 100+ million people for our Centennial.

Engage and impact youth through hands-on projects with [Lions Children First](#), promote literacy through the [Reading Action Program](#), and bring hope to vulnerable children through the [Leo Spotlight on Children](#).



## Build our Team by Inviting for Impact

[Centennial Celebration Membership Awards](#) – Increase your service impact and earn once-in-a-lifetime recognition by inviting new members and chartering new clubs.

## Connect with Communities

[Centennial Legacy Projects](#) – Raise the visibility of your club and help commemorate our Centennial by making a lasting gift to your community.

[PR Guide](#) – Learn the best ways to share your story with your community to promote your club and service activities.

## Lead Us over the Next Mountain

[Lions Learning Center](#) and the [Leadership Resource Center](#) give you the resources to take your leadership to the next level. [Global Leadership Team](#) – Learn how Lions are working together to support present and future Lions leaders.



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

Be sure to send your M&A Reports and articles w/photos to the District Newsletter Editor, PDG Barry Allen at [BarryRAllen@aol.com](mailto:BarryRAllen@aol.com). OR to Contributing Editors Lions Steve Britten, [steve@protechcomputers.biz](mailto:steve@protechcomputers.biz) or Roger Spriggs at [gbroger@aol.com](mailto:gbroger@aol.com)

Please try to expand on those one-liners in the M&A using the text section at the end! Tell us more about your events there.

**NOTE ON PHOTOS:** If you send photos, please provide names of those in the photo using the L-R (by row if necessary) convention. A little background story on the photo is great, too. Think about 4-5 sentences is perfect but more is merrier. We prefer you send them by e-mail so we can cut & paste. Please use Times New Roman 12 if possible.

**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?).

PDG Barry Allen, Manchester Lions Club, District 11B1 Newsletter Editor