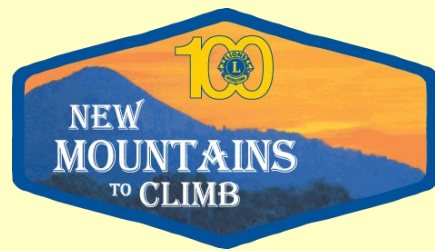




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Lions of District 11-B1



Cereal City President Roger Bosse attended the State MD-11 Convention as a representative of Winter Camp for the Blind. We have a board with pictures, flyers, and pictures of winter camps past. (in binder).
-Spoke to council of Governors Elect about support of

Winter Camp from their districts, either monetary or support for campers with rides/scholarships, etc, especially those that send a majority of campers. All but E1/E2 send campers.

-There were a variety of vendors, especially the state projects, such as Lions of Michigan Foundation, Eversight, Bear Lake Camp, Leader Dog, Paws for A Cause, Peace Poster, Our Camps, and a new camp for Kids with Cancer.

-At the Business meeting, the state projects mentioned above, as well as All State Band gave updates and thanks to the support from the Lions Clubs. Dinners were great, and the entertainment on Friday was by a bluegrass/jazz band. The Keynote Speaker was Past International Director Judge Haynes Townsend, he is a candidate for International 3rd Vice President. It was a lot of fun, and I got to meet some very nice people from other Districts that may be helpful in winter camp sustainability, most people outside the district had never heard of it. I did not stay for the banquet, but based on the Friday night festivities, it promised to be a grand affair.

Pictured above Harriet & 1st VDGE Roger Spriggs with Roger Bosse



From the Governor

As I go into my last month of being District Governor I want to thank each Lion of the District for the kindness and hospitality Nancy and I have received from every club. I cannot tell you how much we have enjoyed learning about the service projects that clubs have provided their communities. While each club has its own culture and personality, they all share humility and commitment to serving and providing an improved quality of life for their community. I cannot tell you how gifted Nancy and I have been to be able to serve you.



I would like to invite all of our District Members to the Past District Governor's Appreciation dinner on Saturday, August 12, 2017, from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Sandstone Congregational Church located at 250 S Sandstone Rd, Jackson, MI. This is the same church in Parma that we have the Fall Parade of checks at. I am asking that all gifts be given to the Campus Club Scholarship Fund of the Vandercook Lake Lions. I would like to start the scholarship fund to reward the Campus Club Lion that has distinguished her or himself as a Lion. We are looking at criteria that would include; leadership in service projects, participation, officer leadership, membership sponsorship, and sponsored members that remain active for three semesters. If you have suggestions for other objective criteria, please let me know.

We have two clubs that are tied for the first PDG Dave Hill OMG (Outstanding Membership Growth) award. Both Ann Arbor Host and Clarklake have increased membership since last July by eleven members! Vandercook Lake is next in the count with an increased membership of six. All Clarklake or Ann Arbor Host have to do to become the first OMG Award member is recruit some new Lions in June.

NANCY AND I WILL PAY TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR EACH NEW MEMBER THAT IS RECORDED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2017, ON THE REPORT THAT I RECEIVE FROM INTERNATIONAL. IN ADDITION, INTERNATIONAL WILL NOT CHARGE ANY INTERNATIONAL INITIATION FEES FOR NEW MEMBERS REPORTED FROM JUNE 1 TO JUNE 10, 2017. THIS IS A COMBINED REDUCTION IN ANNUAL DUES FOR THE 2017-2018 LION YEAR OF \$35 FOR EACH NEW MEMBER REPORTED FROM JUNE 1 TO JUNE 10 AND \$25 FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS REPORTED FROM JUNE 11 TO JUNE 30, 2017. SECRETARIES HAVE TO BE SURE TO REPORT THE NEW MEMBERS BEFORE JUNE 10 FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DISCOUNT AND JUNE 30 FOR THE DG REBATE. LET'S FINISH STRONG!

DG Dave

See the Club Growth standings on next page.



District SPARK PLUG Awards race for 2016 - 2017

The PDG Paul Frederick Spark Plug award has been given out since Paul started it in 1984. It is given to the club who has a net growth of + 5 % or more during the Lions fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. Each club is awarded a Spark Plug Banner Patch, and the winning club keeps the traveling plaque for the following year. The following ten clubs are in contention to win the award.

Clarklake	+ 35.48%	Grass Lake	+ 9.52%
Ann Arbor Host	+ 21.28%	Vandercook Lake	+ 7.94%
Adrian Evening	+ 18.18%	Battle Creek CC	+ 7.41%
Jackson Cascades	+ 17.65%	Jackson Host	+ 4.17%
Ann Arbor Evening	+ 14.29%	Napoleon	+ 2.70%
		Pennfield	+ 2.27%

If we can recruit ten to fifteen new members in June, we have a good chance to finish the Lion year with more members in the clubs we started with for the first time in at least thirteen years!



NUMBERS FOR DISTRICT 11-B1

Total Clubs	Current Member Count	YTD Added	YTD Dropped	YTD Net Growth
39	1033	134	61	+73

Note: A district is 1250 Lions, we need a net gain of 217 Lions*

A Frickin' Elephant

Jake is five and learning to read.
He points at a picture in a zoo book and says, "Look Mama! It's a frickin' elephant!"

Deep breath... "What did you call it?"

"It's a frickin' Elephant, Mama!
It says so on the picture!"

and so it does...

"African Elephant"

Hooked on phonics!
Ain't it wonderful?



FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

Hello Lions,

This year our State's Multi-District Convention was held in Traverse City at the Great Wolf Lodge. It was fun and a great place to hold a convention especially if you have children or were a kid at heart.

With a Dunkin Doughnuts, ice cream shop, candy store, pizza and movies, an indoor water park, miniature golf course, video game rooms, lots of children games along with an excellent restaurant, how could families and Lions not have a wonderful time?

Lions International Director Townsend, from Georgia gave two extremely interesting talks. In one he told us if the world only had 100 people, just 6 of them out of the 100 would own almost all the money in the world and would live in the United States.

In another one of his talks he told us Lions Clubs International was focusing on documenting the hundreds of millions of hours of service performed by Lions Clubs from all over the world.

He told us our motto "We Serve" is more important than ever as is your club entering, into MyLCI, your service hours to help with the documentation.

To help move our District into the next Century of service to our communities, LCI has suggested we add a new position called **Global Service Team Coordinator**. PDG Barry Allen has agreed to accept that position and will be joining our district's Global Leadership Team Coordinator, PDG Terry Walters and Global Membership Team Coordinator PDG Dave Hill.

ID Townsend told us LCI has also changed our service goals in their effort to serve 200 million people by 2021. They now are Vision, Hunger, the Environment, Pediatric Cancer, and Diabetes.

We were told by ID Townsend, how Lions Clubs working together, had conquered River Blindness. Now LCI is hoping the clubs can work together to conquer Diabetes which is the number one cause of blindness and to conquer Pediatric Cancer so no child will die from it.

Shoppers save your money because next year the 2018 Multi-district State Convention will be held from May 17-19, 2018, at Grand Blanc, just a short hop, skip and a jump from the Birch Run discount shopping mall and from Frankenmuth. Save those days and mark your calendar.

Best,
DGE LuAnne Bullington



Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director of the Lions of Michigan AND a Jackson Eyeopener Lion receives the coveted "Roger LaMothe Newsletter Editor Award" from PID Esther LaMothe for her work on the Lions Pride state newsletter. She has turned the publication into a first rate magazine which highlights events around the state and in each district. Kudos also go to her assistant Kristie Feldspausch who puts the whole edition together.

HAILS and FAREWELLS:

WELCOME ABOARD!

NEW MEMBER

Adele Sowninski
Donald Duvall
Valerie Gale
Karen Frank
Brian Grable
Bonnie Aldrich-Curry
Michael Curry
Michael Kelley
Owen Guettner
Li Jillian
Joshus Knill
Naomi Savas

CLUB

Ann Arbor Host
Inter-Lakes
Inter-Lakes
Manchester
Marshall
Napoleon
Napoleon
Pennfield
U of Mich
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SPONSOR

Richard Westbury
Barb McNutt
Barb McNutt
Peggy Allen
Duane Moe
Richard Tallman
Richard Tallman
Durwood Booher
(San Francisco)
(Palo Alto, Ca)
(Rochester, NY)
(Ann Arbor)

GONE, BUT IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER

Albert (Bert) Aldrich Concord May 2, 2017
<http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=185338718#sthash.2txFc036.dpuf>

Lucille Charlton Grass Lake May 15, 2017
http://www.sherwoodfh.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=4228091&fh_id=10191

“How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday you will have been all of these.”

George Washington Carver



In Memory of
DG THOMAS R HARDT 11-D1
October 22 1960 – May 18th 2017

CCE Peggy Allen, 1VDGE Roger Spriggs and Harriet Spriggs
represented District 11-B1 at
DG Tom’s Memorial Service on
May 27th 2017.

From the desk of the 1st VDGE

LET'S SHOW THAT WE REALLY ARE 'KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND'

Is there an event that you look forward to each year, like spending Christmas with distant grandchildren or that Winter Cruise to warmer climes? Now imagine that after a year of anticipation you cannot take that trip, something outside of your control wipes away the one event you really look forward to.

Our friends who look forward to 'Winter Camp for the Blind', one of the few events they anticipate all year long, one event that gives them some independence, re-connecting with old friends and a little excitement in their somewhat restrictive lives may be faced with losing their yearlong anticipated trip as the project reaches a crossroads.

For many of the 44 years the camp has been funded by Lions Clubs, mostly through donations to the Parade of Checks at the Fall Conference. Each year fees from the campers, club donations and a dwindling buffer fund have combined to finance this District project. The buffer fund was exhausted last year and funds from the clubs has been falling. For the first time we anticipate there may be insufficient financing to run the 2018 camp.

Our committee is seeking additional help from foundations and local corporations but the only way to guarantee sufficient funding is for each club to increase its donations to the Winter Camp for the Blind. We are respectfully requesting each club to give extra consideration to supporting this vital District project and to avoid disappointing our campers.

Closed clubs and dropped membership is one of the reasons the District has less funding for major projects, I know that most of you get tired of the constant reminder to grow clubs and retain members but the importance of this comes home when we get to the point of not being able to fund a critical project, especially one of the District's signature projects. More members means more service, that's why we are Lions.

To those lions who have experienced Winter Camp as volunteers and seen the joy and laughter we bring to a very underprivileged sector of our society I ask you to pass along the message to our clubs and fellow lions. WE SERVE and we have to find a way to prevent our campers from being disappointed after waiting a year for the one event they anticipate with excitement, an event that means so much to them. I thank you for understanding.

1VDGE,.....Lion Roger Spriggs



Upcoming Events and Info



GRANDE GOLF COURSE
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JACKSON, MICHIGAN 49201

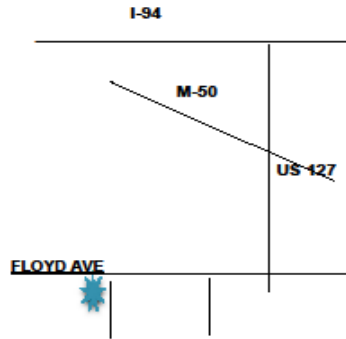
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2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

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NAPOLEON LIONS CLUB **4-PERSON GOLF** **SCRAMBLE TUESDAY,** **JUNE 20, 2017**

\$55.00 per golfer 9 A.M. SHOTGUN START
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 17th, 2017



Entry Fee Includes: Coffee & Doughnuts upon arrival, Hot Dog & Soda at the turn, Pulled Pork or Chicken with awards after Golf

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - Chicago

RIDE SHARE and/or ROOM SHARE

Want to attend the International Convention, but don't want the full expense? Provide us your name and request and we will try to broker a connection with you to share a room in Chicago, or the transportation to get there. It is expected you would pay your half of the expenses involved.

Email or call PDG Barry Allen, BarryRAllen@aol.com or 734-428-7034

8th Annual
GIFT OF SIGHT
 Golf Classic

In partnership with the
Ann Arbor Host Lions Club

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017
9:30 A.M. SHOTGUN START



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

NEW START TIME
9:30 A.M.

http://eversightvision.org/michigan/pdf/GolfOutingMI_Flyer_26Jan17_FNL.pdf

NOTICE EVERSIGHT MICHIGAN is cleaning up their **DO-NOR MEMORIAL GARDEN** this Saturday, June 10th at 9:30 am, under the direction of a Master Gardener.

VOLUNTEERS are needed.

Please contact Alex at ateska@eversightvision.org or at 734-780-2675.

How many boxes of these Thin Mints do I have to eat before I start seeing results?

Club Anniversaries

June					
4	Battle Creek Cereal City	1958	24	Bedford Elsa Lioness	1974
27	Adrian Breakfast	1977			
July					
14	Homer	1942			
August					
20	Marshall	1953	12	Michigan Center Lioness	1987
28	Parma-Spring Arbor	1953			



District and Club Dates to Remember

JUNE - CATARACT AWARENESS MONTH

- 2-3 Vandercook Lake - Garage Sale, at the Clubhouse
- 8 Jackson Host fundraiser at Finley's Restaurant, 5 - 10 pm
- 9 Battle Creek Cereal City - Blood Drive, Kool Family Community Center, 10 - 3 pm
- 9 Battle Creek Cereal City - BC City Parade, 6 pm
- 8 SPOT - Battle Creek Cereal City - Kool Family Community Center, plus diabetic testing
- 11 Tekonsha, Music in the Park, serving strawberries & ice cream, 6 pm
- 16 SPOT - Jackson Fairgrounds, American 1 Kids Fest, 12 - 5 pm
- 17 Eversight, "Gift of Sight" Golf Classic, Washtenaw Golf & Country Club, 9:30 am shotgun start
- 17 Bedford Lions, Semi-Annual Bar-B-Que at the Clubhouse, beginning at 11 am
- 17 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
- 20 Napoleon Golf Outing - Grand in VCL, see flyer
- 21 SPOT - Hillsdale
- 21 CAMP MIDICHA VIP Tour, 10 - 12
- 22/24 Michigan Center - Carp Carnival, rides, raffles, chicken, beer tent
- 28/29 Leaderdog Tours
- 29 Albion - Sparfarkel (pig roast) at the Red, White & Blue Cruise-in
- 30-4 Centennial International Convention - Chicago

JULY - JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

- 1-4 Centennial International Convention - Chicago
- 10 Honorary (PDG's) Pot Luck, Napoleon Clubhouse, 3 pm
- 10-12 Napoleon Lions - Crab Races
- 11 Manchester Community Fair - PARADE, 6 pm, FAIR 11 - 15
- 16 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
- 27 Finance Committee Meeting, Napoleon, 4 pm
- 27 **BANNER EXCHANGE**, Napoleon Clubhouse, 5 pm
- 29 Cabinet Meeting, VCL, 9 am

AUGUST - NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH (\$1, 1 shot, 1 life - Measles)

- 4/5 Council of Governors, Grand Rapids
- 5 Lions of Michigan Foundation, Board Meeting, 2 pm
- 5 Lions of Michigan Foundation, Hall of Fame Banquet
- 6 Clarklake Lions, Raft'O'Rama
- 7 SPOT - North Jackson
- 19 Jackson Eyeopeners - Miniature Golf Fundraiser, Sharp Park, Shotgun start 9:00 am
- 19 PAWS with a Cause - Open House, Wayland, MI
- 20 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
- 20 Bear Lake Camp tours, free lunch, 12 - 5, program at 3:30 pm, RSVP
- 21 SPOT - Jackson Eyeopeners, Back to School, Methodist Church

Teamwork makes the dream work.



CLUBS Doing What they Do!

The Adrian Evening Lions held a very successful Potato Dinner in March. This editor can attest to the quantity and quality. Did I mention desserts?!

The Albion Lions - raised \$404 during their White Cane fundraiser and informed the public about their upcoming 10th anniversary. Three members of their sister city of Noisy-le-Roi will be attending the International Convention in Chicago and then come to Albion for a visit. June 29th is the "Sparrnfarkel" (pig roast) at the Red, White & Blue Cruise In.

The Ann Arbor Host Lions added two new members, Nicole Nessler-Stuhec, sponsored by Amy Shepherd, and Adele Sowinski, sponsored by Rich Westbury. Members also performed KidSight screenings with the PediaVision camera, screening 30 kids at each location for a total of 240 kids with support from 24 Lions.

The Battle Creek Cereal City Lions raised \$3700 doing their White Cane Fundraiser. They will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on June 9th at the Kool Community Center. Eight members supported Buddy Days at the Secretary of State Office to encourage organ donation.

The Bedford Area Lions - will be having their semi-annual BBQ at the Clubhouse on Saturday, June 17th beginning at 11 am.

The Chelsea Lions were busy over the weekend with their Flag installation service and fundraiser for Memorial Day. They will have their annual steak fry on June 6th, now that their snowbirds have returned.

Clarklake Lions - President Mike Bullinger congratulated Lions Keith Russell, Daniell & Justin Bates and Stephanie & Jeff Reed for organizing and running a successful Easter Egg Hunt. There were over 50 kids and 53 dozen eggs. Three Easter baskets were given to the top 3 egg collectors in each age group. However, somehow at least a dozen colored eggs made it into the hunt without being boiled. It was a great surprise to a couple of children that tried to eat an egg shortly after the hunt. We will check closer next year.

The Clinton Lions continued their monthly donation to the 192 Ministries who prepare meal packs for children on the low/free lunch program at the school, designed to feed the children over the weekends. They also supported the Food Pantry and to the church Clothes Closet. They will be having a raffle drawing during the Clinton Fall Festival.

The Dexter Lions donated \$1000 to the Mill Creek Schools for summer camp, \$1300 for mobility access for a youth with MS, and \$1500 for a scholarship. They are also supporting the Penrickton Center for Blind Children for their annual Kick-Off Dinner in October.

Grass Lake Lions - provided a \$500 scholarship in memory of recently passed Lion Lucille Charlton who served the Grass Lake Community Schools for over 25 years.

The Inter-Lakes Lions completed their Vidalia Onion sales.

The Jackson Cascade Lions received a Service Award Plaque from the Salvation Army. See article.

The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions are planning a Miniature Golf fundraiser on August 19th, see the flyer. They also donated towards the church pantry, Big Brothers & Sisters, and Ethan Nye for the All-State Band trip to Chicago. Lion Margie Horsch received a Certificate of Appreciation for her diligent hard work with the State MD-11 Convention.

The world is run by those who show up!

The Jackson Host Lions - will again be hosting a Finley's fundraiser on Thursday, June 8 from 5:00-10:00 PM. Join the club members at Finley's, show a printed copy of this flyer or this electronic copy to your server to help the club earn ten percent of the evening's sales. Only one copy is needed per table. Hope to see you there! See the coupon.

The Manchester Lions - presented a \$500 scholarship to Natalie Johnson. They participated in the Chamber EXPO and are selling off the last of their Vidalia onions. Council Chair Peggy Allen took charge of the gavel and is now leading the Council of Governors.

Marshall Lions added new member Brian Grable. They completed their Vidalia onion sales, selling over 4000 pounds, and White Cane, raising \$1300.

The Michigan Center Lions are making preparations for their annual Carp Carnival to be held on June 22 to 24. In addition to the carnival rides, there is a raffle, bbq, beer tent and elephant toes.

The Munith Lions helped with BINGO with the Stockbridge Lions, presented a \$500 scholarship to Julia Olson, and supported Ethan Nye to participate in the All-State Band at the Chicago International Convention.

Napoleon Lions are planning for their Golf Scramble on June 20th, 9 am shotgun start. See the flyer. They added two new members, Bonnie & Michael Curry. They held another SPOT KidSight screening at the Elementary School.

North Jackson Lions - members continue to sell and deliver vidalia onions, volunteer at schools, run 4H and Leo club meetings and language enrichment workshops, donate money and clothing to charities, recycle household items, volunteer at a local bowling tournament, work Red Cross Blood Drives, and have collected 56 pair of eyeglasses this month. North Jackson purchased a pair of glasses for an area youth, donated \$1,000 to the NW High School Band, and also donated \$100 to Ethan Nye so that he may attend the International Convention in Chicago with the All State Band.

The Tekonsha Lions We ended our regular meeting year with an indoor picnic and conducted our business to plan our summer events. We responded to the Winter Camp for the Blind funds appeal with a gift of \$100 and donated another \$100 to the Break the Grey Assembly at the high school (program providing info to students on bullying, suicide, depression, substance abuse, and making good choices.

The Vandercook Lake Lions held another successful Pancake breakfast, with a profit of nearly \$700!. They will have had their annual garage sale, at the clubhouse on June 2 & 3rd.

YOUR CLUB HERE!

Send your club doings to PDG Barry



A preacher dies, and when he gets to Heaven, he sees a New York cab driver who has more crowns. He says to an angel, "I don't get it. I devoted my whole life to my congregation."

The angel says, "We reward results. Did your congregation always pay attention when you gave a sermon?"

The preacher says, "Once in a while someone fell asleep." The angel says, "Right. And when people rode in this guy's taxi, they not only stayed awake, but they usually prayed!"

The **Blissfield Area Lions Club** sponsored 98 students from the Blissfield Elementary School attendance to the Adrian Symphony Orchestra Young People's Concert. This is an interactive educational experience with full orchestra and soloists. The students Participate yearlong with singing and recorder playing the exploration of orchestra Repertoire developed by Carnegie Hall Educational Staff at the



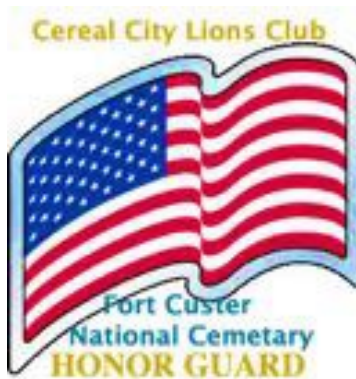
Blissfield Elementary School and with 1500 Lenawee County 4th graders sing and play with a full Orchestra in Adrian College's Dawson Auditorium.

The Albion Lions raised funds for Sight and Diabetes. Pictured are Christina and Mark Reiman collecting for White Cane. Despite the cold and rain, the club raised \$404 for local projects. It was also a great opportunity to inform the community about their upcoming **10th** anniversary.



Yes officer, I did see the 'speed limit' sign, I just didn't see you.

Cereal City Lion Jim Baum Recognized for his Honor Guard Service



Recently Lion Jim Baum was recognized at a luncheon for his **3750** hours of dedicated service as a member of the Fort Custer National Cemetery Honor Guard. Lion Jim celebrated his eightieth birthday by treating fellow Lions with a bit of birthday cake.

Lion Jim is well known as the District SONG LEADER.



SPOT QUIZ:

The lowly DANDELION, chose the correct answer:

- A. Evolved from Russia 30 million years ago.
- B. From the French “*dent de lion*”, meaning “Lion’s tooth.”
- C. Came over on the Mayflower for medicinal benefits
- D. Belong to the Sunflower family.
- E. All the above.



Correct Answer: E

KIDSIGHT SCREENING AT THE GARDEN OF DREAMS

Lions Sandy Deeterman (Standing) Pat Stiff (Battle Creek CC) and Lorraine Lindsey (Tekonsha) screen children at the ‘Garden of Dreams’ daycare Assisted by Lucy Lower.

Approximately 40 children were screened
4 were referred for additional testing.



The **Ann Arbor Host Lions** once again partnered with the Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues for the cleanup and weeding of "The Sensory Garden". Some new plants with interesting textures, fragrances and bright colors have been added this year for people who are blind or disabled to explore and enjoy.

"The Sensory Garden" was created by the City of Ann Arbor's Commission on Disability Issues in 2013. It is the inspiration of a commissioner who had a passion to help make the lives of people with disabilities more enjoyable. The Commission made sure her dream was carried out after her sudden passing.

If you would like to visit the garden, it is located in downtown Ann Arbor at the corner of E. Liberty and S. Division on the lowest level of Liberty Plaza. To jell with this service project or for more information contact Lion Linda Evans at lin-nie231@hotmail.com or call 734-276-2767. Please put "Sensory Garden" in the subject line.



The Jackson Cascade Lions

For our legacy project we chose to buy a commercial grade stove/oven/griddle for the Jackson Salvation Army. They needed this

stove to be able to serve hot meals in their kitchen. Their old stove was not up to code and they were not allowed to prepare meals until they replaced it. Now they will be able to serve hundreds of people a day and most importantly serve the children that need the Salvation Army as a place to go when no parents are around to care for them. Our club was recognized by the Salvation Army with their Service Club Award for 2017.



Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club, pose for their annual end of year picture and show off their **Zone Club of the Year Award**



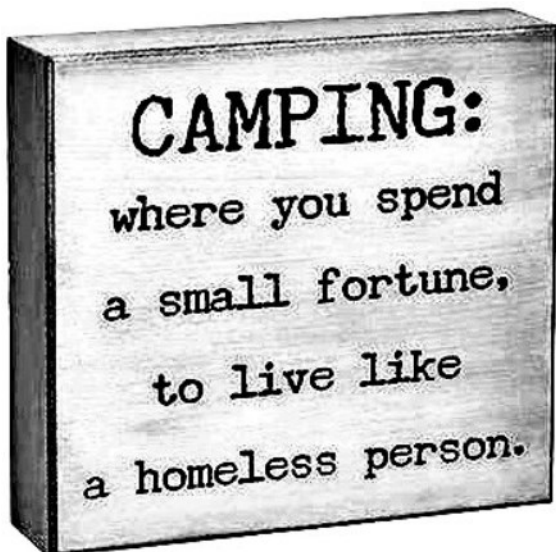
Lion Margie Horsch of the **Jackson Eyeopeners** received a Certificate of Appreciation for her diligent hard work with the State MD-11 Convention. She has been assisting for many years and is greatly appreciated.



BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY LIONS CLUB.

President Roger Bosse and Treasurer Mike Guzak present a check for \$500 to Sarah Rising of the Michigan Food Bank, also shown is Lion Bob Ward on the right.

Bob's inspiration for an evening pancake supper and the sale of advertising on the placemats raised funds for The Food Bank and for a Raise a Reader Program.



Yes, I know I used this one last year, but it's so appropriate.

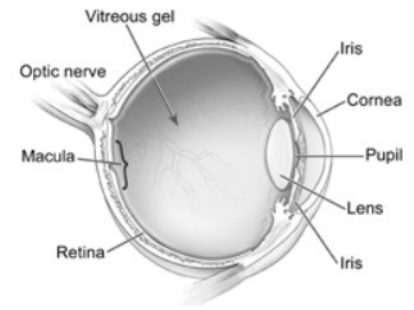
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Facts About Diabetic Eye Disease Points to Remember:

Diabetic eye disease comprises a group of eye conditions that affect people with diabetes. These conditions include diabetic retinopathy, diabetic macular edema (DME), cataract, and glaucoma. All forms of diabetic eye disease have the potential to cause severe vision loss and blindness. Diabetic retinopathy involves changes to retinal blood vessels that can cause them to bleed or leak fluid, distorting vision.

Diabetic retinopathy is the most common cause of vision loss among people with diabetes and a leading cause of blindness among working-age adults. DME is a consequence of diabetic retinopathy that causes swelling in the area of the retina called the macula.

Controlling diabetes—by taking medications as prescribed, staying physically active, and maintaining a healthy diet—can prevent or delay vision loss. Because diabetic retinopathy often goes unnoticed until vision loss occurs, people with diabetes should get a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. Early detection, timely treatment, and appropriate follow-up care of diabetic eye disease can protect against vision loss. Diabetic retinopathy can be treated with several therapies, used alone or in combination.



What is diabetic eye disease?

Diabetic eye disease is a group of eye conditions that can affect people with diabetes.

Diabetic retinopathy affects blood vessels in the light sensitive tissue called the retina that lines the back of the eye. It is the most common cause of vision loss among people with diabetes and the leading cause of vision impairment and blindness among working-age adults. Diabetic macular edema (DME). A consequence of diabetic retinopathy, DME is swelling in an area of the retina called the macula. Diabetic eye disease also includes cataract and glaucoma: Cataract is a clouding of the eye's lens. Adults with diabetes are 2-5 times more likely than those without diabetes to develop cataract. Cataract also tends to develop at an earlier age in people with diabetes.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that damage the eye's optic nerve—the bundle of nerve fibers that connects the eye to the brain. Some types of glaucoma are associated with elevated pressure inside the eye. In adults, diabetes nearly doubles the risk of glaucoma. All forms of diabetic eye disease have the potential to cause severe vision loss and blindness. Diabetic eye disease can affect many parts of the eye, including the retina, macula, lens and the optic nerve.

SPOT SCHEDULE

June 10	Battle Creek Cereal City, Kool Family Community Center
June 16	Jackson America 1st KidFest
June 16	Albion America 1st KidFest
August 7	North Jackson
August 21	Jackson Eyeopeners Back to School
September 16	Albion Festival of the Forks



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

District 11-B1 BANNER EXCHANGE

Napoleon Clubhouse, **July 27th, 5 pm.** (Finance Committee Meeting at 4 pm)

Upcoming Events



Funds\$ for Friends\$ Jackson Host Lions Club

Join us Thursday, June 8th at Finley's | Grill & Smokehouse for our Funds\$ for Friends\$ charity dinner benefiting Jackson Host Lions Club! Dinner starts at 5pm and **10%** of all sales from 5pm to 10pm will be donated to this great cause. Simply redeem the certificate below anytime after 5pm to your server & enjoy a delicious dinner, great drinks & a ton of fun all while supporting a great cause!



www.FinleysAmericanGrill.com | 517-787-7440 | 1602 W Michigan Ave, Jackson, MI 49202



Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club Miniature Golf Outing Fundraiser

Contact:

Cyndie Gorton
4128 Francis St
Jackson, MI 49203
517-392-8766

Or

Jackie Hunter
763 West Barrington Circle
Jackson, MI 49203
517-784-5453

- When: **August 19, 2017** (Shotgun Start at 10:00 a.m.)
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
Deadline for reservations July 31, 2017
- Where: Sharp Park Miniature Golf Course
3225 4th St
Jackson, MI 49203
- Cost: \$20 per Adult/ \$10 per child (10 & under) includes:
- 18 holes Miniature Golf
 - Buffet Luncheon (\$10 for Luncheon only)
 - Raffles
 - Fun Games
- Hole Sponsors \$75.00 for sign
Placemat Sponsors \$25.00
Both \$90.00



<http://www.mylion.com/>

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HAVANA (Reuters) - Yubis Zapata had to stop playing baseball when he lost his eyesight during military service due to an explosion, so for him, it is a miracle to be able to play once more, in Cuba's growing league for the blind. Baseball has long been a national passion. The Communist-run country quickly adopted this version after it was developed in the 1990s in Italy, but it has only really caught on in recent years, spreading to all corners of the Caribbean island.



Players like Zapata are ambitious. Their dream is for blind baseball to be included in the 2020 Paralympics, and to bring home the trophy for Cuba. "When you lose your vision, these first years are difficult," said Zapata, 41, at a training session in Havana where players wore white uniforms. "When you get this kind of opportunity, it's fabulous. Your world didn't end, it continues. The players, who are blind or visually impaired and wear colorful blindfolds while playing, say baseball has helped them refine their sense of orientation by sound.

The ball has bells inside so that fielders can hear where it lands and scramble for it. First base is a beeping mat, and players clap paddles at second and third base to orient runners. There is no pitcher; the batter tosses the ball in the air and hits it. Fly balls are not allowed. "This is different from conventional baseball - you have to be more concentrated," said Carlos Fuentes, 32, a physical therapist who lost his sight in recent years. "This sport in a way has served me as rehabilitation, for spatial orientation."

The game was brought to Cuba by Italian coaches, who also provided the specialized equipment. Enthusiasts say it is more truthful to the original sport than its American parallel, beep baseball. Havana coach Roberto Carmona says the game is played throughout Europe, Asia, in Cuba and Panama. But for it to be included in the Paralympics, there need to be two teams per continent, which he is confident can happen by 2020. Five Cuban provinces play the game, he said. There is no age or gender limit and even sighted people can play as long as they wear a blindfold.

DEADLINES

June 30th - Governor's Club Award of Merit to CS Lorraine Lindsey*

June 30th - Governor's Personal Award of Merit to CS Lorraine Lindsey*

*All District Awards/Contests may be found on the District Website
<http://e-district.org/sites/11b1/page-10.php>

DISTRICT 11-B1 LEO UPDATE

WISD Leo Newsletter- Spring 2017

Written by Austin Shepherd Co-President



We, along with the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club, collected enough items to donate sets of hats and gloves to the Alpha House, a local homeless shelter for children and their families. We also donated bags of toiletry items to the Ronald McDonald House, a safe haven for individuals whose loved ones are in long-term hospitalization. We will soon participate in this year's white cane awareness day, in which members of both clubs will educate citizens about the Michigan White Cane Law.

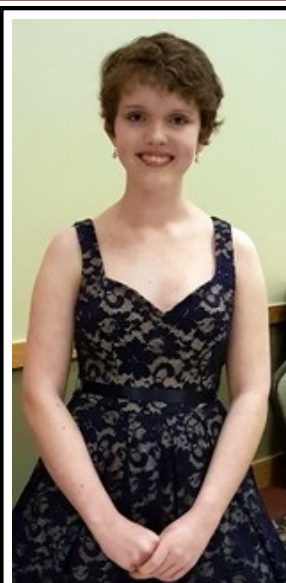


As a Leo Club, we also organized a Dr. Seuss themed activity hour with kids living at the Alpha House. In addition, our club, with the help of members of the Ann Arbor YMCA Youth Volunteer Corps, donated school supplies to the Ozone House WISD Education Project.

We will end our year with socializing with visually impaired students from all across Washtenaw County at our annual WISD Spring VI Fun Day at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor.

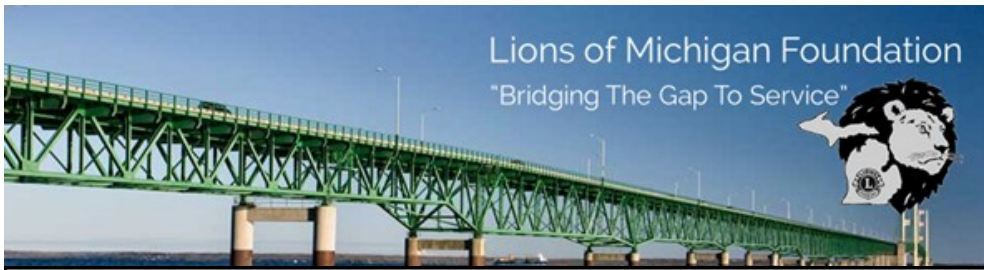
The **Hanover Horton** Area Lions had invited the Leo officers to be a part of their own induction program of their officers which was held at the Steaks Eatery in Vandercook Lake. After a nice dinner the induction was held.

Pictured = Zenzi Peter as Treasurer, Marlana Peek as Secretary, Mirabelle Peter as Vice President, Bailey Allison as Tail Twister, Yvonne Tribble as President with the induction being performed by Second Vice District Elect Michael Scott and District Governor Elect LuAnne Bullington.



Mirabelle Peter of the Hanover Horton Leos was recognized at the MD-11 State Convention for being selected as one of the International LEO's of the Year. The certificate doesn't arrive until later in the year, so look for more information in subsequent newsletters. The convention was held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City





Lions of Michigan Foundation



Project KidSight

SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES results:

April 29 Ticket Sellers Drawing

1st Place \$500 - Jackson Cascade Lions

May 20 Sweepstakes Drawing - NONE in 11-B1

District 11-B1 sold **683 tickets** with
19 Clubs participating (down from last year)

Clubs selling the most tickets

Homer Lions **190** Vandercook Lake **105**



Lions Kidsight USA Foundation

Lions Kidsight USA came into existence in 2014 and continues to grow and achieve successes in the screening of children.

The year of its inception, nearly 500,000 children were screened nationwide with a 15% referral rate. Three years later, the Lions have screened nearly 1.5 million with the 15% referral rate.

Lions Kidsight has incorporated so now it is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status.

A new data management system is being developed so collect national vision screening data. This will help Lions realize our accomplishments but also be a valuable resource for our vision professionals so they can better understand the vision care needs of the younger population.

A supply store is being developed to help with screening tokens and Kidsight apparel.

A curriculum and training manual is being developed to be distributed nationwide to meet the high standards needed for screening children's eyes.

For more information you may visit its website

www.LionsKidSightUSA.org



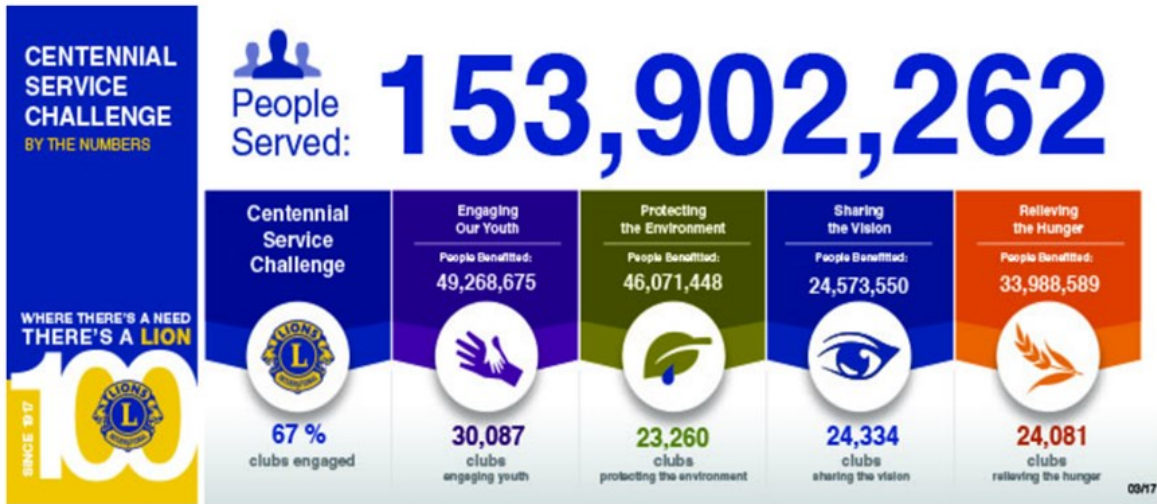
CCE Peggy Allen, CC Justin Faber, and PDG's Jake Dasho and Barry Allen participate in the annual clean up day at

BEAR LAKE

CAMP in preparation for the summer season campers.

Volunteers saved the camp thousands of dollars and manhours by doing cleanup tasks. A free lunch was provided by the staff.





Meet Our New Global Service Framework

Be sure to report your Centennial Service Challenge events on MyLCI!
 Deadline for 2017 is **JUNE 30th.**

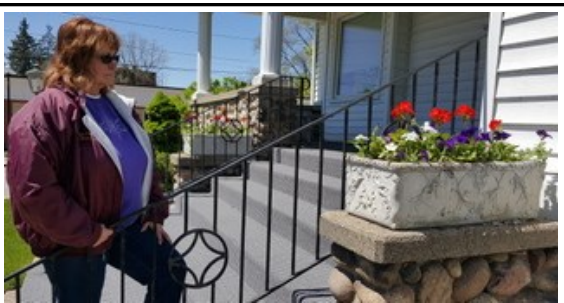


On our way to serving 200 million people per year by 2021, Lions are working in their communities like never before. To help accomplish this incredible feat, we're introducing a new global service framework that focuses the efforts of Lions and Leos on five service areas: **vision, hunger, the environment, pediatric cancer** and **diabetes**. The service framework promotes new ways to meet emerging needs in our communities and around the world, but—as always—your club will decide how to best meet your community needs. To learn more, watch our inspiring [service framework video](#) and visit the [service framework webpage](#) today!



Legacy Project - Manchester Lions Club

Lions Barry & Peggy Allen are decorating the Manchester Area Historical Society building with new 'vintage' plants. The Historic Kingsley-Jenter House was built in 1904. The Allens are life-time members of the Historical Society and Barry is a Trustee on the Board of Directors, as well as the House Manager. In addition to the 40 ferns and Hosta's they planted, several hanging baskets were installed, with more to come.



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For nearly 50 years, our Foundation has united Lions in service of the most vulnerable members of society. As we launch our new global service framework, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will continue to expand our impact by enabling Lions to reach across borders and serve the neediest places on Earth.

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Challenge Lions in your club to make a difference by supporting LCIF. Not only will their dollars make a real difference in the lives of people who need it most, but each and every dollar is spent where it will have the most impact.

Thank you for your commitment to expanding the impact of Lions and the life-changing work of our Foundation!

Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President



<http://www.lcif.org/EN/>

PR/Centennial Media Campaign Links:

60 second video:

<https://www.facebook.com/LionsOfMichigan/videos/1787266388253727/>

15 second video #1:

https://www.facebook.com/?feed_demo_ad=23842628517930099&h=AQAHXA9uwLmEzD2D

15 second video #2:

https://www.facebook.com/?feed_demo_ad=23842628517920099&h=AQBmXkp4QckAekl3

Sponsored Story w/Banner Ad:

<http://www.mlive.com/sponsor-content/?>



Escape

There's two guys running down the road yelling "Help! Help! A lions escaped"

A passerby said "Which way did it go?"

One of the guys says "You idiot, you don't think we're chasing it do ya?"

* 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>

Good info about the LCI 100th 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/>

APRIL/MAY Lions Pride http://lionsofmi.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/April-May-2017_WEB-2-PDF.pdf

JUNE LION Magazine [http://digital.lionmagazine.org/publication/?i=408756#{"issue_id":408756,"view":"contentsBrowser"}](http://digital.lionmagazine.org/publication/?i=408756#{)

LCIF <http://www.lcif.org/EN/>

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. OR to Contributing Editors Lions Steve Britten, steve@protechcomputers.biz or Roger Spriggs at 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** with no spacing if possible.

**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 Cruisetrain
7-Day Glacier Discovery cruise

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

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Balcony Staterooms from: \$3053pp

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\$50 Per stateroom (based on double occupancy) will be donated by Holland America Line to the Lions of Michigan Foundation

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