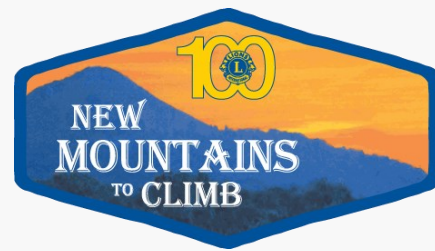




# District 11-B1 Newsletter January 2017



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## 2017 Rose Parade



## Watch the Video:

<https://www.facebook.com/MD27Lions/videos/1427249087299415/>



# From the Governor

In December I had the privilege of inducting eighteen new Leo's into our Northwest Jackson Leo's Clubs. PDG Vickie Lautzenheiser and PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser have championed this Leo Club and in less than two years have over thirty Leo's in the club. We are gifted to have a great teacher as the faculty advisor. There are ten Lion Districts in the Lower Peninsula and Districts B1 and B2 have more Leo's clubs than the other eight. I attribute this to PDG Terry Walters leadership in our district and 2VDG Stan Grabowski's leadership in B2. The Leo's programs have immediate benefits to the sponsoring club, the community and especially the students. They also have a long term effects on our clubs.

I was recently at a club meeting in Jackson. One of the members is from Tibet. He proudly told me he was a Leo in Tibet and that was part of his decision to become a Lion half way across the world in Michigan.

As many of you know, I have been working on starting a Lion's Club at the University of Michigan for almost a year. We are having a recruiting event on January 9 and 10 at the Union Building. I had the article that was in last month's newsletter published in the State publication and asked for referrals of any Lion who had a student at the U of M. To my joy, I received an email from a MSU Lion who transferred to the U of M this year. She is excited about trying to start a U of M Club, and yes, before she was a Charter MSU Lion, she was a Leo.

She told me that the only reason she became a MSU Lion was because she was a Leo. She explained how much she enjoyed doing community service with her fellow Leo's. She especially enjoyed working with the Special Olympics. I am hoping to help create the opportunity for her to get the chance to be a second charter member of a new club.

Here are a few facts about the Leo's:

The Leo Club Objective is to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.

## **Leo Club Motto**

**Leadership** – Develop skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader.

**Experience** – Learn how teamwork, cooperation and collaboration can bring exciting changes to your community and the world.

**Opportunity** – Make friends and feel the rewards of community service.

## **Leo Club History**

Coach Jim Graver started the Leo ball rolling in 1957 and chances are that ball was a baseball. Graver was the baseball coach of the Abington High School in Pennsylvania, USA and an active member of the Glenside Lions Club. With help from his fellow Lion, William Ernst, the first Leo club was chartered on December 5, 1957. They created the Leo acronym – Leadership, Equality, Opportunity – and chose their school colors, maroon and gold to serve as the Leo club colors. Later, Equality was changed to Experience.

In October 1967, the board of directors of Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club Program as an official program of the association.

The Leo Club Program has continued to grow within the last 50 years. Leos now constitute an international network of over 6,500 clubs in over 140 countries. Community service remains the cornerstone of the program, fostering a lifetime commitment to helping others. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching positive results unfold.

I will let you know how we do at the recruiting event at the University of Michigan. If we are able to start a club, it is partially due to District 11 B2 starting and supporting a Leo's Club that produced our first University of Michigan Lion.



DG Dave



From the desk of the Second vice District Governor

## NEW YEARS RESOLUTION, REALLY

As we start a new calendar year and the second half of our Lions year, I want to wish all of you, and your families, a very happy and prosperous New Year.



O.K. most of us make New Year's resolutions, and if you're like me they are good for a week or so. The truth is that it's very hard to break old habits, so no matter how much we are committed to change its very difficult, and most of us know that by February we won't be going to the gym, the Weight Watcher meetings are getting boring and that donut looks really good. You can see where my resolutions are centered.

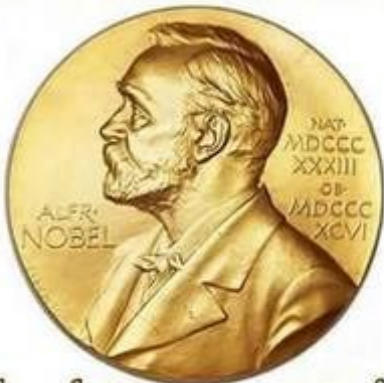
So let's make resolutions that are easy to keep, nominations season is coming so resolve to consider taking on a club or district leadership role, resolve to invite a friend or colleague to a club meeting or event. Resolve to discuss your club with your fellow lions and discover if there is anything they would like to add or do differently in the club. Resolve to attend at least one District event and participate in one forum or institute.

These resolutions are easier to achieve because they do not need continuous commitment, they are much easier to achieve than losing 30 pounds or giving up candy. They are a simple decision to do something that is achievable and they will enhance your experience of being a lion.

Telling everyone that you kept your 2017 New Year's resolutions will make you feel great.

Lion..... Roger

Lions Club International



Nobel Peace Prize  
Nominee for 2017



**My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog thinks I am.**



If you pass this sign, you've gone too far!

**WINTER CAMP for the Blind** (adults) is scheduled for February 3 - 5, 2017 at the Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Recreation Center in Dowling, about 15 miles north of Battle Creek. Campers arrive on Friday afternoon and get settled into their dorms, awaiting the Friday night dinner and following entertainment. Camp wouldn't be the same without Tyrone providing tantalizing sounds on his keyboard.

Saturday is a fun filled day of indoor activities, arts & crafts and bingo, as well as outdoor events such as the hay ride, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. After the evening meal is the very popular talent contest where campers are the main event, providing an assortment of song, dance and comedy. After breakfast on Sunday, individual campers await their ride home, and others are bussed to the train or bus station.

Volunteers are most welcome and always appreciated, and are provided FREE room & board for the weekend, or simply come out for the day.



## **PENRICKTON CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Several Lions Clubs were represented at the Penrickton Christmas party, including as shown above, the Hanover Horton Leos with Advisor Gabrielle Scheese and Lion Louis Wisniewski. In the background Sherrie and Jerry Jones of Marshall, and below Pat & Ron Kohmsescher with Peggy Allen



and The Allen's "adopt" Corvon every year and bring him clothes and toys, but apparently he prefers the soft stuffed bunny rabbit which he brought to his visit with Santa. Not shown are PDG Barb & CT Walt Treichel. Also attending were Lions Claudea Templeton, Muriel Walters, and Pat Stiff of the Battle Creek Cereal City Lions. All were able to tour the building and visit the children .



## MD 11 GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM STATE CHAIRPERSON OPEN

The GMT MD 11 State Chairperson position is open and will begin July 1, 2017. This 3-year term will end June 30, 2020. Interested Lions can apply through **January 31, 2017**. Interviews will take place in Lansing during the Council of Governors meeting Feb 18-19.

Please submit your resume to the state office via fax, email or mail: Fax: 517-887-6642 Email: [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com)

Mail:

Lions of Michigan

Attn: GMT State Chair

5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

## MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

**Saturday, February 18, 2017**

*The Causeway Bay Lansing Hotel & Conference Center*

*6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, MI 48911*

*Telephone: 517-694-8123*

*Hotel Reservations Deadline January 30, 2017*

*Lions Room Rate is \$89.50*

REGISTER: By **January 30, 2017** to guarantee lunch reservations.

\*Attend four breakout sessions of your choice.

\*KEYNOTE LUNCHEON SPEAKER: John Drake is the founder of the Lingap Orphanage in the Philippines. He is known throughout the Philippines for his outstanding work with children. In a sense, he is a Mother Theresa of the Philippines. His purpose is to help abandon, abused and neglected children. He makes a difference in the lives of others and is considered a Catalyst for change in the Philippines.

\*Pick Up white Cane Supplies (please order in advance).

Large Group Service Project:

*Join the Forum Friday night, Feb. 17, as Lions work together on a large group service project -*

*"Creating student backpacks for your community or the Lansing community".*

This is your chance to enjoy Lionism at its best.

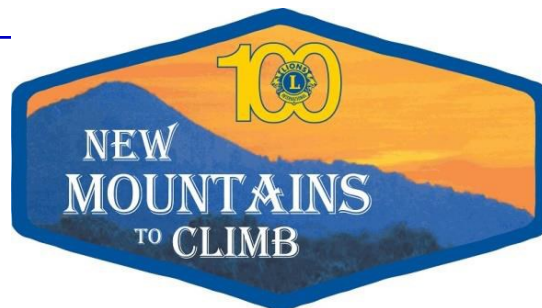
[Register Now!!!](#)

## A Message from our International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew

Our Centennial is a moment to look back and celebrate 100 years of service, but it's also an opportunity to look forward to our next century of service. **Our new strategic plan, LCI Forward**, is our blueprint for driving Lions forward into the future. It builds on our history of life-changing service to meet the emerging needs of the next century.

We have set an **ambitious goal of tripling our humanitarian impact so we can serve 200 million people per year** by 2021. To achieve this, we'll introduce new ways to serve. We'll use cutting-edge technologies like apps and digital marketing, and raise our global visibility through advertising and PR. We'll need to invite new members to serve with us, and reignite those Lions who have been with us for years.

Learn more about our strategic plan by watching a special **LCI Forward video** or visiting the **LCI Forward Webpage** today. Together, we can make our strategic vision a reality and ensure that Lions continues to be the global leader in service.



[Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.](#)

[Will Rogers](#)

### ***HAILS and FAREWELLS:***

#### ***WELCOME ABOARD!***

<b><i>NEW MEMBER</i></b>	<b><i>CLUB</i></b>	<b><i>SPONSOR</i></b>
Kriss Giannetti	Jackson Host	Dave Hill
Red O'Leary	Battle Creek CC	Pending
Mary Wallace	Battle Creek CC	Pending

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

Lion Harry Herman                      Michigan Center                      November 24, 2016  
<http://www.arthur-day.com/notices/Harry-Herman>

Lion Richard Roth                      Parma-Spring Arbor                      December 10, 2016  
<http://www.watson-funeral-chapels.com/obituaries.aspx?url=http://hosting-25425.tributes.com/obituary/show/richard-henry-roth-104232565>

Lion Donald King                      Parma-Spring Arbor                      December 6, 2016  
<http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?n=donald-james-king&pid=183013120&fhid=21027>

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the hell she is.

[\*\*Ellen DeGeneres\*\*](#)

#### **NUMBERS FOR DISTRICT 11-B1**

Total Clubs	Current Member Count	YTD Added	YTD Dropped	YTD Net Growth
38	966	43	37	<b>+6</b>

Note: A district is 1250 Lions, we need a net gain of 284 Lions

#### **DISTRICT OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

Any Lion who wishes to run for a district office (Governor, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG or Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee) is reminded to send in his or her intent letter **NLT Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017\***. The letter should come from the club's secretary, signed by the club president indicating the club's support and sent to the Nominations Committee Chair, PDG Clem Ruiz and the District Cabinet Secretary, Lorraine Linsey.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nominations Chair PDG Clem Ruiz at 517-529-9689

\*Note this deadline is moved up due to the District Convention being held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017



# Upcoming Events and Info

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

### JANUARY

- 3 Adrian Evening
- 8-10 Univ of Michigan Recruitment
- 10 GMT/GLT Meeting
- 11 Hanover-Horton
- 17 Tecumseh



## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CLUB RECRUITMENT HELP NEEDED

On Sunday, January 8, Paul Baker, the Lions Club International specialist in Campus Clubs will have a four hour workshop on starting a campus club at the Eversight building in Ann Arbor. The U of M has a student organization day at the Michigan Union on Monday and Tuesday, January 9 and 10. The Lions will have a recruitment table outside the food courts for both days. Paul Baker will help us recruit students with the intent of starting a club. We have also received commitments for Leader Dog and Eversight to staff the table as well as Delta Gamma sorority. We will plan on having demonstrations of the SPOT Camera and Leader Dogs.

If you know of a student or staff member at the University of Michigan that can help us start a club, please email me at [coldhill@gmail.com](mailto:coldhill@gmail.com) or call my home and leave a message at 517.787.3950 with their contact information. I will contact them as soon as possible. If you have resources that would help or would like to participate in the event, email or call me.

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# District and Club Dates to Remember

## **JANUARY - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

- 2 UofM Campus Club Planning Meeting, Classic Cup Café, 6:00 pm
- 8 Campus Club Workshop, Noon - 4 pm, Eversight Conference Room
- 9 Winterfest, UofM Campus Club, Union Building, 11:00 am - 7:30 pm
- 10 Winterfest, UofM Campus Club, Union Building, 11:00 am - 7:30 pm
- 13 Deadline - Early Registration for the International Convention in Chicago (Save \$50)
- 13 Melvin Jones Birthday (1879)
- 15 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 9 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
- 18 Zone Meeting (RI/ZI), Classic Cup, Ann Arbor, 6:30 pm, RSVP ZC Michael Scott, Jr.
- 19 Zone Meeting (RI/Z2) Clinton Coney, 7:00 pm, RSVP ZC Dick Saxton
- 29 Ann Arbor Host Euchre Party, 1 - 4 pm, Walden Hills Community Club House

## **FEBRUARY - AMERICAN HEART MONTH**

- 1 NOMINATIONS for DG/VDG/LofMF Due to PDG Clem Ruiz
- 1 North Jackson Raffle drawing at Beck's Flower & Garden Shop, 7:00 pm
- 3-5 **WINTER CAMP** for the Blind, Dowling, MI Volunteers requested!
- 4 Blissfield Reverse Raffle
- 11 North Adams Reverse Raffle
- 14 Battle Creek Cereal City Pancake Supper (TBD)
- 15 DEADLINE - Lion/Lioness/Leo of the Year nominations
- 17/18 **Lions Michigan Forum** (see article)
- 19 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 9 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
- 19 VCL competing in the K105.3 Chili Cookoff, 1 pm at the fairgrounds
- 23 Albion Lions - Fundraising Chili dinner, Friends of the Library

## **MARCH - NATIONAL EYE DONOR MONTH**

- 1 Lions of Michigan Foundation Hall of Fame nominations due
- 4 Lions of Michigan Foundation CRUISE gets underway - San Juan
- 11 SPOT - Lenawee Celebrate Children - Adrian Mall, 10 - 2 pm
- 12 Daylight Savings begins - Spring Forward
- 19 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 9 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
- 19 Eversight Michigan - Bowling for Brighter Tomorrows, Bel-Mark Lanes, 12 - 3:30 pm

## **APRIL - FAMILY & FRIENDS MONTH & LEO CLUB AWARENESS MONTH**

- 1 **DISTRICT 11-B1 CONVENTION - Baker College**
- 18/19 North Jackson - SPOT
- 20 Manchester Lions - SPOT
- 23 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 9 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, moved due to Easter
- 27 **SPRING LEADERSHIP** Training - Vandercook Lake HS, 5:30 pm





## CLUBS Doing What they Do!

**The Adrian Evening Lions** worked with Associated Charities to make food baskets, and Santa at the Stubnitz Center.

**The Albion Lions** - will be hosting a fundraising Chili dinner in February with the Friends of the Library. Their fourth Monday meeting in January will be a planning session for the Centennial Legacy project and a White Elephant gift exchange.

**The Ann Arbor Host Lions** - switched their December service project from Soldier Boxes to a partnership with the Ann Arbor VA, putting together hygiene and care packages for veterans that are homeless or transitioning. This program went over very well and was greatly appreciated by the recipients.

**The Battle Creek Cereal City Lions** held their Christmas Party at the Ashton Lake clubhouse. Songmeister Lion Jim Baum led the members and guests in Christmas carols. Members and community efforts amassed six carloads of Christmas baskets for local citizens. Together they helped make the holiday season brighter for over 100 less fortunate in their community.

**The Blissfield Lions** repaired the Hall of Presidents display at Slem School and participated in the Smoke Detector program by installing 2 smoke detectors. Their Reverse Raffle is coming up on February 4th. Make sure you buy your ticket!

**The Chelsea Lions** - conducted KidSight screenings during December at 7 locations over a ten day period, screening 162 kids with 7 referrals. Adopted a family for Christmas, and held Christmas candy cane collections. They also donated \$1000 to Faith in Action in memory of Paul Weber, and supported Mints for the Military at the VA.

**The Dexter Lions** distributed dictionaries to Third Graders and staffed the High School basketball games. 34 members attended the annual Christmas party.

**The Hanover Horton LEOs** attended the Penrickton Center for Blind Children's annual Christmas party for the children. Attending were Leo Secretary Zenzi Peter, Yvonne Tribble, Leo Treasurer Mirabelle Peter and Trinity Torres and the Leo Advisors Walt & Barb Treichel.

**The Inter-Lakes Lions** had to cancel their Christmas party due to weather, and won't be meeting again until April as many of their members have followed the geese south for the winter. They donated \$250 to the Salvation Army, and installed handrails in a bathroom in their community.

**The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions** held their annual Christmas Party at the Country Club of Jackson. Guest attendees included the District Governor Dave and First Lady Nancy. Members also volunteered as bell ringers for the Salvation Army at the mall and adopted a family for Christmas, as single mom with three kids, and donated hats, gloves, mittens and scarves to the Salvation Army and McCullough School.

**The Jackson Host Lions** - hosted their annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 19th at the Cascade Manor House. In addition to a superb meal, Santa stopped by to distribute gifts. They are winding down a successful nut sales, but there are some remaining at discount prices. Contact Lion Marti at 517-795-7742.

**The Manchester Lions** - held a successful Luminaria sales over the Christmas week, culminating in the Village being aglow on Christmas Eve. The Lions took over this project from the Historical Society a number of years ago as a community event. They are partnering with and taking an active role with the Kiwanis club for their annual Crazy Cash reverse raffle, which they have supported for a number of years.

**The Marshall Lions** hosted their annual Exchange Student dinner on December 13th. (See photo) They have created a new Service Project. At the time of Marshall Lion Chris Craft's passing, they received many donations in his memory. All of the donations will go toward the new Christmas light display at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds, and especially a locomotive in his memory. This will be a legacy project.

**The Michigan Center Lions** passed out Christmas baskets on December 15th and hosted Santa's House on the two weekends prior to Christmas.

**The Munith Lions** hold their annual Christmas Party at the Hankerd Inn with DG Dave and 1st Lady Nancy attending. White elephant gifts were exchanged, traded and reexchanged, and traded.... They put up Christmas lights with the help of the fire department.

**Napoleon Lions** and their spouses gathered at the Davis's Convention Center in Vandercook Lake for the annual club Christmas Party. It was a great evening with entertainment provided by the Napoleon Community Band. The club is a proud sponsor of the band. Gift were collected and given to the local community toy drive.

**North Adams** - The club will be holding their annual reverse raffle on February 11th at 6 pm. Contact PDG Glen Ruder for tickets. The presented a two year scholarship to Amanda Adams. January 11th they will be handing out Peace Poster Awards at their dinner meeting.

**North Jackson Lions** - collected \$521 in Lions MINTS sales. Members donated money, blankets, clothing, household items, cookies, and mittens to those less fortunate. Lion (Santa) Gary Beck delighted hundreds of children in the Jackson area as Santa at 7 different Christmas Events.

**The Northwest Leos** added 18 more members, with DG Dave Hill inducting the new members on December 21st.

**The Parma-Spring Arbor Lions** - Christmas Basket project was successful with assistance from our communities. Canned goods were received from a canned food admission at the Spring Arbor University Men's Basketball game on 12-10-16, and Parma Elementary. Hutch's Food Mart ordered the items that were purchased using money from an anonymous donor, and a mint sale on October 7 and 8 at the PS Foodmart. Sandstone Congregational Church allowed us to use their Fellowship Hall for the construction of the baskets which we were able to provide baskets to 22 local families. Thank you for your continued support.

**The Pennfield Lions** did bell ringing for the Salvation Army on December 9th. Their Christmas Basket program brought the entire community together, supplying baskets to 50 families, including 138 children. The Elementary schools had "penny wars" which netted \$498 for the cause, and the High Schoolers raised \$387 and brought in

**The Tekonsha Lions** participated in the Christmas Walk/Craft Festival at the Tekonsha High School. Lions served delicious soups and students helped with the craft booths. Their Christmas Party was held at the Seven Deuce where Lions and guests enjoyed a meal and fellowship. They have ordered a plaque to be placed in the Union Church in memory of Lion Howard Main, a charter member, who recently passed away. The club ordered and is now sporting their new Lions Vests.

**The Vandercook Lake Lions** held their 60th Anniversary at the Davis Catering in Vandercook Lake.

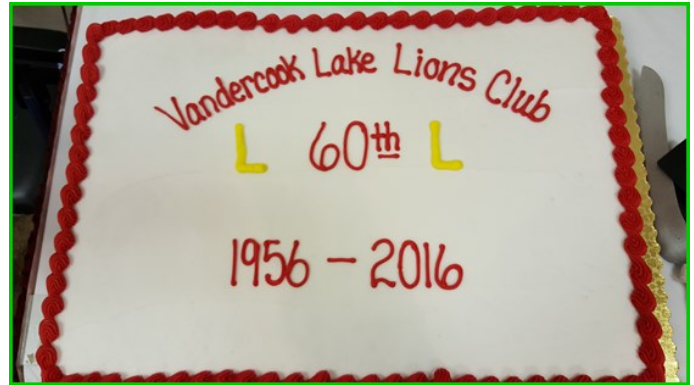
**YOUR CLUB HERE!**

Send your club doings to PDG Barry



# THE VCL LIONS 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Despite rough weather conditions, about 70 members, spouses, friends, family and guests descended upon the Davis & Sons Banquet Center to enjoy an evening of fine food, memorabilia, stories and more during the VCL Lions 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on December 14th. The room was festively decorated in Christmas décor. Guests included PID Esther LaMothe, three VCL Lions Charter Members, Jackson Host Lions Club representatives and several District 11-B1 PDG's. VCL's own District Governor Dave Hill and Zone Chair Al Lairson were in attendance, as well as most of the club officers and board members.



An extraordinary memorabilia display had been staged at one end of the room for all to peruse and enjoy. This display was primarily collected and assembled by Lion Jim Sexton, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chair, who did an absolutely outstanding job of organizing the event and relating the club history during the evening.

The three Charter Members, past VCL Lions Tony Krupa (Sr), Ben Lewis and Charles 'Bud' Minder added a special touch to the night and later Bud shared a few memories. We also heard memories from veteran VCL Lions Jim Sexton, Erv Handloser, Carroll Bush and PDG Bob Myers. We had good news from Lion Mike Henry, who announced a generous contribution of \$477 from the American 1 Credit Union for our Holiday Lights fund!

Later in the evening, our new 'centennial member' **Mike Nichols** was inducted into LCI by PID Esther LaMothe, our Guest Speaker. PDGs present that evening were our own Lion Bob Myers, along with PDGs Barry & Peggy Allen from the Manchester Lions, and PDG Bert Sexton from the Jackson Host Lions. Other Jackson Host representatives were Club President Marti Willard & Lion Robert DuBois, who –as club President - sent a letter to our club on our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

VCL Club members on the 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee were Jim Sexton (Chair), Storm Lairson, Brad Mercier, Jim Mason, Steve Britten, Cathy Kapuga.



These **Hanover Horton Leos** attended the Penrickton Center for Blind Children's annual Christmas party for the children. The Leo club had voted to participate in this year's event. The club chose to present the gifts rather than to mail them to the center, so four Leos made the trip to Taylor, Michigan to do the honors. The Leos were given a tour of the facility and treated to snacks and refreshments.

Pictured are Leo Secretary Zenzi Peter, Yvonne Tribble, Leo Treasurer Mirabelle Peter and Trinity Torres awaiting their turn for presentation of the gifts to the children of the Pendrickton Center.



## DISTRICT 11-B1 LEOS



District 11-B1 is certainly fortunate to have some great Leo Clubs who have been busy in their schools and communities. We hope that we can add 2-3 more Leo Clubs in the next year!

The Leos and Lions of District 11-B1 have made it possible to get the Leo Trip to the International Convention in Chicago to happen. We have a group of 40 Leos, advisors and Lions who have almost filled the first bus. There are still **14 seats** available with the cutoff date being **February 20, 2017**. MD-11 will have over 60 Leos at the International Convention in Chicago to attend the Leo Summit and march in the International parade!

The District 11-B1 Leo Committee has been able to help with many of the costs of Leo activities and we hope that our Leos will attend many of the upcoming events which include: Michigan Forum in February, District Convention, the Spring Leadership Forum in April, and the International Convention in June & July.

We appreciate all that our Leos and Leo advisors do and enjoy your involvement in the District and State activities.

## North Jackson Lions Club Raffle

Be sure to pick up your Raffle ticket. We will be selling up to 1500 tickets starting now and the drawing will be held February 1, 2017 at Beck's Flower Shop & Gardens at 7:00 pm



**The North Jackson Lions** held their annual Christmas Party with Lion Gary Beck giving a nice story on Christmas Poinsettias, and bringing a massive variety with him used as table arrangements. Those who purchased tickets could win one to take home.



Pictured is Jane Myers who was the proud recipient of a beautiful Poinsettia.

NEVER MAKE A WOMAN MAD.  
THEY CAN REMEMBER STUFF  
THAT HASN'T EVEN  
HAPPENED YET.

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

[John Lennon](#)



**The Dexter Lions** sponsored distribution of over 200 dictionaries to 3rd graders in Dexter Community Schools. 4th grade Webelos from Dexter pack 477 distributed the dictionaries. This effort was led by Lion Karl Bartscht. Good job!



### **The Marshall Lions**

held their Annual Christmas party, hosting Lions and guests, and the school's Exchange Students representing Germany, Philippines, Thailand and Japan with Lions President Bud Moe.



### **BLISSFIELD AREA LIONS CLUB**

#### **18TH ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

**200 TICKETS SOLD @ \$50.00 EACH**

**LAST NUMBER DRAWN WINS \$2500**

**MANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN**

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**Ann Arbor Host Lions** inducted a new member at their Christmas Meeting. Lion David Bosch is pinned by PDG/CCE Peggy Allen. His sponsor is Lion John Krienke who looks on with fear and intrepidation that the pin will be firmly and permanently attached to Russel's chest.



**SOME PEOPLE LIVE  
AN ENTIRE LIFETIME  
WONDERING  
IF THEY'VE MADE A  
DIFFERENCE  
IN THE WORLD**

**LIONS**  
DON'T FACE THAT PROBLEM





**PENNFIELD LIONS** brought the entire community together through donations and collections to supply Christmas Baskets to **50 families**, including **138 children**. The Elementary schools conducted “Penny Wars” and “Pajamas/Hat Day” fundraisers, bringing in \$900 and over 15 cases of food items. The High School students and staff raised \$387 which was matched by the Assistant Principal, plus multiple boxes of food. And the Pennfield bus drivers donated another \$200, and a host of businesses participated. The National Wild Turkey Federation donated \$350 towards the purchase of turkeys for the baskets. The list of participants, individuals and business is extensive, all brought together by the Pennfield Lions in a worth cause to make many families happy over the Christmas holidays. The ingenuity displayed by all was indicative of the care and concern displayed by the Pennfield Lions and the entire community.

**The MANCHESTER LIONS** held a sand bagging party in preparation for their Christmas Luminaria project.



Every Christmas Eve they light up the Village with candles along the streets. For only \$5 residents can get a kit that will

cover 100 feet which includes 10 bags, 10 candles and a bag of sand. Pictured are Lions Peggy Allen, Pat Kohmsescher, Ron Kohmescher, Sharon Thomas, Mick Davis and Bruce Bates.

Members also participated in the Friday night “Christmas in the Village” Parade



On Tuesday members of the **Hanover Horton Leo club** participated in spreading Christmas cheer to two area retirement communities. Loaded with Christmas cards and candy the Leo club consisting Advisors Mrs



Scheese and Walt Treichel, Leos, Hallie Cain, Rachel Carpenter, Courtney Gwinn, Justin Newman, Ed Nichols, Mirabelle Peter, Zenzi Peter, Bryce Stevens, Grace Stull, Autumn, Trinity Torres and Yvonne Tribble. The Hanover Horton Area Lions provided three drivers to transport the Leos. The Leos split into two groups and visited the Spring Arbor Assisted Living Center in Spring Arbor and Countryside Retirement Community in Jackson. The residences were very appreciative and so sweet as they were hugged and thanked the Leos for the visitation with cards and candy!

**The Jackson Eyeopeners** held their annual Christmas Party at the Country Club of Jackson, all arranged by Lion Wendy Burns. Special



Guests included DG Dave & Nancy Hill. Members also manned the kettle for the Salvation Army at the Mall. Shown are Connie Neese and Cynthia Gorton



The Jackson Host Lions had their annual Christmas Party with the Host CHOIR singing Christmas songs and a visit by Santa with toys for the kids (young and old).



**The Chelsea Lions** held their annual Christmas meeting where members wrapped gifts for adoptive families from Faith in Action, and the invited guest, Nancy Paul from Faith in Action, was presented a \$1000 check in memory of Lion Paul Weber.



My goal for 2016 was to lose just 10 pounds ... only 15 to go ...



Santa at Subnitz event was sponsored by the **Adrian Breakfast Lions Club** on Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10. We had Santa, played by Larry Atkin, and the crew of elves including Terry Hicks, Hazel Jacobs, Richard Jacobs, Bob Guy and Laura VanSickle sitting on Santa's lap sharing with Santa what her wishes were because she has been such a good girl. We all had lots of fun. Those who attended had the opportunity to see Santa and have a picture with Santa if they so wish to purchase, have refreshments of cookies, hot chocolate, orange drink or coffee; coloring Christmas pictures in another area; and in another room the children each received a gift bag that had a McDonalds toy and a Christmas craft to complete/assemble.



**The Ann Arbor Host Lions** and guests pack-



aged personal hygiene items for the VA and homeless veterans who were most appreciative and grateful.



The newest NORTHWEST LEOs inducted by DG Dave Hill. Eighteen students from Kidder Middle School joined the NW Leos.



Below..This group of awesome Leos from NW HS spent the day participating in the annual Shop

with a Cop. Each Leo was paired up with a 4th or 5th grade student in the morning and the afternoon. A truly perfect day for all. A special thank you to our local law enforcement including the MDOC and restaurants for providing lunch to the students and volunteers. Walmart and Meijer contributed the funding for the shopping. The meaning of Christmas was certainly demonstrated today.





**The Ann Arbor Host Lions** held their Christmas luncheon at Eversight Michigan culminating in members and guests packaging



one gallon plastic bags with personal hygiene products for the VA and homeless veterans. The packages were well received by the recipients and greatly appreciated.

The Host Lion who demonstrates the most volunteerism for the month is presented with the club mascot which they get to proudly display.

**The Concord Lions** celebrated their **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. To mark the occasion, Treasurer James Smith had this printed in the local newspaper:

Since 1941 the Concord Lions have lived up to the primary goal of 'Serving Others'. I would estimate that the organization has contributed well over \$ 75,000 since 1941. Not only has the Lions club helped community members with vision and medical attention (including managing the home nursing loan chest), but until a few years ago was the chartering organization for the Concord scouting program. The local charities helped in the past year include the following:

Food for Thought      Concord Baseball/Softball      Concord-Pulaski  
Community Fund      Pulaski Township Fire Department Halloween  
Party      Concord PTO Halloween Party      Concord Classic Weekend

In addition the Lions support various state & international Lions charities shown in the attached document. The primary fund raising projects include Gottschalk Park concessions, White Cane and Lions Mint sales(at local businesses). In addition, the Consumer Energy Foundation awards yearly grants for employees and retirees who volunteer to serve on projects.

The Lions Club is still very active and meets on a regular basis in the basement of the Concord United Methodist Church (meals prepared by the United Methodist Women).

New Lion Angie Ropp shows her new member certificate. Her sponsor is husband and club President Bradford Ropp.



Ate salad for dinner ...Mostly croutons & tomatoes ... Really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce ... And cheese...

FINE, it was a pizza... I ate a pizza ...

# 2017 District Convention - April 1st

The District Convention will be held **April 1st, 2017** at Baker College, 2800 Springport Rd, Jackson, MI This is half a mile North of I-94 off of Airport Road in Jackson, past the Meier Store.

Below are excerpts from the District Convention forms. All forms can be found in their entirety on the district website at: <http://e-district.org/sites/11b1/page-8.php>

**DEADLINES** Meals **March 4th** Delegates **March 4th**



**Where:** Baker College, 2800 Springport Rd., Jackson, MI  
(Enter on west side by Biggy Coffee, 2nd Building)

**Rooms:** For those who wish to stay overnight on Friday or Saturday, there are several places of lodging within close proximity to Baker College. You will need to make your own reservations. The ID and DG will be staying at the Comfort Inn. Suggestions include:

- Comfort Inn 517-768-0088
- Hampton Inn 517-789-5151
- Holiday Inn Express 517-788-6400
- Holiday Inn 517-789-9600
- Fairfield Inn 517-784-7877

**Meals:** All meals are open to Lions, Lionesses, Leos and guests. Registration and payment for meals are to be made through the District on the appropriate registration form and submitted to Lion Margie Horsch. Prepaid meal registration is required. No meal tickets will be sold at the convention. All meals will be buffet style including Saturday night's dinner.

**\*\*Please note that Saturday night's dinner is not a formal event. Instead, we are having a "Chicago" theme and encouraging everyone to dress in costume or attire that is their vision for this city. There are certainly a lot of options from which to choose! Roaring 20's, Speakeasy, Sports Teams, Pizza, Miracle Mile, Museums, Lions International Convention, Chicago Hot Dogs, and (shhh) the Mob! There will be rooms available for changing.\*\***

Al Capone has advised us that there will be prizes for the "best dressed" for dinner, so you don't want to disappoint!

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/Conv%202017%20DG%20>

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<b>Saturday:</b>	7:30	Registration opens
	9:00	Opening Ceremony
	10:20	Leos begin their Saturday activities
	10:30	Memorial Service
	11:45	Awards Luncheon
	1:45	Leos Teambuilding Activity
	2:00 - 3:20	Breakout sessions
	2:50	Leos Parliamentary Procedure Activ
	3:30	Business Meeting
	3:30 - 5:00	Leos Computer Games Activity and
	4:40 - 5:00	Election
	5:00 - 6:00	Leos People Bingo
	5:30	Social and Entertainment
	6:00	Banquet
<b>Sunday:</b>	10:00	Cabinet Meeting

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/Conv%202017%20Schedule.pdf>

### REGISTRATION FORM - LIONS AND LIONESSES

Baker College 2800 Springport Rd. Jackson, MI 49202  
April 1, 2017

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ONLY PLACE WHERE SMOKING IS ALLOWED ON THE CAMPUS IS IN YOUR PERSONAL VEHICLE\*\***

### REGISTRATION

List all persons who are registering, check what meals they will be attending, and submit with your check for the total. Delegates, also complete the Delegate Form and return to Credentials Chairperson. Address is on the Delegate Form.

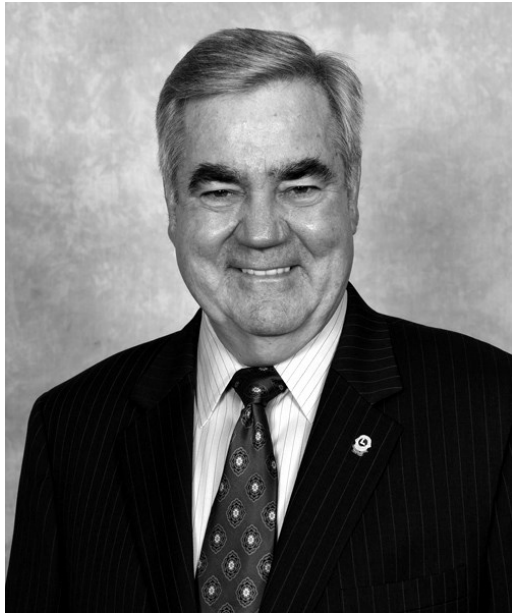
Please note there are no meal choices: since all will be a buffet. All meals must be selected on this registration form.					Meal reservations must be in by MARCH 4, 2017	
NAME (Please print first and last names how you want it to appear on name badge.)	ID if Lion Lioness Leo or Guest	Sat. Lunch	Sat. Dinner	Check #	TOTAL	

**COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM, ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK, BY MARCH 4 TO:  
DISTRICT 11-B1 CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
ATTENTION: Margie Horsch  
172 S. State Street, Michigan Center, Michigan 49254  
Make checks payable to: District 11-B1  
NO REFUNDS FOR MEALS CANCELLED AFTER MARCH 4, 2017.**

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/Conv%202017%20Meals.pdf>

SAM H. LINDSEY, JR.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Sam H. Lindsey Jr., from Hilltop Lakes, Texas, USA, was elected to serve a two year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016. Director Lindsey is a Chief Financial Officer. A member of the Buffalo Lions Club since 2008, and a Lion since 1972, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, district GMT membership and new club growth team member, district GMT coordinator, district international relations chairperson and region chairperson. In recognition of his service to the association, Director Lindsey has received numerous awards, including the Senior Master Key Award, a Leadership Award, four Extension Awards and an International President's Medal. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Lindsey and his wife, Jodye, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and four grandchildren.



### DISTRICT 11-B1 CONVENTION DELEGATE FORM

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions International, the Multiple District and sub district 11-B1 are entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

The number of delegates your club is entitled to for the B1 Convention is figured from your Membership Report at the end of January—provided it is submitted to Lions International in a timely manner. When you complete your Membership Report for January, you can compute the number of delegates and alternates your club is entitled to and select your representative(s). List their names below on the left side of this form. Also indicate whether each representative listed is a Delegate or an Alternate. All club dues must be received by April 1 for delegates to be eligible to vote.

**Return this form by March 4, 2017 to:**  
**Lion Diane Schweda, 1235 E. McDevitt, Jackson, MI 49203**

Your delegate(s) must register and obtain a name badge before they can be certified to vote. Then they must sign this form at the convention and receive a delegate sticker from the Certification Desk. All delegates must be REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED BY 7:45 pm on SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017 in order to vote at the convention. VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN 4:40 and 5:00 pm.

Total Number of Lions in YOUR club as of February 1, 2017: \_\_\_\_\_ (in accordance with first paragraph above) (fill in the blank)

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB SECRETARY		THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT CONVENTION SITE
Name	Delegate or Alternate	Signature
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International, the Lions of MD-11 and 11-B1.

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

President's or Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Governor \_\_\_\_\_  
(Valid only at convention and only if President/Secretary of club is not present.)

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/Conv%202017%20Delegate.pdf>

**IF YOU THINK YOU'RE TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE YOU HAVEN'T SPENT A NIGHT WITH A MOSQUITO.**  
- AFRICAN PROVERB



# Contests and Awards

**Ann Arbor Host** was presented an Eversight Michigan William “Doc” Barr Fellowship to Lion Alison Wright from the club for all she does for the club and for the organization. The Fellowship included an attractive gold lapel pin, congratulatory letter, and a laser cut glass crystal. The Fellowship



was presented by PDG Peggy Allen at the club’s Christmas lunch meeting.

Well Done, Alison, most deserved!

**LION-LIONESSE-LEO OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM  
DISTRICT 11-B1 2016-2017**

REGION \_\_\_\_\_ ZONE \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATES:  
LION, LIONESSE, LEO

SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

(NAME) (OFFICE)

MULTIPLE DISTRICT/STATE INVOLVEMENT

DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT

CLUB INVOLVEMENT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Use separate sheet if necessary/desired

“Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn’t make a decision.”

~Unknown~

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Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry every night. This January, join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to eliminating hunger in your community. This international event is a great opportunity to serve your community during the Centennial Service Challenge, which has already impacted the lives of more than 100 million people.

Host a project to fight hunger in your community during January 9-15. Help stock a local food pantry, bag school lunches or distribute food to those who need it most. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!

**SAVE THE DATE**

January 9-15  
2017



Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger

**Join Us for the Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger**



**REGION 1 / ZONE 1 MEETING**  
**JANUARY 18, 2017 - 6:30 PM**



**CLASSIC CUP CAFE**  
**4389 JACKSON RD, ANN ARBOR**  
 Special presentation by Angela, Lillian & Abigail Dible  
 Dible Family Vision & The WHIP Program



Special Dinner Menu  
 Please Pay At the Door  
 Please RSVP to Michael at [ms@michaelwscottjr.com](mailto:ms@michaelwscottjr.com) by  
 January 13, 2017

**JOIN THE**  
**Centennial Service Challenge**  
**AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

We're celebrating our 100 years of service by serving more than 100 million people! Between July 1st, 2014 and June 30th, 2018, your club can make a difference in your community by participating in the four Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns. You decide when to serve and which projects are right for your club and community!

**Earn Special Centennial Recognition for Your Club and District**  
 Receive special Centennial Banner Patches when you report your Centennial Service Challenge projects through MyLCI Service Activity Report.

- Every club that reports Centennial Service Challenge activities will receive one patch for each year that they participate. Your club can earn up to four Centennial Banner Patches by participating in each year of the Centennial Service Challenge.
- In addition to direct service provision, one unrestricted donation to LCIF each fiscal year also counts toward your Centennial Banner Patch.
- Districts can also earn a Centennial Banner Patch based on the participation of their clubs.

<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>VISION</b>	<b>HUNGER</b>
<b>Engaging Our Youth</b>	<b>Protecting Our Environment</b>	<b>Sharing the Vision</b>	<b>Relieving the Hunger</b>

**START PLANNING YOUR CENTENNIAL SERVICE PROJECT TODAY!**  
 Visit [Lions100.org](http://Lions100.org) for Centennial Service Challenge project planning resources, reporting tips, and videos to inspire your club to action!

## 31st ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

# A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

**GREAT PRIZES**

Including:  
 Top Selling Lions Club  
 Top Selling District

**EASY MONEY !**

16-24 Tickets Sold = \$2.50 Per Ticket For Club  
 25-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club  
 100+ = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club

**The PRICE is RIGHT !**  
 \$10.00 Per Ticket

**IT'S RISK FREE !**  
 No Promotional Costs & No Sales Commitments

**\*\*\* DRAWINGS \*\*\***

<b>TICKET SELLERS DRAWING</b> April 29, 2017 Lions of Michigan State Office - Lansing	<b>FINAL DRAWING</b> May 20, 2017 MD II Convention - Traverse City
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**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION  
 RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM**

3730 Executive Drive  
 Lansing, MI 48911  
 517-487-6642 (Fax)  
[www.lmiif.com](http://www.lmiif.com)

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes to:

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**2017  
 EUCHRE PARTY**  
 Hosted By The  
 Ann Arbor Host Lions Club

**Sunday,  
 January 29th, 2017**  
 1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Walden Hills Community Club House**  
 2114 Pauline Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
 Please Park in Visitor Designated Parking, if lot is full  
 use lot accessed from other driveway.  
 Questions? Call Lion Linda: (734) 276-2767

**Cost: \$15 a person**  
 or  
**\$25 for a pair**

**Appetizer Potluck:**  
 Bring an appetizer to pass

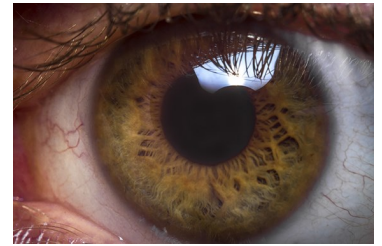
**Beverages:**  
 Pop and coffee will be provided!

For more information and  
 to **R.S.V.P. by Wed. Jan. 25th**  
 contact Lion Rich: 734-368-2261  
 or  
[r1westbury@comcast.net](mailto:r1westbury@comcast.net)

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**Kellogg Eye Center** - Article from the University of Michigan Research newsletter (December 2016) "OUT OF SIGHT"



Ten million Americans are blind or visually impaired.

Each year, 75,000 more Americans will succumb to vision problems, according to the [National Federation of the Blind](#)(link is external).

Globally, 160 million people suffer. And Medicare data shows that almost every one of us will have at least one eye disease in our lifetime.

Researchers at the [University of Michigan W.K. Kellogg Eye Center](#) see a brighter future.

There, scientists invented a device to detect age-related vision problems before people begin losing their sight. U-M surgeons were the first to implant a bionic eye so that patients could see objects, light and people standing before them.

U-M researchers also led one of the largest studies of an eye condition that causes serious progressive nearsightedness at a young age—work that recently led the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#)(link is external) to approve a new treatment for the disease.

Efforts to treat and, someday, cure and prevent eye disease have cemented the Kellogg Eye Center's reputation as a global leader in vision care, research and training. Read more at the following link...

<http://research.umich.edu/news-issues/michigan-research/out-sight>

Only 1 in 1.18 million puppies becomes a Leader Dog.  
You have a better chance of going to the North Pole.





# Club Anniversaries

## January

9	WISD Ann Arbor Leos	2013
18	Tekonsha Lions	1944
21	Napoleon LEOs	2007

## February

8	Clarklake	1965
9	Jackson Eyeopeners	1977
10	Grass Lake	1953
20	Hanover-Horton Leos	2014

## March

17	Northwest LEOs	2016
19	Michigan Center	1957
28	Adrian Evening	1950
29	Chelsea	1977
29	Dexter	1979



Be sure to continue reporting your Service Challenge projects to receive your Banner Patch.

**District SPARK PLUG Awards race for 2016 - 2017** 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. Current standings:

<b>Clarklake</b>	<b>+ 29.03%</b>
<b>Jackson Cascades</b>	<b>+ 11.76%</b>
<b>Ann Arbor Host</b>	<b>+ 10.64%</b>
<b>Grass Lake</b>	<b>+ 9.52%</b>
<b>Clinton</b>	<b>+ 8.70%</b>
<b>Vandercook Lake</b>	<b>+ 6.35%</b>
<b>Jackson Host</b>	<b>+ 6.25%</b>



Editor's note: We only have SEVEN of our 38 clubs who have positive growth!

# MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM - February 18, 2017

[http://lionsofmi.com/calendar-of-eventshttps://calendar.google.com/calendar/render/main\\_7/2014-michigan-forum/](http://lionsofmi.com/calendar-of-eventshttps://calendar.google.com/calendar/render/main_7/2014-michigan-forum/)

## Registration Form

Please complete both sides of registration form and send it along with a check or credit card information to:  
Michigan Lions Forum  
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911  
Fax# 517-887-6642

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Registrants  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Registrants at \$40.00/person\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Registration fee is \$40.00 for reservations received before January 30, 2017. After 1/30/17 \$45.00 and Lunch & Forum materials cannot be guaranteed.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION  
 Visa  Master Card  Discover  
Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
CVC/CID Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check here for the forum book on CD   
(For visually impaired only)

**REGISTER EARLY!**  
This event will fill quickly!

## THE CAUSEWAY BAY LANSING HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

Lions Room Rate is \$89.50  
6820 South Cedar Street  
Lansing, MI 48911  
Telephone: 517-694-8123  
Fax: 517-268-9755

**Hotel Reservation  
Deadline:  
January 30, 2017**



**Large Group Service Project**  
Join us Friday night, Feb. 17 as we work together on a large group service project! Club members attending may report service hours to LCI.



## MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

**FEBRUARY 18, 2017**

Mail registration form to:  
Lions of Michigan State Office  
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911  
Telephone: 517-887-6640  
Fax: 517-887-6642

Enjoy Statewide fellowship with  
Lions, Lioness and Leo Club members

### Every Registrant Receives:

- Official proceeding booklet containing information on breakout sessions and speakers
- Commemorative Pin
- Luncheon
- Program

Must be registered by 1/30/17 to Guarantee  
Lunch & Forum Materials



## New Mountains to Climb...New Ways to Serve

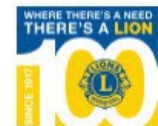
## Schedule of Events

**Friday, February 17, 2017**

Registration ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Large Group Service Project ..... 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
Hospitality Suite - Presidential Parlor ..... 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday, February 18, 2017**

Registration ..... 7:00 a.m.  
White Cane Supplies, Exhibit Tables ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Opening Remarks/Welcome ..... 8:00 a.m.  
**Session 1 Breakout Sessions** ..... 8:30 a.m.  
(choose one of four)  
**Session 2 Breakout Session** ..... 9:30 a.m.  
(choose one of four)  
**Session 3 Breakout Session** ..... 10:30 a.m.  
(choose one of four)  
**Session 4 Breakout Session** ..... 11:30 a.m.  
(choose one of four)  
Lunch, White Cane Scholarships, Keynote  
Presentation, Closing Remarks & Door Prize  
..... 12:30 p.m.  
Prize Drawings..... 2:45 p.m.



**FRIDAY February 17, 2017 7:30-9:00 p.m.**  
(optional session for early arrivals)

- Large Group Service Project
- Hospitality Suite -Presidential Parlor open to all 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY February 18, 2017**

**Session 1 Selections: 8:30 a.m.-9:20 a.m.**

- Laugh for your Health  
Lion Cheryl Schneider
- Lions Orientation  
PDGs Bill VanWinkle and Fred Simpson
- Influence of Women in Lionism  
PDG Karen Routson
- Keep It Clean, Keep It Legal  
Lion Margaret Shultz

**SATURDAY February 18, 2017**

**Session 2 Selections: 9:30 a.m.-10:20 a.m.**

- Effective Presentations: The Steps to Being a Successful Communicator  
PID Esther LaMothe
- Lions Centennial PR/Media Campaign  
Lion Laura Hunt
- White Cane Week: Conforming to New Rules and Getting the Most Out of Volunteering  
PCC's Paul Hemeryck and Bob Jenkins
- Getting out of the Club Box  
PDG Norm Stutesman

## Michigan Forum Breakout Sessions!

Fifteen informative sessions to choose from!

### Keynote Speaker

John Drake and his wife, Judy, founders of the Lingap Center, an orphanage in Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines. As the Keynote



Speaker, John will share the story of how a dilapidated building that housed 26 abused, abandoned or orphaned children was the motivation to try and make a difference in the lives of children who seemed to have no hope. Considered a catalyst for change, then Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo named John an 'Outstanding Toledano', and adopted son of Toledo City.

John's purpose in life is to help the abandoned, abused

and neglected children of the Philippines. Listen to his inspirational story Saturday, February 18, and hear how we all can make a difference in the lives of others.

Join us as we continue tradition of service and leadership through Lionism!

**SATURDAY February 18, 2017**

**Session 4 Selections: 11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.**

- How to Organize a Club Service Project  
PCC Don Brown
- Recruiting in the 21st Century: New Ideas for Bringing in Members and Chartering Clubs  
CC Justin Faber and DG Dave Wineman
- Diversity in Lionism  
PDG Evelyn Cooper
- Focus on Leo Clubs: 2 of 2-Part Workshop  
ID Jenny Ware and Lion Kayley Langland

**SATURDAY February 18, 2017**

**Lunch 12:30 p.m.**

White Cane Scholarship Presentations  
Key Note Speaker - John Drake  
Door Prize Drawings

**Prize Drawing - 2:45 p.m.**

**SATURDAY February 18, 2017**

**Session 3 Selections: 10:30 a.m.-11:20 a.m.**

- LCI 100th Celebration: Celebration 101  
(The Tools to Make your Celebration Great!)  
PDG Diane Wehby
- Eyeglass Mission Trip  
Dr. Jeff Chapman
- Eversight Michigan  
Lion Diana Kern, Executive Director, Eversight
- Focus on Leo Clubs: 1 of 2-Part Workshop  
ID Jenny Ware and Lion Kayley Langland

## Pick up White Cane supplies at the Forum!

Place your order in advance so it's ready when you arrive  
There will be NO ON-SITE sales. Order Early & Save on Shipping!

## Registration Form Continued

Mark the sessions you plan to attend

**Friday Night Session 7:30 p.m.**

- Large Group Service Project
- Hospitality Suite - Presidential Parlor 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday Sessions:**

**Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)**

- Laugh for your Health
- Lions Orientation
- Influence of Women in Lionism
- Keep it Clean, Keep it Legal

**Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)**

- Effective Presentations: The Steps to Being a Successful Communicator
- Lions Centennial PR/Media Campaign
- White Cane Week: Conforming to New Rules and Getting the Most Out of Volunteering
- Getting out of the Club Box

**Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)**

- LCI 100th Celebration: Celebration 101
- Eyeglass Mission Trip
- Eversight Michigan
- Focus on Leo Clubs: 1 of 2-Part Workshop

**Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)**

- How to Organize a Club Service Project
- Recruiting in the 21st Century: New Ideas for Bringing in Members and Chartering Clubs
- Diversity in Lionism
- Focus on Leo Clubs: 2 of 2-Part Workshop

**12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships, Keynote Presentation, Closing Remarks & Door Prize Drawing**



## LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM

### CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE:

### “PROJECT BACK-PACK”

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017**



Be a part of our history-making Centennial year by participating in the large group Centennial Service Challenge: *Project Back-Pack*, on Friday night before the Forum, February 17, starting at 7:30 p.m.

All clubs participating will be able to submit service hours to LCI.

“Project Back-Pack” is an effort to supply food for needy kids on the weekend – a time when many may go hungry. You are encouraged to reach out to your local community for donations, where possible. Bring your supplies to the Michigan Forum on Friday, February 17, for packaging. Back-packs can be distributed to your local schools, or left at the Forum for donation to the Lansing area public schools.

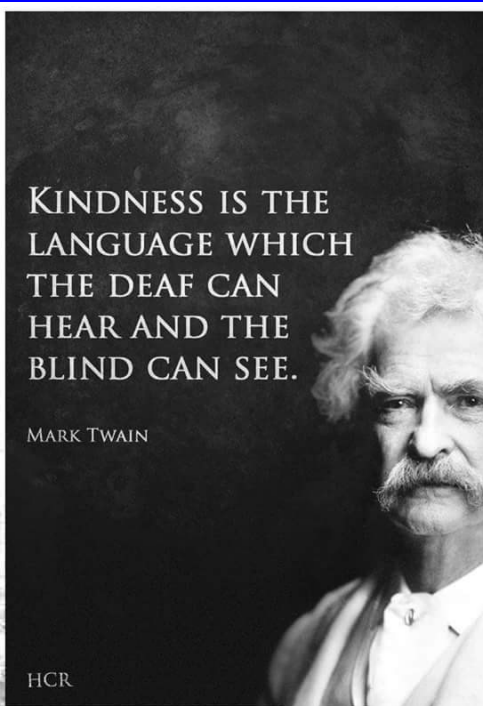
Below is a list of items for back-packs that will be needed:

Back packs	Tuna	Peanut Butter
Macaroni & Cheese	Fruit Juice (boxed)	Pastas
Oatmeal	Fruit Bars	Soup

With the help of Michigan Lions and our business partners, we can make a difference in the lives of so many of our hungry neighborhood children!

Lions Michigan Forum Committee

Get YOUR Lions Forum pin!



I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web ...

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it ...



# Reading Action Program (RAP)



Education and literacy are key to overcoming poverty, disease and other social issues. Yet today, nearly one billion people worldwide are illiterate.

New access to digital information has the power to change lives and make communities stronger, but according to the Gates Foundation, nearly 5 billion people - almost 90% of the world's population - do not have Internet access.

**793 million people cannot read these words**

(UNESCO)

**1 in 6 people do not have access to the Internet**

**“The more you read, the more things you’ll know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”**

Dr. Seuss, author of children's books

## Take Action

Join Lions from around the world to implement reading and education projects and help increase literacy rates. Whether it's organizing a community spelling contest or donating books or computers to your local library or school, take part in a hands-on project and show the impact of Lions work.

## Project Ideas

Whether you are an educator with a passion to help a child learn how to read, an entrepreneur ready to help develop a community-based literacy program, an information technology expert who can help introduce new technology to the visually impaired, or someone who simply enjoys reading to a child, no effort is too small to make a big difference. The following are a few project ideas that your club and district may consider taking on:

- Help an after school reading program
- Read to children at local libraries or schools
- Work with local literacy experts and agencies to promote reading
- Read or record books on tape for the blind and visually impaired
- Provide Internet connection for a school or library

## Sharing Success

Encourage clubs to report their projects. Share your project with us online! Log on to MyLCI and tell us about your literacy project. You can submit your stories and images. Your story might be featured in any number of future Lions Clubs International materials – including our blog and our social media websites.

## Resources

A number of RAP resources including a planning guide and project idea sheet are available. Artwork is also available on the LCI web site that clubs can download to create RAP-related materials.

For more information or resources go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and keyword search “Reading Action Program” or contact the Service Activities Division at [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org).







# Hearing & Speech Improvement Program

The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides financial assistance and services to help uninsured and financially struggling Michigan residents obtain treatment for hearing and speech impairments. The Lions of Michigan Foundation also **recycles used hearing aids**. The hearing aids are sent to hearing aid manufacturers for credit. We use the credits earned to purchase new hearing aids for needy Michigan residents.

Please send your used hearing aids to our office or provide them to your local Lions Club. For more information, call 517-887-6640 or write [info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net). **DO NOT send them to Grand Rapids with your used eyeglasses as these do not come to the Foundation.**

For assistance with hearing aids, review and submit the form for the Affordable Hearing Aid Program <http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/Hearing%20Aid%20Application%20-%20NEW.pdf> Remember that every application **MUST** be sponsored by a Lions Club. The fitting fee of \$150/\$200 per ear is the responsibility of the client/family/or the Lions Club. Submit fully completed forms to Lion Peg Griggs, 610 Bidwell, Albion, 49224, 517-554-1451 [lionpeggriggs@yahoo.com](mailto:lionpeggriggs@yahoo.com)



## Lions of Michigan Foundation



## Project KidSight

**Support for the Lions of Michigan Foundation**

Lions of Michigan Foundation are offering raffle tickets for the 31st Annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes! Tickets are \$10 each, and we are asking our members to buy at least 1 ticket! The top prize is \$5000!! This raffle offers clubs to make money, based on how many tickets are sold!! Drawing is May 20, 2017 at the Great Wolf Lodge! We hope you will help support this effort by buying a ticket for yourself, and maybe others who would like to support!! For ticket sales of 100 or more, the club gets \$5 per ticket sold.

To sign up or become a sponsor, mail your completed form with payment by March 3, 2017 to:  
Victoria Launiere, Eversight Michigan, 4450 Venture Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lion/Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Members (A team consists of 2-5 bowlers): \_\_\_\_\_

Bowler a team/individual - \$25 each | Sponsorship: Table \$25 | Lane \$50 | Beverage \$100 | Team \$150 | Lunch \$250

## \* 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>

**Michigan Lions FORUM** [http://lionsofmi.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Brochure\\_Michigan-Forum-2017\\_PDF.pdf](http://lionsofmi.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Brochure_Michigan-Forum-2017_PDF.pdf)

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/>

**WINTER CAMP for the Blind** <http://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1/page-11.php>



One of several portraits of Lions Club International founder Melvin Jones was recommended Oct. 8 by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee for the obverse of the 2017 Lions Club International Century of Service silver dollar.

The Lions commemorative silver dollars go on sale **January 18th** from the mint. These coins come in two varieties, uncirculated and proof. Both are 90% silver and come in a nice case along with paper of authenticity. They are going to cost \$51.90 for uncirculated and \$52.90 for proof. \$10 from each coin will go to Lions International. I will be ordering a fair number of them but if I know ahead of time I will try to make sure everybody that wants one will get one. They can e-mail me at this address ([teccoins@tc3net.com](mailto:teccoins@tc3net.com)), or call 517-423-7972 between 10:00 and 5:00 weekdays or 10:00 to 2:00 on Sat. It usually takes two weeks after ordering for delivery. Thanks Gary Fox

*You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.*

Melvin Jones





Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

# OUR FOUNDATION

Earlier this month, a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck Indonesia. While the quake lasted only 15 seconds, more than 100 buildings collapsed and more than 100 people have perished. Thousands of people were left homeless and rescuers used their bare hands to pull people from the rubble. Hospitals were overflowing and patients were being treated outside in tents. The situation is still dire.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) responded immediately, issuing a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to assist with both immediate and long-term needs. Local Lions sprang into action, offering food, blankets, medical supplies and clean water to the victims. Lions around the world have continually supported LCIF's disaster relief area of funding, which has allowed the foundation to respond with immediate financial support. Thank you for your dedication to helping those in need.



<http://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/lmsf/2017GroupCruise1-SanJuan.pdf>

<http://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/lmsf/2017GroupCruise2-Alaska.pdf>

**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) will be donated by Royal Caribbean International to the Lions of Michigan Foundation

Call Lion Member  
**John Marshall**  
**1-800-874-6470**

Email: [Huggybear@travellersply.com](mailto:Huggybear@travellersply.com)

**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 requested by each cruiser. Please send a check to the Lions of Michigan Foundation 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911  
\*Consult your tax advisor regarding possible benefits

**TRAVEL LEADERS**

Call Lion Member - John Marshall 1-800-874-6470  
Email: [Huggybear@travellersply.com](mailto:Huggybear@travellersply.com)

**RESERVE YOUR ROYAL CARIBBEAN VACATION/FUNDRAISING CRUISE WITH US TODAY!**

\*Pricing set forth is the sole responsibility of the travel agent. Prices are per person, cruise only, double occupancy, in US dollars. All itineraries and prices are subject to change without notice. Certain restrictions apply.  
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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

**Interior Staterooms from: \$2333pp**  
**Ocean View Staterooms from: \$2693pp**  
**Balcony Staterooms from: \$3053pp**

**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 be donated by Holland America Line to the Lions of Michigan Foundation**

**Please note:** A \$25.00\* per person donation is requested by each cruiser. Please send a check to the Lions of Michigan Foundation 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911  
\*Consult your tax advisor regarding possible benefits

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**North Adams Lions Club and  
North Adams/Jerome Athletic Boosters  
Annual Reverse Raffle**

Hillsdale County Conservation Club  
2015 Fall 467, Osseo MI 49202  
**REVERSE CASH RAFFLE**  
Saturday, February 11, 2017

Draw #275 \$1,000.00  
Draw #274 \$600.00  
Draw #273 \$500.00  
Draw #272 \$400.00  
Draw #271 \$300.00  
Draw #250 \$250.00  
Draw #225 \$225.00  
Draw #200 \$200.00  
Draw #175 \$175.00  
Draw #150 \$150.00  
Draw #125 \$125.00  
Draw #25, 50, 75 & 100 \$100.00@  
Free Ticket

North Adams Lions Club  
and  
North Adams Jerome  
Athletic Boosters

Saturday, February 11th, 2017  
Dinner begins at 6:00 PM  
Drawing starts at 7:00 PM

Location: Hillsdale County Conservation Club  
3835 S. Bird Lake Rd., Osseo, MI 49266

**Prizes:**

Draw #1	Free Ticket
Draw #25, 50, 75 & 100	\$100.00@
Draw #125	\$125.00
Draw #150	\$150.00
Draw #175	\$175.00
Draw #200	\$200.00
Draw #225	\$225.00
Draw #250	\$250.00
Draw #271	\$300.00
Draw #272	\$400.00
Draw #273	\$500.00
Draw #274	\$600.00
<b>Draw #275</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

Cost: Donation of \$100.00 Per Person - 275 Tickets Printed  
Need not be present to win. License# R38525



Contact a North Adams Lions Club Member  
to purchase a ticket



Submitted by North Adams Lions Club  
Lion Glen Ruder, Secretary  
(517) 523-2266 or gdruder@frontiernet.net

**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 [BarryAllen@aol.com](mailto:BarryAllen@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** with no spacing if possible.

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

**2017 MD-11 LEO TRIP      ONLY 14 Seats Left!!  
INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB CONVENTION  
Chicago, Illinois – June 30, July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**Purpose of trip-** To provide an opportunity for all Leos in Michigan to attend the International Convention in Chicago for three days where they will attend the Leo Summit, march in the International Lions Parade, meet other Leos from all over the world and spend some time seeing the sights of Chicago.

**Transportation:** All Leos, Leo Advisors, Parents, Lions and Lionesses who sign up for this three day trip will board a bus which will make four or five stops along I-94 on the way to Chicago. Probable stops are: Ann Arbor, Jackson, Battle Creek, Paw Paw and St. Joe. Housing will be available for those who have over 100 miles to travel to I-94 for the Thursday night before the trip.

**COST:** \$ 395.00 for Leos (based on Quad occupancy)  
\$ 595.00 for adults (based on double Occupancy) \*

\*Adults must also pay the International Lions Registration charge which is included in this price. The costs include all meals except Friday Lunch, bus transportation , Hotel for two nights, all entrance fees to all sightseeing stops: (Museum of Science & Industry, Shedd's Aquarium , and Skydome).

**DEADLINES:** A \$ 50.00 deposit for each person is due by **September 15, 2016**. A second payment of \$ 200.00 is due on **February 25, 2017** with the remaining balance due on **April 15, 2017**.

**Financial Support for those attending:** The MD-11 Leo Committee will be able to cover \$ 100.00 of the cost for those attending. It may be possible that you could receive other funding from your District or sponsoring Lions Club.

ANY Questions ? – Contact PDG Terry Walters, MD-11 Leo Chair at 734-426-4983 or [twalters02@comcast.net](mailto:twalters02@comcast.net)