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Lions of District 11-B1



WINTER CAMP for the BLIND (Adults) Highlights



Battle Creek area Lions assembled at the train station to assist arriving Winter Camp campers with their baggage and escort them to the awaiting school bus for transport to Clear Lake in Dowling, MI.





Music was provided on Friday night (and Saturday) by our own Lion Bea Furman of the Jackson Host Lions. Bea was a camper AND a volunteer for the weekend.

WINTER CAMP FOR THE BLIND 2017

Almost perfect weather, sufficient, but not too much, snow on the ground, crisp cold temperatures and sunshine welcomed the campers to the 44th Winter Camp for the Blind. Many had been greeted by members of the Battle Creek Clubs at Battle Creek Transportation Center and bussed to the camp where they were welcomed by the camp director PDG Barry Allen, a team of lion volunteers and the cadets of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy.

The camp followed the usual popular schedule, after registration and dinner the campers watch a concert on Friday evening, this year featured Tyrone on the keyboard and Bea on the guitar.

Saturday starts with breakfast, most of the campers enjoy the comradery of bingo and the chance to win a prize and some are content to sit in the lounge and visit old friends from last year. The camp offers a technology center where vendors and health professionals show campers the latest technology to improve their lives. There is an opportunity to have white canes 'tuned up' and repaired, or to visit the craft room and make up a

small craft item.

One of the highlights this year was the antique sled pulled by two beautiful horses that provided rides through the woods around the camp, despite the difficulty of being hoisted into the sled and the cold this was very popular, even the MYCA cadets couldn't wait to take a ride

Saturday evening is talent night, what a great show, the campers play instruments, sing, dance and even have a comedian take the

stage. This is a casual, fun and very professional show and is one of the highlights of the camp.

Winter Camp for the Blind is a District Project wholly funded by donations from the Clubs, mostly at the Fall Conference, but donations have been falling. If you go to the camp and see what Lions do for the campers and the smiles on their faces you would want to provide a lot more support for this project, we don't want to reduce the quality of this very special camp due to lack of funds, it means too much to our campers.

The camp was featured in an almost two page article in the Hastings Reminder, and generated great publicity for the camp and for Lions, a real bonus.

The camp is possible due to your donations and to about 50 lions who give of their time and talent to make it all happen, we extend a special thank you to

Lion Roger Bosse who took on the very difficult and time consuming challenge of administering the Winter Camp for the Blind for 2017 and delivering a great camp and a great experience for our friends, the campers.

Lion Roger Spriggs.







From the Governor

TIME FOR SOME FUN!

On Saturday, March 25th at noon we will celebrate District 11-B1's newest club, THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LIONS! I am hoping that every club in the District will be represented when we welcome sixty-seven new Lions into the largest humanitarian service organization in the world!

We will be having the luncheon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 306 N Division St in Ann Arbor, MI. The luncheon will consist of pizza, salad, bread, cake and ice cream. There is some parking behind the church off of Catherine Street or you can park at The Community High School located at 401 N Division St. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 if you register by emailing me at coldhill@gmail.com or calling me and leaving a message at (517) 787-3950. The cost will be \$12.00 at the door without registering.

THE DISTRICT CONVENTION is on Saturday, April 1, at Baker College in Jackson. Baker College is located at 2800 Springport Rd. CONGRESSMAN TIM WAHLBERG will be honoring our Lion Veterans. Vietnam Era Lions will be receiving a specially issued Flag pin recognizing their service. The definition of a Vietnam Era Veteran is as follows:

- (A) The period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period.
- (B) The period beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975, in all other cases.".

All other veterans will receive an American Flag Pin. All the pins will have a purple Lions ribbon behind them.

Our luncheon speaker will be Debbie Daley of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Debbie is a member of the Board of Directors of Leader Dogs and a client. She will be bringing Patrick, her guide dog companion for over eight years. Debbie is a Lion from District A2 and helped us recruit new Lions at the University of Michigan. She is a wonderful speaker and person. We are gifted to have her talk at our convention!

We are also fortunate to have the Chairman of the Lions International Convention, PDG Bob Block, providing a presentation on the convention. He will make his presentation at two break out sessions in the afternoon. He has shown me his slides and it will be a very entertaining presentation. Bob is the Past District Governor for District 1-A1, the Chicago area, so he can answer questions on Chicago and the convention. Also, I am excited to say that he is a Chicago Cub fan!

Our other break-out sessions will also be great! Lion Gary Beck will be talking about Spring landscaping and plant care, Lion Barb Baggerly and Zone Chair Claudea Templeton will have a session on diabetes, we will be having a session of fund raising, Lions JD Hill, Steve Britten and Zone Chair Mike Scott will have a session on Apps for your smart phone and answering any computer related questions that you have.

We will have an informal dinner with the theme of "Chicago". For those that want to participate, we will have a costume contest. International Director Sam H. Lindsey Jr., will be our speaker at the evening dinner. ID Sam and his wife, Lion Jodye, are from Hilltop Lakes, Texas. ID Sam and Jodye have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Thank you for all you do for your communities and Lionism. It is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve you.

DG Dave

From the desk of the Second Vice District Governor

IS THERE LIGHT AT THE END OF YOUR TUNNEL?

Does anyone else find it difficult to believe that March is here already, over half the year is behind us, the District Convention is only a month away and the excitement of an International Centennial Convention getting

closer?

As we close in on the end of the year it's natural to look forward and see a finish line and slow down. Remember that light at the end of the tunnel may be a train hurtling toward you, intent on destroying your successful year. If you're winning and two minutes from the finish, it doesn't mean you win, hey ask the Falcons if you don't believe me.

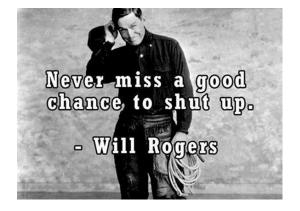


Now is the time for the officers to increase their interaction with their club membership because as the end of the year gets closer, and it's time for next year's fees, lions who are not committed, or appreciated, may be starting to think about leaving us. It is important that you use the last few months of the year to work on retention, let your members know how valuable they are to the club, encourage them to become more involved, be a closer and start to discuss plans and projects for next year and how you need everyone to help.

Remember the enthusiasm at the start of the year, it's important to keep it going right up until the last minute, that last new member, inducted on June 30th could be the winning touchdown.

Thanks for all you do. 2VDG, Lion Roger



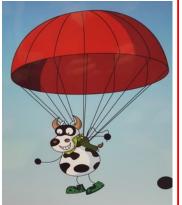




POP QUIZ!

Can anyone identify WHERE this picture can be found?

Winner gets a free one year subscription to the District 11-B1 newsletter and an honorable mention.



ANSWER

Lets see now....

Cow.. Spotted..

Spotted Cow! Adrian, Michigan

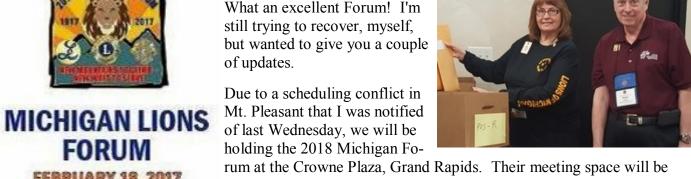
We had one Lion find the graphic on the internet.. Close, but no cigar!



Hello Fellow Lions,

What an excellent Forum! I'm still trying to recover, myself. of updates.

such an upgrade for us!





Thanks to the generosity of our many wonderful Lions Clubs, we filled 251 back packs. We had a good amount of leftover food -

mainly peanut butter, nutri grain bars, chips. I made arrangements with the Lansing City Rescue Mission to pick it up at the hotel and they were pleased that I contacted them. They

drove over and picked it up today.

We had **312** in attendance at the luncheon. This was nearly the exact number from last year, which is great to have this growth continue.

I will be sending our speaker, Mr. John Drake, a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00. I was sorry to have missed out on his presentation after all of the planning to get him here, but I think we'd have been stuck with the remaining 141 back packs if Kristie and I hadn't moved them out of the room they were in! Putting them in the lobby and visible was the key to get clubs to take them home.

It may take a couple of weeks to gather the data collected on the survey sheets, but we'll get there.

Time to start thinking of next year: New topics, new Friday night adventure, new keynote speaker!

Thanks for all of your work to make the Forum such a grand success! And to Lion Linda for making sure the strings got tucked into the name badges!!

Lion Wendy

Wendy Burns, Executive Director Lions of Michigan





HAILS and FAREWELLS:

WELCOME ABOARD!

NEW MEMBER CLUB SPONSOR

Don WebberBattle Creek HostElizabeth RaleighKevon HillJackson CascadesJames Van SletteBecky SpenserNapoleonDick Tallman

University of Michigan Campus Club - SIXTY SEVEN charter members

GONE, BUT IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER

Lion Thomas Morris Battle Creek CC

http://farleyestesdowdle.tributes.com/obituary/show/Thomas-W.-Tom-Morris-104489296

Patricia Colony Jackson Host Wife of Lion Dick Colony

http://farleyestesdowdle.tributes.com/obituary/show/Thomas-W.-Tom-Morris-104489296

Lion Joanne Sneary Inter-Lakes

http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?n=joann-r-sneary&pid=184264446&fhid=25588

NUMBERS FOR DISTRICT 11-B1

Total Clubs Current Member Count YTD Added YTD Dropped YTD Net Growth

39 1039 122 43 **+79**

Note: A district is 1250 Lions, we need a net gain of 211 Lions*

Corrections/Changes:

The Jackson Eyeopeners changed their meeting place to Denny's Restaurant, 2560 Airport Road, Jackson, MI 49202. We will be meeting there on the **first and third Tuesdays** at 7:15 a.m., beginning February 21.

Bear Lake Camp - email for Director Dennis Tomkins is dtomkins@bearlakecamp.org

TIDBITS

1930: Lion George Bonham paints a <u>cane white</u> with a wide red band to aid the visually impaired after he witnesses a blind man having trouble crossing the street.

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:

Clarklake	+ 29.03%	Clinton	+ 8.70%
Adrian Evening	+ 18.18%	Vandercook Lake	+ 7.94%
Jackson Cascades	+ 17.65%	Jackson Host	+ 6.25%
Ann Arbor Evening	+ 14.29%	Battle Creek Host	+ 5.88%
Ann Arbor Host	+ 10.64%	Battle Creek CC	+ 3.70%
Grass Lake	+ 9.52%	Pennfield	+ 2.27%

Editor's note: We now have TWELVE of our 39 clubs who have positive growth!



What was it like in 1917, 100 years ago

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years. Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only. Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year.

A dentist \$2,500 per year.

A veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year. And, a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year. More than 95 % of all births took place at home. Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard." Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and, used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The Five leading causes of death were:

- 1. Pneumonia and influenza.
- 2. Tuberculosis.
- 3. Diarrhea.
- 4. Heart disease.
- 5. Stroke.

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30. Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day. Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write. And, only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at local corner drugstores.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one fulltime servant or domestic help...

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.



https://youtu.be/VPYBTZSr Ak

International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew

The pages of LION Magazine during the early years of Lions in the 1920s were filled with stories such as "The Purpose of Lions," "The Meaning of Lionism" and "The Value of Lions." A businessman's club dedicated to service was still a novel concept, and it was as if Lions had to convince themselves that they were on the right track. The uncertainty led Lions to question whether Lions Clubs would even survive. "During my lifetime I have seen organizations formed with the highest ideals flourish for a time, then drop into comparative unimportance. Will that be the fate of Lionism? I hope not," wrote District Governor A. Baker of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in January 1922.



But Lions stayed the course. They stuck with service. Fellowship was part of membership. But service was paramount. "Activities Make the Club" was the headline for a column in 1927 by International President Irving Camp of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. "Show me a club that simply meets and eats, and I will show you a club that has failed to respond to the call of service as invited in the very principles of our great, unselfish organization," he wrote.

Rapidly approaching our Centennial in 2017, we now know that our forebears were right. Service is what makes a Lion. It's what we do. It's who we are. That has never been more evident than over the past couple of years. We set a goal to serve 100 million people by June 30, 2018. The four campaigns have been Engaging Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting the Environment.

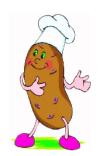
We wondered whether we'd reach the goal because clubs typically had reported to Lions Clubs International serving 8 million people annually (but we knew the true figure was higher). I'm elated to tell vou that in early September we reached our goal of serving 100 million people. Take pride in being part of an association that lives up to its amazing ideals.

Like Lions of yesteryear, we put service first. But unlike them, we are confident we will be here for a long, long time! Thank you for all you do as a Lion, and I hope to see you at the 100th International Convention in Chicago June 30-July 4, 2017.

Upcoming Events and Info

ADRIAN EVENING LIONS
FUNDRAISING EVENT
5™ ANNUAL

POTATO & SALAD BAR



SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2017 4-7PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1245 W. MAPLE AVE. ADRIAN, MI 49221



GOOD FOOD FOR A GOOD CAUSE

LOADED BAKED POTATO, SALAD, DRINK & DESSERT \$6.00 PER PERSON

TO GO ORDERS AVAILABLE



ADRIAN EVENING LIONS

CALM DOWN TAKE A DEEP BREATH & HOLD IT FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES



CEREAL CITY LIONS CLUB PRESENTS:-

'DINNER IN THE DARK'

WHERE: Cornwell Turkeyville, 18935,

151/2 Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan

WHEN: Friday March 17th, 2017.

6.00pm Dinner, 8.00pm Show

INCLUDES Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, Stage Play 'How Great Thou Art'

Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle

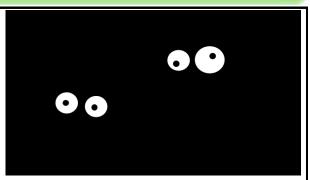
WHY Experience eating part of your meal 'In the Dark' and understand a little

of the difficulties, our sight limited friends face every day.

PROCEEDS GO TO SPONSORING THREE CHILDREN TO DIABETIC CAMP

TICKETS Only \$45 for a night out with fellow lions and friends, including Dinner & Show

Claudea Templeton, 269-967-1710, Roger Spriggs 269-282-0292



District and Club Dates to Remember

MARCH - NATIONAL EYE DONOR MONTH

- 4 Lions of Michigan Foundation CRUISE gets underway San Juan
- 4 Manchester Lions & Kiwanis Crazy Cash reverse raffle
- 11 Cabinet Meeting, 10:00 am, Baker College
- 11 SPOT Lenawee Celebrate Children Adrian Mall, 10 2 pm
- Adrian Evening Lions, Potato & Salad Bar Dinner, First United Methodist Church, 4 7 pm
- 12 Daylight Savings begins Spring Forward
- Zone Meeting, RI Zones 1 & 2, Kellie's in Manchester, 6 pm, \$10 at the door
- Zone Meeting, RIII, Zones 1 & 2, Holiday Inn, Battle Creek, 6 pm, ~ \$11
- 17 SPOT Napoleon
- 17 Battle Creek Cereal City, Dinner in the Dark, Cornwell's Turkey Farm, 6 pm
- 18 SPOT Tecumseh, 9 12 am
- 19 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
- 19 Eversight Michigan Bowling for Brighter Tomorrows, Bel-Mark Lanes, 12 3:30 pm
- Winter Camp, Wrap-up meeting, Blue Moon, Adrian, 5 pm
- Zone Meeting, RII, Zone 1 Steak's Eatery, 6:30 pm
- U of M Campus Club, Charter Luncheon, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, noon.
- 31 District Convention Set Up Baker College, 9:30 am

APRIL - FAMILY & FRIENDS MONTH & LEO CLUB AWARENESS MONTH

- 1 DISTRICT 11-B1 CONVENTION Baker College
- 2 Cabinet Meeting, Baker College, 10 am
- 12 Eversight "Donate Life" Day at the Secretary of State Offices
- 13 SPOT Manchester, Klager Elementary, Kindergarten Roundup, 4 7 pm
- 15 Club Elections reported to MyLCI
- 16 EASTER
- 18-20 SPOT North Jackson
- 20 SPOT Manchester Lions
- SPOT St. Joe's Hospital (Ann Arbor), "See, Test & Treat 2017," 10 3 pm
- VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, moved due to Easter
- 27 **SPRING LEADERSHIP** Training Vandercook Lake HS, 5:30 pm
- 28 May 7 WHITE CANE WEEK
- 29 Lions of Michigan Foundation, Board Meeting, Lansing, 10:00 am

MAY - VISION MONTH & LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT MONTH

- BEAR LAKE CAMP Clean up day, 9 3 pm Contact PDG Barry
- 19/20 MD-11 State Convention,
- 20 Lions of Michigan Foundation RAFFLE drawing
- 21 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation



CLUBS Doing What they Do!

The Adrian Evening Lions will be holding their annual Potato & Salad Dinner on March 11th from 4 to 7 pm, only \$6 per person. See the flyer. They also donated \$100 to the Catherine Cobb Shelter.

The Albion Lions - on February 23rd they partnered with the Friends of the Library for a Chili Dinner at Tennant Hall of the United Methodist Church. The event was a smashing success with the assistance of the Delta Gamma Zeta Sorority from Albion College. Each of the groups netted approximately \$550 from the fundraiser. In April the Albion Lions will be redoing three walking bridges in Victory Park as their Legacy Project.

The Ann Arbor Host Lions - donated \$780 to the Wild Swan Theatre to purchase 20 audio recorders to provide audio descriptions during their shows for use by the visually impaired They also are sponsoring bowlers for the Eversight Bowling for Brighter Tomorrows.

The Battle Creek Cereal City Lions held their Pancake Supper fundraiser, and planning for their Dinner in the Dark at the Cornwall. <u>Fifteen members</u> and three spouses worked the Pancake Supper. Four members attended the Michigan Forum.

The Blissfield Lions - Members briefed the schools on the SPOT camera on February 3rd. The staff was pleasantly amazed! A school screening will be scheduled in the near future.

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 donated towards a service dog for a 6th grader who has diabetes.

The Dexter Lions are proud to continue their sponsorship of one of Michigan's top robotics team....The Dreadbots. For those of you who aren't familiar with the Dreadbots, they are an amazing group of innovative, smart, talented and dedicated young adults who have spent countless hours designing, building and programming their way through the winter and are working their way to the State Championships this April. To learn more about this program and the amazing kids who work it, go to http://dexterdreadbots.org/

The Inter-Lakes Lions The club goes inactive until April, but are already preparing for their Vidalia Onion sales. They lost their President, Lion Joann Sneary recently.

The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions collected Bingo prizes for the Winter Camp for the Blind. They also donated toward a diabetic child attending Camp Midicha and provided hearing aids for a resident, and donated to the Library and Food Pantry.

The Jackson Host Lions - Completed (?) their nut sales and the Younkers Community Days ticket sales, and are now focusing on the upcoming Vidalia Onion Sales. Seven of their members attended the Michigan Forum.

The Manchester Lions - are partnering with and taking an active role with the Kiwanis club for the annual Crazy Cash reverse raffle on March 4th, which they have supported for a number of years. They also have a Charity Poker event scheduled for the Roundtree in Ypsilanti in March. They had two members of the North Charleston (South Carolina) Lions Club attend their meeting. Lions Bill & Dean Kaufman are considering a transfer to the Manchester Lions.

The Marshall Lions are getting ready for their spring Vidalia Onion sales.

The Michigan Center Lions provided a set of hearing aids to a resident. They also have their annual Draw Down on March 4th.

The Munith Lions continued their support of the Stockbridge Lions BINGO, collected used eyeglasses, hearing aids and phones. Three members attended the Michigan Forum.

Napoleon Lions held their Pinewood Derby on February 18th. Five members attended the Michigan Forum. They donated to the Napoleon Kindergarten, Camp Storer and the Napoleon Police Relief. Lion Levi Kimball was nominated for the club's Lion of the Year.

North Jackson Lions - collected \$365 in Lions MINTS sales, and paid \$175 to help purchase hearing aids for an individual in need. Their raffle fundraiser netted \$2400, see the notice on winners. They also donated to the Northwest Schools Project Graduation with a matching grant from the District.

The Parma-Spring Arbor Lions - continue to work on their community birthday calendar. Their next meeting is in April.

The Tekonsha Lions celebrated their 73rd year at their February meeting. They also continued their support for packages to the military with a \$100 donation for mailing expenses.

The Vandercook Lake Lions CHILI COOK-OFF CREW did their best and delivered some GREAT chili and salsa to a big crowd at the American 1 Event Center on Sunday, February 19th. Lions Mark Riska, Rick Beiswanger, Mike Henry, Jeff Vincent, Jim Mason, Les McWaters, John & Roxanne Wheaton and Karen Talbot were some of the VCL Lions that worked and supported the event. The crew did receive a 3rd prize in one of the several categories and that's not bad considering there were about 25 groups competing. There was a lot of good exposure and interaction, as always.



YOUR CLUB HERE!

Send your club doings to PDG Barry

	Club Anniversaries				
Mar 17 28 29	ch Northwest Leo's Adrian Evening Dexter	2016 1950 1979	19 29	Michigan Center Chelsea	1957 1977
Apri 1 3 6 11 20 28	Clinton North Jackson Bedford Area Dexter Leos Albion Battle Creek Host	2010 1956 1967 2010 2007 1924	3 3 11 19 24 29	Jonesville North Adams Ann Arbor Evening Grass Lake Leo's Pittsford Area Ann Arbor Host	1935 1974 1961 2009 1974 1929

U of M Charter Luncheon Saturday, March 25 at noon St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 306 N. Division St. Ann Arbor, MI

Cost: \$10 with reservation \$12 at the door without reservation Reserve by sending the DG an email coldhill@gmail.com

The University of Michigan Lions Club will have a Charter Luncheon on Saturday, March 25, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church located at 306 N. Division St. in Ann Arbor. The parking lot for the church is behind the church on Catherine Street. From the parking lot walk through the wrought iron gate and to the door to the church office. We will be having pizza, salad, bread, cake and ice cream.

DEADLINES

March 1st - Lions of Michigan Foundation HALL OF FAME Nominations

http://jwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/lmsf/HallOfFame/NominationForm.pdf

March 4th - DISTRICT CONVENTION Registration Deadline

http://e-district.org/sites/11b1/page-8.php

April 15th - CLUB ELECTIONS - reported to MyLCI

http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lg22.pdf

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 **The Battle Creek Cereal City Lions** assisted campers arriving on the train for this year's Winter Camp for the Blind. They collected their luggage and ensure everyone made it on the bus to the camp. (see cover)

The club's guest speaker in February was Scout Executive Justin Russel.



Lion Teresa Gest recently transferred her membership to the Cereal City



Lions due to her commitments that made it difficult to attend the lunchtime meetings of the Host Lions. She's welcomed by 2nd VDG

Roger Spriggs and President Roger Bosse.

DISTRICT 11-B1 LEOS



The Hanover-Horton Leos celebrated their 3rd year as a club with cake and ice cream and DG Dave Hill inducting two new members. Marlena Peek & Reagan Fazekas,

with Club
President
Bryce Stevens
assisting.

Who's your

VALENTINE? The Leo Club came up with a heart warming project of putting a Valentine from the Leo's in EVERY locker in the school. The school Principal Denise Bergstrom provided access so the Leo's could place the Valentines.









DEXTER LIONS CLUB DONATES \$1,000 TO DREADBOTS: The Dexter Lions Club is proud to continue their sponsorship of one of Michigan's top robotics team....The Dreadbots. For those of you who aren't familiar with the Dreadbots, they are an amazing group of innovative, smart, talented and dedicated young adults who have spent countless hours design-





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The Tekonsha Lions. Our January speaker was Carrie Stout from Cereal City MOMMAS (Blue Star Moms). She shared the mission of the group to help active and retired military and their families. They sent 100 care packages to active military in the past year so Tekonsha Lions donated \$100 towards future mailing expenses.

We celebrated our 73rd anniversary at our February meeting with a potluck and game night. Lion Margo Knapp created a board game that had squares for each Tekonsha business and "draw a card" squares with instructions that sent each player all over the board. We also revealed our Lion of the Year and to his surprise, President Scott Long was named as our 2017 LOY. We



also submitted his nomination to the District contest. Scott has been a Lion for 20+ years and is in his third year as president. Two of the Lions he recruited are still part of our club. He also helps his church and the school with many projects in addition to cleaning up at the end of each local blood drive. Scott has a big heart and is very worthy of this honor. We ordered White Cane mints this month and our newest Lion Becky Omo is breaking our record of selling Lions of Michigan raffle tickets!

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm ... As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others. Audrey Hepburn

Claudea Templeton helps Lion Mark Woodford, who received many donated computers. Mark, has limited sight but still manages to repair and update the old machines and gives them to handicapped and needy



individuals. Mark donated a computer as a door prize for the Winter Camp for the Blind. Great job Mark.

The Manchester Lions

partnered with the Kiwanis (at their request) to conduct their annual Crazy Cash reverse raffle. All 200 tickets were sold before the doors opened. They net about \$13,000 - \$15,000 which is given back to the community. Volunteers included previous



Lions and possible future Lions. And ps.. this editor made \$50.



The Albion Lions Club hosted their Annual Chili Dinner with help from the Friends of the Albion District Library and Delta Gamma Zeta Chapter Sorority at Albion College. The event, held on February 23rd, raised funds for important local projects and events. This year, the dinner served as a kick-off for a community-wide read of "Love Where You Live" by Peter Kageyama, part of the AlbionReads program.

The dinner, held from 5:30PM to 7PM at Tennant Hall of the First United Methodist Church, featured 18 different named chilis, as well as mac 'n cheese and chicken noodle soup. Also served: tossed salad with fixins, bread 'n butter, beverages and a wide selection of desserts.



Albion Lions & Friends are all smiles after a BIG turn-out!

Albion Lions Cindy Stanczak and George Strander chaired the event this year. This is their 14th year doing the fundraiser and their goal this year was 300 patrons. The cost was \$6 for adults in advance (\$7 at the door) and \$3 for kids 10 and under, with kids under 2 free. It is an all-you-care-to-eat event and judging by the large turn-out, a very popular event in Albion. All the desserts and pots of chili are donated by students, 'Friends' and Lions. This editor gave the meal a two-thumbs up rating for variety and quality. Mark this on your calendars for next year as a "don't miss" event!



CAMPMIDICHA

The American Diabetes Association is the largest provider of diabetes camps around the country. We would like to invite you to Michigan's Camp Midicha for a VIP Tour on Wednesday, June 21 from 10am–12pm. You will experience a guided tour of the expanding camp facility, meet our staff and volunteers and see the incredible impact camp has on kids!







REGION II, Zone 1

ZONE MEETING

March 22, 2017 Wednesday Steak's Eatery, Vandercook Lake 6:30 pm

RSVP ZC Vicki Ruiz 529-9689

2017 District Convention - April 1st

Sunday:

10:00

Baker College

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



DISTRICT 11-B1 CONVENTION April 1, 2017







Where:

Baker College, 2800 Springport Rd., Jackson, MI (Enter on west side by Biggby 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. <u>Prepaid meal registration is required</u>. No meal tickets will be sold at the convention. All meals will be buffet style including Saturday night's dinner.

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Al Capone has advised us that there will be prizes for the "best dressed" for

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Saturday:	7:30	Registration opens
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	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
122	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
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REGISTRATION FORM - LIONS AND LIONESSES

2017 DISTRICT 11-B1 CONVENTION 2800 Springport Rd. Jackson, MI 49202 April 1, 2017

April 1, 2017

CLUB NAME:

Cabinet Meeting

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.

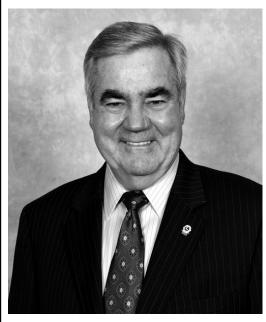
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NAME (Please print first and last names how you want it to appear on name badge.)	ID if Lion Lioness Leo or Guest	Sat. Lunch \$15	Sat. Dinner \$20	Check #	TOTAL
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COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM, ALONG 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 wote.

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. <u>All delegates must be REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED BY 2-45 pm on SATURDAY. APRIL 1. 2017 in order to vote at the convention.</u> VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN 4-40 and 5:00 pm.

Total Number of Lions in YOUR club as of Februar paragraph above) THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB SECRETARY		(fill in the blank)
		THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT CONVENTION SITE
Name	Delegate or Alternate	Signature
I hereby certify that Lions of MD-11 and		are in good standing with Lions Clubs International, the
Lions Club		
President's or Secre	tary's Signature	
Signature of Govern	or	
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Contests and Awards

North Jackson Lions RAFFLE

All eyes are on little Gary Seydell, son of Lion Clive and Ellen, as he pulls out the winning tickets for our club raffle on February 1 at Beck's Flower Shop & Gardens. Grandpa Lion Gary looks on and makes sure everything is run smoothly and the winning tickets are clipped to the prizes.



North Jackson Lions raffle tickets winners chosen February 1st, 2017. Raffle winners:

\$200 - Kohl's - Jill Hiler

\$150 - Target - Tracey Deistel & Tonisha Burrd

\$125 - Rives Quality Meats - Teri Stevenson

\$100 - Meijer - Denise Bergstom

\$100 - Klavon's - Todd Dennis

\$100 - Polly's - Matt Field

\$75 - Kohl's - Gary Beck

\$50 - Northwest Meat Market - Cinda Piper

\$50 - Target - Avery Ambs

\$75 - Beck's Flowers - Kay Reeser

Congratulations to these winners and thank you for making this a successful fund raiser for our club - \$2400



Blue & Gold - The Arrow Ceremony

Lion Bruce Bates (a BSA/Lion Award recipient) receives the Charter for the Emanuel Church BSA Pack 3421 at



the Arrow Ceremony. Five Cub Scouts crossed the bridge to become full fledged Boy Scouts to continue their scouting career. The Manchester Lions are taking

steps to form a closer bond with the scouts to provide support.



Lions of Michigan Foundation "Bridging The Gap To Service"

Lions of Michigan Foundation



Project KidSight

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and supported our 2017 Lions of Michigan Foundation Cruise Raffle. The \$1,000 Grand Prize winner was **Becky Walters of Dexter, Michigan** – Ticket Number 0008. If you didn't win – you may blame former Lansing Host Lion Rob Horton and LMF President Steve Van Tol who conducted the drawing at the Michigan Lions Forum on February 18.

564 tickets (\$2,820) were purchased for the raffle, and our profit was about \$1,500 – that will fully fund one Emergency Assistance Application. Great job!



Ann Arbor Evening Lions are very grateful for the recent donation from the employees at Varsity ord. This will help us buy a lot of eyeglasses!

Pictured:

Lions Cathy, Kathy, and Carrie

Photo credit: Al Baker





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.

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

1939: Members of the Detroit Uptown Lions Club turn an old Michigan farmhouse into a school to train dog guides for the visually impaired, helping to popularize dog guides worldwide.





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.



START PLANNING YOUR CENTENNIAL SERVICE PROJECT TODAY!
Visit Lions100.org for Centennial Service Challenge project planning resources, reporting tips
and videos to inspire your club to action!

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Wow, spring is just around the corner!







TIDBITS: 1956: The Detroit Lions Club gives 6-year-old Stevie Wonder a Christmas gift – a drum set.

Worldwide Week of Service to Protect Our Planet

A healthy planet starts with healthy communities. This April, join Lions and Leos around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to protecting our planet and the environment in your community. This international event is a great opportunity to serve and engage your community during the Centennial Service Challenge, which has already impacted the lives of more than 130 million people.

Host a project to protect the environment in your community during April 17-23. Clean up a park or beach, start a recycling program, plant trees or provide clean drinking water to your community. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!



Senior Frauds is a growing crime. These are crimes aimed at the over sixty five population who have more free time, more disposable income, watch more TV and do business over the phone. AARP says it is a \$65 billion industry. Typical scams like the **Grand Parent** Scam is where someone poses as, or reports that a grandchild is in trouble and needs money immediately. They ask to send the money in a difficult to trace mode e.g. Gift Cards. IRS Scam is a big one. A person claims to be an IRS agent and you owe many hundred dollars. They demand that the money must be paid immediately or be fined or even go to jail. The Jamaican Lottery may get a lot of laughs but many fall for it. The collar informs you that you have won the lottery, big money and they will get the money to you. However, there are some costs or fees must be first paid. Identity Theft, not always aimed at seniors is a well reported problem. It can occur using a credit card, or any type of transaction. They sometimes ask for personal information or find other ways to use your credit card. Often family members or friends are taken in on a fraud. TV shows bilk thousands of people out of their money. QVC and others like them, demonstrate great looking merchandise that turn out to be cheap imitations. Buy now because of limited quantities is another tag. Sometimes bills are sent for non-ordered and/or non-delivered items. Mike had a customer wanting to sell his collection from a TV purchase. It was appraised at \$25,000. The customer had paid over \$100,000 for the coins. Mike concluded with Caveat Emptor, buyer beware.

TIDBITS...

1926: Polar explorer and member of the Washington D.C. Lions Club, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Jr. flies over the North Pole and carries the Lions flag with him. He flies over the South Pole later that same year.

The Future of Peace

It's the 30th anniversary of our Peace Poster Contest! To celebrate, we redesigned our Peace Poster kits. Invite young artists in your communities to submit a poster design that expresses our theme, "The Future of Peace." The contest is a great way to connect with your community and encourage youth to express their vision of peace.

Children aged 11–13 are eligible to participate. All you need to do to unlock a child's creativity is pur-

chase a Peace Poster kit from club supplies. Purchase your <u>Peace Poster kit</u> today!

"Peace is green mountains, fresh air and a beautiful environment where people live in civilized society without war." 2016-2017 Peace Poster Merit Award goes to 12 year old Zi Ye sponsored by Zhejiang Xiang Lions Club, China

This year's grand prize winner will be announced on Saturday March 4th. Stay tuned for their decision.

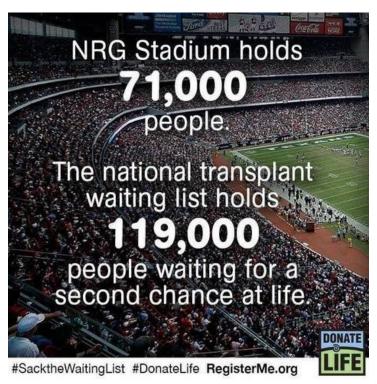


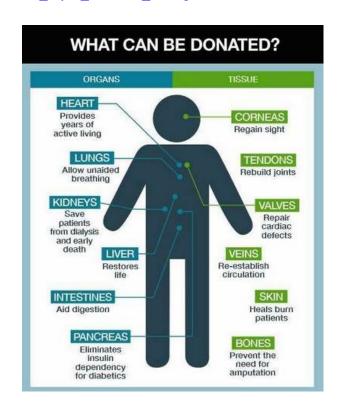


Everyone Is Gifted, But Most People Never Open Their Package



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* 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/

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DONATE TO THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION Through Amazon Smile

Dear Charity Administrator,

This email is to notify you that Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Inc (EIN: 38-2537921) has been issued a \$11.48 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2016. The donation was deposited to your organization's bank account on or around February 6, 2017. It may take several days for the donation to appear in the account.

You can increase your organization's donation potential by spreading the word about AmazonSmile. Sign in to http://org.amazon.com and click on Marketing Tools to access customized online tools to let your supporters know that their AmazonSmile shopping can support Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Inc.

Also, remind your supporters to do their Valentine's Day shopping at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to your organization. Use the following message and image below in social media, email, and on your website to tell your supporters about how they can help Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Inc when they shop for Valentine's Day gifts.

Support us when you shop for Valentine's Day gifts. #StartWithaSmile at http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2537921 and Amazon donates.

TIDBITS...

1935: Amelia Earhart, honorary member of the New York City Lions Club, completes a record-breaking non-stop flight from Los Angeles to Mexico during the Lions Clubs International Convention in Mexico City.



OUR FOUNDATION

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has supported the compassionate works of Lions around the world for nearly 50 years. Our foundation addresses humanitarian needs everywhere, every day, and has improved the lives of countless people since it was founded in 1968.

Recently, LCIF reached an incredible milestone: our foundation has now awarded more than **US\$1 billion in grant funding**. Think for a moment about what that means. Think of all the measles vaccinations, the sight-saving interventions, youth education and clean water wells. Together with leaders, Lions, partners and friends, we have left a permanent foot-print on our world. LCIF improves the lives of everyone it touches and I hope you are proud of this amazing accomplishment.



Watch this video to learn more about how <u>Lions are providing hope</u> and be sure to share it with your fellow Lions.

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 Bar-

ryRAllen@aol.com. OR to Contributing Editors Lions Steve Britten, ste-

<u>ve@protechcomputers.biz</u> or Roger Spriggs at <u>gbroger@aol.com</u>

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

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

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING CRUISE Holland America Line®

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



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
Γhu	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)
Γhu	June 15 2017	Juneau
Fri	June 16 2017	Ketchikan
Sat	June 17 2017	At Sea
Sun	June 18 2017	Vancouver

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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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