

District 11-B1 Newsletter November 2016



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Lions of District 11-B1

FALL CONFERENCE & PARADE OF CHECKS



The Fall Conference began at 9:00 AM with the posting of the colors by the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy cadets. This

was followed by a presentation by Hanover -Horton Leo Sydnee Gifford. She traveled to Italy under the Lions Youth Exchange Program and thanked the Lions for their generous support. She was also selected as the Club, District, and as INTERNATION-AL Leo of the Year.

Each of the State and District projects were allowed a few minutes to give a brief

update on their status in preparation for the Parade of Checks.



DG Dave Hill introduced all the Past District Governors who were present.

It wouldn't be the Fall Conference without Lion Jim Baum (the District Song Leader) leading us

through a rousing chorus of "I've got that Lion Feeling", with Hanover Horton LEO judges Maribell and Sydnee critiquing the quality and volume of the performance.



The key-note speaker and highlighted state project this year was Eversight Michigan, with an entertaining presentation by the Director, Diana Kern, who gave us an update on the organization and the importance of Lions to their mission.

PARADE OF CHECKS

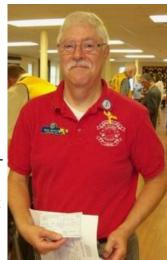
\$50,075 (and still counting)



Club representatives lined up to deposit their Club's checks into the appropriate basket for the Parade of Checks. Individual checks were given to the State Projects and a separate check was delivered to the District for the various committees. A few clubs were not present so sent their donations with someone else, or some will provide them at a later date. Siobhan Gorman of the Manchester Lions prepares to present the Club's donations. And

President Brad Mercier of the Vandercook Lions is ready to present their checks.

Several State Projects and District Committees had display tables, and some clubs had items for sale, including the Hanover-Horton LEO Club who were selling nuts and had a display of their Leo Club projects.











Also displayed were the Lions of Michigan Foundation and Winter Camp for the Blind.

From the Governor

DO YOU KNOW A UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STUDENT?

Do you have a family member or friend that is a student at the University of Michigan and would like to:

Strengthen their business and management skills
Network with the world's largest humanitarian service organization
Build their resume
Serve their community and world
Gain valuable leadership skills

We are looking at trying to start a Lions Club at the University of Michigan and would like to find some interested students to help with a membership campaign. Student members would have a great opportunity to perform projects at the Eversight Eye Bank, perform eye screenings, and other service projects while gaining a new network and valuable skills. If you know of someone, you can email me at codhill@gmail.com or leave a message at 517.787.3950.

Congratulations to the following clubs that have increased their membership!

Ann Arbor Host Clarklake Clinton Jackson Host Michigan Center Vandercook Lake

I have had the privilege to visit almost seventy percent of the District's clubs. I am overwhelmed with the friendship and generosity of our Lions and Lioness! Nancy and I want to thank all of you for the service you provide to your communities and the hospitality you have extended to us.

As I have expressed, if you want to have a membership campaign I would be happy to be part of your committee. I can help with writing articles for your local papers or for distribution, writing invitation letters, planning a membership night and washing the dishes. Just let me know.

I had lunch with PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser and he provided me with several helpful hints. Among them is the following form identifying those people in your lives that would be great Lions. Please take a look at it and see if you can think of someone to invite to a meeting. As always, I would be happy to prepare a District Governor's invitation letter for them. Thank you PDG Dennis!

DG Dave Hill



FROM 1st VDG LuANNE BULLINGTON

Do Have What it Takes to be a Club President?

The office of Club President is a "people" job. As the Chief Executive of your club your main job will be to carry out the policies of your club's Board of Directors by making things happen through your leadership abilities, your ability to know what your club's mission is, what your club can bring to your community, and then working to make it happen using your unique skills.

Do you have confidence in yourself and in your club members?

Are you comfortable standing and speaking in front of your fellow club members?

Are you comfortable overseeing the club's committees, appointed leadership to the committees and overseeing their progress?

Can you delegate tasks, set up a schedule and work to help create a club budget and live with it?

Can you recognize the efforts and accomplishments of others?

Can you help bring in or attract new members and mentor potential leaders?

Can you actively listen to your club member's concerns and take them seriously?

Can you listen to all sides of a debate and make a decision?

Can you create and maintain a POSITVE interaction with all your club members which helps make for a successful club?

Can you create a consensus of opinions with the members of your club so you don't have to decide everything?

Can you listen to club member's ideas and let them volunteer to help with tasks they are interested in?

Can you delegate tasks, jobs and responsibilities to keep club members involved, interested and invested in the club?

Are you organized?

Can you plan meeting, decide what is going to be discussed at a meeting, create an agenda, and let speakers know what you want them to discuss at the meeting?

Club Presidents work best with a team when carrying out the mission of their club. As your club's president you have a chance to make a difference in people's lives, to grow personally and to use your unique skills, strengths, and abilities to solve problems and create new opportunities for your club and community.

If you would like to explore taking a leadership role as your club's President contact Barry Allen at BarryRAllen@aol.com or call him at 734-428-7034 and ask him about leadership training for new presidents at Higgins Lake and at LCI's Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and how you can attend one of these great training programs to step into a leadership role.

Lion LuAnne Bullington

1st Vice District Governor, District 11 B1

From the desk of the 2nd Vice District Governor REPLACE YOURSELF OR DIE TRYING

I remember, several years ago, the nominations chair was doing his annual rounds, almost begging members to step up and become club officers. It seemed strange because we had a good and active club, Lions were more than willing to get out and serve their communities, and so why were they reluctant to serve their club?

By election night he was short a President and Vice President, a three time President stood up and suggested that if no one was interested, maybe it was time to shutter the club. It was a shock tactic but it worked, a two time President agreed to take on a third term on condition that newer Lions would take leadership positons to follow on.

That election made me think, Lions exist to serve but 'TO SERVE' is thought of as community service and not providing service to the club to make it more efficient and effective in the community. Maybe some lions are just content to stay low key, some may just be reserved, and other may simply think they don't have the skills or experience to try it.

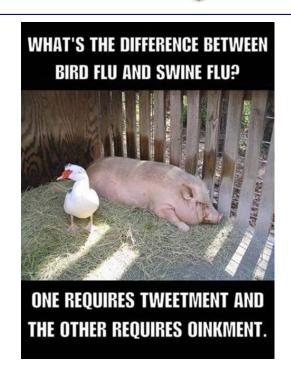
Almost anyone can be a leader, and Michigan has some of the best Leadership Training in the country, combined with State and National Institutes and Forums, no one has any reason for not grasping the opportunities.

Club Officers, part of your job is to find a replacement for yourself, get to know more about your members, make suggestions, drop hints, JUST ASK you never know maybe they are waiting to be asked. A Lion working as a Club Officer will be more likely to stay in your club because they will discover that there is more to the club than what they thought, they will have a little more responsibility and a lot more fun.

Presidents get your members to training events and District events so they can learn and become more involved. Make sure that newer Lions understand that they can be a Club President and what it takes. Plan on having your nomination chair provide a slate with more than one candidate for each position. Involved lions stay in their club and encourage friends to join them. By creating a leadership ladder in your club no one will ever stand up and say if no one is interested maybe it's time to shutter our club.

Lion Roger





MEET THE 2016-2017 Region 3, Zone 2, ZONE CHAIR

Cereal City Lion, Claudia Templeton

I was an only child and grew up in South Bend, IN and graduated from John Adams High. After high school I met a fellow, married for eight years and divorced. Later I married my love from when I was in high school and he had just come out of the service. We were married for 19 years and he passed on of lung cancer. I had three daughters to finish raising, ages 10, 16, and 18. When we lived in East Leroy where my girls went to school, I was involved in a lot of things: PTA, PTSO, softball coach, 4-H Leader, Girl Scout Leader, Camp Fire Leader, belonged to two Bunco groups for fun and also a craft making group. I did all my own canning, food dehydrating, and sewing clothes, I was good at making something out of nothing. I sold Stanley Home Products as a demonstrator in house parties for 10 years. I continued sales jobs of different sorts over the years from in house parties to retail to insurance (which I did not like), to carpet sales. That was interesting, I had to learn not only the types of flooring such as carpet, tile, wood etc. but everything that goes along with laying the floor, to measuring everything.



After my husband passed away. I moved with my youngest daughter who was going into high school to LaCrosse WI. While there I joined the Optimist Club and was on the fundraising committee. I lived there for four years

and after she graduated I moved on to Anchorage Alaska. I wanted to join another Optimist Club but they did not have one so I was introduced to the Lions. I joined the International Aircrossroads Club 22 years ago. I held many positions over the years. I was Secretary for two years, President, Convention Chair, Regional Chair, Zone Chair many times and have been on more committees than I care to count. The most memorable thing I have ever done with the Lions is going to Latvia for an eyeglass mission trip with 27 other Michigan Lions and doctors. It was so heart filled and makes you appreciate what you have.

Over the years I have won many awards from Lions: Secretary of the year, Lion of the year, The Ken Lautzenheiser Award and two awards from the International Governor are my top awards. I lived in Alaska for nine years and would still be there, except my middle daughter was expecting my second grandchild and needed my help because she was put on bed rest. I came back with a U-Haul full of stuff on a Sunday, Tuesday was 9-11, and Thursday she was down for bed rest and I was on the run. Since then I have gotten into the Holistic field and have my own business and also work at the Holistic Care and Wellness Center. I am a Holistic Therapist and help you with the pain in your body. I enjoy traveling and being with my friends and family. There isn't much of anything that I don't enjoy doing and I will try just about anything at least once.

Claudea Templeton





HAILS and FAREWELLS:

WELCOME ABOARD!

NEW MEMBERCLUBSPONSORDavid BoschAnn Arbor HostJohn KrienkeDaniel NeatonDexterGeorge Lewis

GONE, BUT IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER

Lion Michael May Hanover-Horton October 10, 2016

A relatively new Lion

http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=181884814

Lion Chris Craft Marshall/Lakeview October 27, 2016 Past President/Volunteer firefighter/Boy Scouts/School Bus Driver/Public Service http://farleyestesdowdle.tributes.com/obituary/show/Christopher-A.-Chris-Craft-104083313



NUMBERS FOR DISTRICT 11-B1

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

38 972 28 12 **+12**

Note: A district is 1250 Lions, we need a net gain of 278 Lions

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Got something to say? Send us your comments, questions. We 'may' print it.

Barry (Editor in Chief)

Upcoming Events and Info

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

- 1 Michigan Center Lioness @ 7:00 PM
- 4 Penrickton "Kickoff" banquet @ 6:30 pm
- 7 Pittsford @ 6:30 PM
- 14 Interlakes @ 6:30 PM
- 15 Clinton @ 6:15 PM
- Blissfield @ 6:30 PM
- 21 Peace Poster Judging

DECEMBER

- 2-4 Council of Governors Lansing
- 7 Hillsdale/Jonesville
- 8 Michigan Center @ 7:00 PM
- 14 Vandercook Lake Lions 60th Anniversary Dinner
- 15 PDG's Honorary Meeting Steaks Eatery @ 6:00 PM



I have been able to schedule DG visits with several clubs. If you have a date you would like me to visit, please email me at codhill@gmail.com

A police recruit was asked during the exam,

"What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"

He answered, "Call for backup."



2015-16 Grand Prize Winner

Yumo Zhu 12 years old China

2016-17

"A Celebration of Peace"

PEACE POSTERS are due to the District Governor postmarked NLT

November 15th.

Judging by Council of Governors on December 2nd





District and Club Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER - AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

- 1&2 North Jackson SPOT vision screening Northwest Schools
- 4 Penrickton Fall Kickoff Banquet, Dearborn Inn, 6:30 pm, \$35 http://penrickton.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/KO-2016-Flyer.pdf
- 5 Battle Creek Cereal City Blood drive, diabetes testing, KidSight Lakeview Square Mall, 10 5 pm
- 6 FALL BACK, get up at 2:00 AM and set your clocks back an hour.
- 7 Deadline Emerging Lions Leadership (ELLI) Application, January 21-23 in Chicago
- 11 Veteran's Day Thank a Vet!
- 11-13 Lions Leadership Training, Higgins Lake
- 11-14 Faculty Development Institute, Houston, Texas
- 12-14 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI), Houston Texas (Deadline was August 29th)
- 13 Special Olympics "Heart of a Lion" run (Jackson Eyeopeners)
- World Diabetes Day
- 15 Peace Posters due to District Governor
- 16 IRS 990's Due!
- 17 Bedford Lions/Lioness, Soup & Salad Dinner, at the Clubhouse, 5 7 pm
- 20 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 9 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation

DECEMBER - MAY THE SPIRIT BE UPON YOU!

- 2-3 Council of Governors, Lansing
- 4 Tekonsha Chrismas Walk and craft show, 10 3 pm, Parade at 1:00 pm
- 5 Penrickton Christmas Party, 6 pm, come meet the children & families
- 6 Jackson Eyeopeners Christmas party at the Country Club of Jackson
- 7 Hillsdale County Veterans Hall of Fame ceremony honoring Lion Nancy Ruder (North Adams)
- 14 VCL 60th Anniversary Celebration, Davis Banquet Hall, 7 pm. RSVP/Invitation ONLY
- Honorary Christmas Dinner, PDG's, Steak's Eatery, 6 pm
- VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 9 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation
- 18-24 Manchester Lions, Luminaria sales

JANUARY - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- Deadline Early Registration for the International Convention in Chicago (Save \$50)
- 15 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 9 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation

FEBRUARY - AMERICAN HEART MONTH

- 3-5 **WINTER CAMP** for the Blind, Dowling, MI Volunteers requested!
- 4 Blissfield Reverse Raffle
- North Adams Reverse Raffle
- 15 DEADLINE Lion/Lioness/Leo of the Year nominations
- 18 Lions Michigan Forum
- 19 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 9 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse, Donation

NOTE: The District 11-B1 Convention will be SATURDAY, <u>APRIL 1st, 2017</u> at Baker College (one day only)



CLUBS Doing What they Do!

The Adrian Breakfast Lions held their annual "Puttin' for Pups" miniature golf tournament to benefit Leader Dog and Paws for a Cause, raising \$800 through sponsorships. Approximately 20 county senior citizens enjoyed the golfing. They also donated \$200 to the 7/8 Middle School Thanksgiving Project which provides Thanksgiving meals to over 400 needy families.

The Adrian Evening Lions assisted seniors in painting their trailers.

The Albion Lions - will be sponsoring a family to have a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. The community school assists in selecting the family, and a Lions member meets with them to determine their needs and delivers the items before Thanksgiving. The Club will also be participating in the Albion Aglow Parade on November 29th.

The Ann Arbor Host Lions - completed yet another Charity Poker at the American Legion in Ypsilanti and conducted KidSight screenings in 8 locations, screening ~ 240 kids. Collected used eyeglasses to donate to MOST ministries for missions to the Amazon, providing groceries for Feast of Families for 5 families, working with Eversight to provide cornea transplants in Pakistan for thousands who have lost their sight due to a parasite.

The Battle Creek Cereal City Lions held a very successful Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on October 14th with 18 Lions and 4 helpers. They also had 5 members assist at the Boo Zoo at the Binder Park Zoo, performed Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, and sold placemats

The Bedford Area Lions continued their cherry juice sales, held a community open house on Halloween at their clubhouse, and will be hosting another Soup & Salad Dinner, at the clubhouse, on November 17th, form 5 to 7 pm.

The Chelsea Lions - will be installing American Flags for Veterans Day, and they have ordered thirty turkeys for Faith In Action for Thanksgiving dinners, as well as doing Christmas shopping for them. They are planning on candy cane collections in early December, and conducting KidSight screenings December 5 to 16. They donated \$1000 to Faith in Action in memory of Lion Paul Weber, and donated two cases of Lions mints to the VA for veterans.

The Clinton Lions donated \$100 to the Clinton food pantry, and \$150 to the 192 Ministries, and \$160 to sponsor a high school student at Science Camp. They held Candy days on October 8 & 9, and are supporting the Clinton Blood Drive, and supported the Tecumseh Lions for their Fall Frolic.

The Dexter Lions conducted SPOT KidSight screenings at the Morning Star and Jenkins Early Childhood daycare centers in Dexter, led by Dennis Berry and assisted by Bob Hoatlin, Terry Walters and Dick Dettling. They screened 94 children and adults, with only one referral.

The Inter-Lakes Lions did their annual Trunk or Treat with the Firehouse and campground. Their October meeting was the Soup Supper Meal and they had Lions from Hanover-Horton visiting.

The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions held are currently selling Christmas wreaths and garlands. Several members assisted in planting over 2200 daffodil bulbs at Cascade Park.

The Jackson Host Lions - President Marty distributed chevrons to members in recognition of their years of service - DuBois 40 years; Heikkinen 45 years; Oberst 55 years. Our lovely and talented tail twister reported it took 33 minutes to plant 2,200 daffy dills this year due to the muddy track conditions in spite of the sunny day provided by the courtesy of your local weather arranger. She also said a grant was submitted to provide funds to fertilize the 'daffy dills.' They are also having their Fruit'N'Nut sale fundraiser with delivery on December 3rd, and selling Younkers Coupon Books.

The Manchester Lions - held their Pumpkin Bowling on Halloween night in conjunction with the traditional caramel apples at the gazebo in Wurster Park. They also assisted the Munith Lions in their Halloween Parade, float judging and SPOT vision screening. The club earned the Member Satisfaction Award Banner Patch for 2015-2016.

The Michigan Center Lions light the Christmas tree on November 26th, have the District Governor visiting on December 8th, and pass out Christmas baskets on December 15th.

The Munith Lions held their annual Halloween parade on October 29th. The event included Halloween candy, apple cider and popcorn, and offer free vision screening with the SPOT camera. There was also a Girl Scout event at the park, a bounce house, and a cake walk.

The Napoleon Lions held their 49th Annual Pass, Punt & Kick contest at the Napoleon High School football field on September 20th. Children attempted to pass, punt and kick a football for the longest distance in their age group to win medals, and each received a shirt. The Napoleon Lions will be having a Stuff the Bus food drive on Nov. 5, 2016 held at the Brooklyn Country Market in Brooklyn, Michigan. The event will run from 9 am to 5 pm. On Nov. 22, 2016 the Napoleon Lions, along with the Brooklyn Country Market and the High School students of the Napoleon Community Schools, will put together and deliver Thanksgiving Baskets for local Napoleon Families. This event has been successful due to the generous help by the County Market and the Napoleon Students.

North Adams - The Hillsdale County Veterans Hall of Fame is December 7th and Lion Nancy Ruder will be honored when she receives the Military Spouse of the Year. PDG Glen served from August 1956 to 1962. The club will also be holding their annual reverse raffle on February 11th at 6 pm. Contact PDG Glen Ruder for tickets.

North Jackson Lions did Trunk or Treat at the Northwest Elementary school, and will be conducting SPOT camera vision screenings at the Northwest Schools on November 8 & 9th. Once again they are selling raffle tickets for a number of great prizes.

The Parma-Spring Arbor Lions - hosted the Fall Conference and Parade of Checks at the Sandstone Congregational Church. The Lions took care of the administrative portion of the event and prepared a delicious lunch in their usual exceptional style. They continue to work on their community birthday calendar, and will be doing Christmas baskets in December.

The Pittsford Area Lions held their Halloween cider and donut event, and are currently conducting their cheese sales. They also donated \$200 towards a Diabetic Camp scholarship.

The Saline Lions conducted their annual cider sales with the Saline High School SADD members, raising \$1162 which was shared with them. They also had their ice cream sales at the closing of the Rentchler Farm for the season. They are preparing for their donation of Thanksgiving baskets and the Christmas Parade raffle sales.

The Tekonsha Lions donated 300 pairs of glasses to an African eye mission. Individual Lions participated in community cultural and sports events, facility improvements, assistance in schools, food banks, clothes collection, eyeglass collection, Lions mints restocking, a blood drive, helped with guide dogs, recycled, and donated to scholarships.

The Vandercook Lake Lions This month we added three new members to our roster! We also officially inducted Lion Scott Leach (who joined in late July), the new Superintendent of VCL Schools. Please join me in welcoming Lion Pam Zelmanski, who had the unique opportunity to be inducted into LCI by Lion Scott Leach w/sponsor Lion Jim Sexton IP Bob Corlew during his visit at Baker College. Lion Pam is the sister of our Club Secretary, Lion Storm Lairson! Also welcome new members Katie Hill and Jonathon 'JD' Hill (of the DG Dave Hill clan)! Our ranks have swelled to 67 now!

YOUR CLUB HERE!

Send your club doings to PDG Barry

District 11-B1 LEO ACTIVITIES

We welcome all the Leo Clubs in the District and know that November and December are busy months for our Leo Clubs Thank you to all the clubs who donated to the Leos Account at the Parade of Checks. There were seven Clubs who received a Banner Patch for their donation: Dexter Lions, Hanover-Horton Lions, Munith Lions, Jackson Eyeopeners, Napoleon Lions, Saline Lions and Manchester Lions.

The MD-11 Leo Committee is working on two big activities to support our Leo Clubs. The first Is a Leo State Conference for all Leos to be held at Bear Lake Camp in April or May. The committee is presently surveying all Leo clubs to determine the exact date.

The second activity is a trip for all Leos to the International Convention in Chicago in June and July of 2017. Presently there are 9 Lions, 2 Leo Advisors, and 7 Leos signed up for the trip. There needs to be a total of 30 participants on the trip by November 30, 2016 in order for the trip to move forward. The committee could use your help in supporting this trip. Please see what you can do to get more Leos and Lions signed up for this trip. Thank you to all who have been willing to support the Leo trip by contributing money toward Leos expenses. Thank you to Lion Diane Schweda for her donation.

We also need to have more Lions Clubs willing to sponsor a Leo Club in your community. Please contact your District Leo Committee chair to help you get started with chartering a new Leo Club!

LEOS ARE OUR FUTURE!

North Jackson Lions Club Raffle

Be sure to pick up your Raffle . We will be selling up to 1500 tickets starting now and the drawing will be held February 1, 2017 at Beck's Flow Shop & Gar-

dens at 7:00 pm



ADRIAN EVENING LIONS

The Adrian Evening Lions Club participated in a service project helping the homeowners in the Southgate Mobile Home community paint their homes. Anna Warner, owner, provided paint and all the necessary



tools to complete the project. Long time resident Jackie Cavazos helped to organize the project. Approximately 15

homes were completed. A big thanks to Anna and Jackie for allowing us to serve!

Pictured L to R: Jackie Cavazos, Lion Kim Clark, Lion Bill Suydam, Lion Wanda Suydam, Anna Warner (ladder).

The Battle Creek Host Lions Club finished their annual 'Lion's Extra' newspaper sale, it was hard



work this year as people were hanging onto their wallets.

Battle Creek Host worked the seasons second golf meet for the blind at the Veterans Administration. This is the job for Bob and Janet Damon who organize it, purchase the food and set things up, Lions David Burlingame and Betty Robins serve lunch after the game.

Host club collected and turned in 153 pair of eyeglasses this month including a donation of 121 pair from the Seventh Day Adventist Tabernacle.

Back Row, L to R,. Bob Damon, Rick Lalty, David Burlingame, Gilbert Sanchez & Janet Damon Front Row, L to R.. Betty Robins, and volunteer Martha.

GREAT DAFFODILS! Several **Vandercook Lake Lions** helped a group of nearly 40 people (and a stuffed lion and a pumpkin) bury 2200 daffodil bulbs in the ground at Sharp Park – the NE corner of S. Brown

and Randolph. A nice article and slide show is available for viewing online:

http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2016/10/volunteers help jackson county 1.html

~ Johnny Carson...
If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead.



The Tecumseh Lions geared up for their Fall Frolic...which turned out to be a rousing success. An excellent dinner was provided by the American Legion, as well as all the popcorn you could possibly eat and free beverages, wine and beer. The ticket puller was Lion Doug Spade once again, and an independent committee

determined he wasn't looking at the numbers, and if his Leader Dog was, he couldn't say anyway. Grand winner was Marion Timmerman who took home

Appleumpkin Days was held the weekend of October 8/9 with the Sight Mobile, SPOT vision screening and Pumpkin Bowling. Greg Brindamour coordinated the Pumpkin Bowling with assistance of several High School band members. Families were lined up to take part and take a chance to win the huge Unicorn. The Sight Mobile was manned by PDG Barry Allen, assisted by Lion Laura VanSickle of the Adrian Breakfast Lions, and Tecumseh Lions Vickie Philo and Henry Timmerman and Moxie (who wowed the crowd).



DEXTER LIONS



Dexter Lions Club president Dennis Berry presented Paul McCann, director of Dexter district library, with a check for \$1,000. The donation will help fund resources for the vision impaired. The Dexter Lions just completed SPOT vision screenings at the Morning Star and Perkins Early Childhood Day -Care centers, screening 95 children under the age of five.

MUNITH LIONS



Munith Lions held their annual Halloween Parade on October 29th, providing bags of candy & popcorn, apple cider and donuts to the attendees, and FREE vision screening with the SPOT camera. The Grand Marshall of the parade was DG Dave Hill, and the winning float went to the Alice in Wonderland themed attraction who went all out with Down the Rabbit Hole. Judges were PDG's Peggy & Barry Allen. They screened 56 children and adults while waiting in line for their refreshments, with two referrals.

JACKSON EYEOPENERS Assisted in the planting of 2200 daffodil bulbs at Cascade Park. This was noted in last month's newsletter, but the picture was too cute to not run again. http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2016/10/volunteers help jackson county 1.html

ELEVEN club members were on hand to meet with Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew and 1st Lady Dianne when they stopped at Baker College on September 30th. Lion Art Winter of the Hanover-Horton Lions couldn't resist getting into the picture.



The club also donated warm clothing to the McCullough School.





A cop pulls a guy over for weaving across two lanes of traffic. He walks up to the driver's window and asks, "You drinkin'?"

The driver said, "Well that depends - You buyin'?"

Vandercook Lake Lions 'Cash-O-Rama' Sets New Records for Profits & Fun!

The VCL Lions top fundraiser—their annual 'Cash-O-Rama' - packed the house at the Davis Banquet & Convention Center in Jackson on Saturday, October 15th. Each year the 198 tickets go fast, and an estimated crowd of 325 rolls in the door for a fabulous feast, drinks and merriment, and some serious gaming action. Events like Bingo, three 50/50's, Second Chance, Last Chance, Last Lion Out and the "Money Board" have become staples that add more excitement to the already dramatic roll-down. This year the club added a new 52 -Card draw—held during breaks—to make it even more interesting. When

the dust settled, the VCL Lions had raised over \$8700 to set a new record!







Phyllis & Lion Erv Handloser Selling Insurance!

50/50 Lions Keith Blackmere, Mike Henry

Lions MC Corky Bouldrey & Shirley Stimer

Marshall Lions Hold Pancake Brunch, Get Big Turn-Out!

On Sunday, October 2nd, the Marshall Lions held their annual Pancake Brunch at the B.E. Henry Community Bldg in Marshall. The Club, assisted by Cadets from the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, enjoyed a big turn-out and put out a fabulous meal with table service to boot. They raise a good deal of revenue at this event by selling advertising space on the many colored placemats that adorn the tables. Great job, Marshall Lions!



DG Dave & Lion Nancy Hill

Greeted by a smiling Lion!

Good gosh! A gaggle of Governors!

Lions show how 'To Serve!!

VCL Lions: Just a Grillin' and a Chillin' at the Annual Trunk-or-Treat!

Once again the Vandercook Lake Lions Club broke out there super-size grill and cooked up over 1300 hotdogs to feed the multitudes at the annual Trunk-or-Treat held by the Jackson Free Methodist Church on October 31. An estimated crowd of 1800 turned out to enjoy the (slightly chilly) outdoor event with dozens



The hotdog assembly line in full gear!

Hundreds of patrons workin' the 'trunks' for treats!

VCL Lions Jeff Vincent & John Wheaton

MARSHALL LIONS DG Dave Hill was on hand to pre-

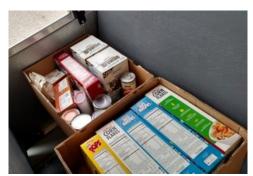


CLINTON LIONS

Presented the winner of their Pumpkin Bowling at the Clinton Fall Festival with his huge stuffed Unicorn. Mathew sits atop his grand prize.



MARSHALL LIONS





Held their annual Stuff the Bus project. They collected **1480 pounds** of food along with coats and cash. This is all donated to MACS of Marshall that provides food and necessities to those in need.



left are Lion Bruce Bidleman, Bobby Stanley, Lions Carlton Stanley, Sherrie Jones and Chair Jerry Jones.

Below: Lions Lowell Maxson, Barb Baggerly, Suzanne Maxson and Don Weberling



NAPOLEON LIONS had their annual Punt, Pass and Kick contests. Several groups of kids participated, including the group shown here. The Napoleon Lions also screened kids at the Columbia Firestation in Brooklyn on Halloween night. Screening 18 kids with one referral.



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

CONTACT

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JSaxton8602@gmail.com

BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY Lions October 14th Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Young Reader Program Was A Success Thanks to: Bob Ward,

Sandy Determann, the Ratti's and all the Lions who participated, whether selling ads and tickets, helping in the kitchen and serving, or just coming to eat and support the cause!!

Eighteen Lions and four helpers put on this successful event.







Ron Marlatt, Dorothy Bosse

and Jim Baum are several members also assisted with the **ZOO** BOO at the Binder Park Zoo on October 20 & 27.

BLISSFIELD LIONS Alex Roberts is pictured with her winning entry for the Lions Club International

Peace Poster Contest. Her entry will be submitted by the Blissfield Area Lions Club for judging at the District level. The district winner will compete at state level, with the final United States winner competing internationally in December.



MANCHESTER LIONS

held their annual Pumpkin Bowling in conjunction with the legacy Caramel Apple event at the gazebo in Manchester. Winner of the huge stuffed giraffe was Onyx, so mom Sarah grabbed it.



Contests and Awards

Governor's Club Award of Merit was presented by IPDG Peggy. Pictured are Don Rose



(Napoleon), Delores Mohon
(North Jackson), Tom Hutton
(Jackson Eyeopeners), Bruce
Bates (Manchester), John Krienke
(Ann Arbor Host), Stan Masters
(Blissfield), and Marti Willard
(Jackson Host). Others included
Albion, Hillsdale, and Tekonsha.

Twenty Eight Lions earned the Governor's Personal Award of Merit.







PDG Barry Allen taking a selfie of the awardees.





YOUTH EXCHANGE 2015-2016 Rocker Patches were

earned by the following clubs and presented at the Fall

Conference:

North Adams Adrian Breakfast Ann Arbor Host

Blissfield Chelsea Dexter

Grass Lake Hanover-Horton Inter-Lakes

Manchester Munith Napoleon

Homer Jackson Host Huron Valley

Vandercook Lake Battle Creek CC

PDG Barry Allen, the District Global Leadership Team coordinator received the **Leadership Development** Certificate of Merit from Lions Clubs International for the second year in a row.

This month's highlighted project RADIO READING SERVICE



WKAR Radio Reading Service is a 24/7 free reading service to individuals who cannot access traditional reading materials due to visual, physical or cognitive conditions.

WKAR loans qualified listeners a special portable radio free of charge. The pre-tuned radio includes the Radio

Reading Service signal and 90.5 WKAR. You can listen within a 60-

mile radius of WKAR's Okemos/Meridian Township broadcasting tower or on your computer at WKAR.org through a variety of streaming applications.

Participants must meet at least one of these qualifications:

• Trouble reading or using printed materials as a result of a visual, physical or cognitive condition Macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa or dyslexia

CONTENT INCLUDES:

- Three Michigan and two national newspapers
- Local, state, national and international news and features
- Weather forecasts and alerts
- Best-selling novels
- Grocery and department store ads
- Community calendar events

And more!

HOW IS RADIO READING SERVICE FUNDED?

It costs WKAR approximately \$120 per RRS listener each year to provide this service. Radio Reading Service is funded by individual contributions and support from community organizations such as the Lions Clubs. http://wkar.org/radio-reading-service#stream/0





Club Anniversaries

November

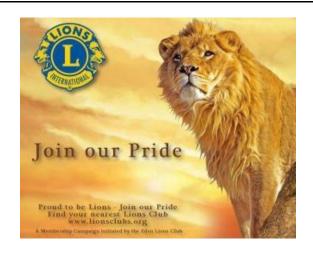
1	Jackson Cascades Lions	50 yrs
9	Manchester Lions	9 yrs
15	Hillsdale Lions	67 yrs
16	Tecumseh Lions	6 yrs
22	Concord Lions	75 yrs

December

16	Blissfield Area Lions	31 yrs
17	Munith Lions	63 yrs

January

9	WISD Leos	3 yrs
18	Tekonsha Lions	73 yrs
21	Napoleon Leos	10 vrs



CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE BY THE NUMBERS WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION



112,393,776









26,854 clubs





Sharing the Vision 17,634,197



21.032 clubs



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	+ 19.35%
Clinton	+ 8.70%
Ann Arbor Host	+ 8.51 %
Vandercook Lake	+ 6.35%
Parma-Spring Arbor	+ 4.76%
Jackson Host	+ 4.17%
Michigan Center	+ 3.08%



2017

Lions of Michigan

District 11-B1

WINTER

CAMP

for the BLIND

February

3, 4, 5



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Education Center,

10160 M-37

Dowling, Mi

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



2017 MD-11 LEO TRIP INTERNATIONAL LIONS CLUB CONVENTION Chicago, Illinois – June 30, July 1st & 2nd, 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, Shedds 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.

WE must have a minimum total of 30 participants in order for this trip to be a go! The 30 would be a combination of Leos and adults.

ANY Questions? – Contact PDG Terry Walters, MD-11 Leo Chair at 734-426-4983 or <u>twalters02@comcast.net</u>

See the impact of Eversight Michigan in 2015

1,868



Donors gave the gift of sight



Recipients received a sight-restoring transplant



Donors gave the gift of hope by donating to vision research and education

program

Patients received transplants with aid

from our Gift of Sight



In the violent trench warfare of World War 1. only one flower survived and thrived on the graves of those who gave their lives in service to their country. the red poppy. Since that time

we have remembered those men by wearing a poppy, and on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, observed a 2 minute silence over the whole of England.

Armistice Day, or Veteran's Day as we know it.

Please remember all those whose service and sacrifice makes us free on November 11th. Thank a Vet.

Lions of Michigan Foundation



Project KidSight







Did you know that since its founding in 1968, our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has given out more than **US\$950 million** in grants? That is an incredible amount of money. What is even more incredible is that we have improved the lives of hundreds of millions of people throughout the world.

We could not have done that without you! Did you also know that LCIF relies entirely upon donations from Lions and friends? Yet, only six percent of Lions make an individual donation to LCIF each year. You read that correctly: only six percent of Lions give an individual gift to LCIF. To those who have already made a donation this year, thank you.

If every Lion gave only US\$100 this year, we could raise US\$140 million. A single US\$100 donation can provide measles vaccinations for 100 children, a week's worth of food for a family after a disaster, life skills training for a classroom of students through Lions Quest, or a loan to an entrepreneur whose business will support an entire family. That donation can, in fact, change someone's life.

For clubs who donate as little as US\$50 per member, LCIF will award special Club Giving Banner Patches. Please encourage every member of your club to support LCIF this year. Help us to help those who need us most.

* 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

Lions Leadership Institute (Higgins Lake) http://lionsofmi.com/calendar-of-eventshttpscalendar-google-comcalendar-endermain 7/2014-leadership-institute/

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/

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.

Original images courtesy of U.S. Mint.

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

Melvin Jones



OUR FOUNDATION

The sixth in our series of centennial videos, Lions and LCIF -- Humanitarian Service Around the World. Your donations at work! Click on the following link to learn more:

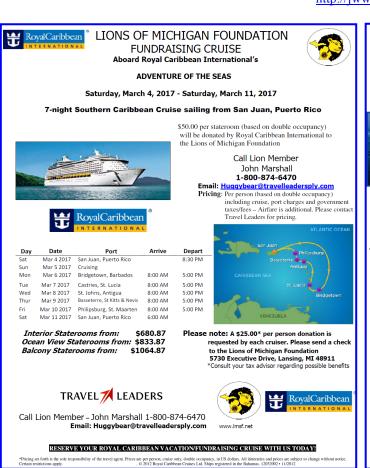
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/centennial.php?
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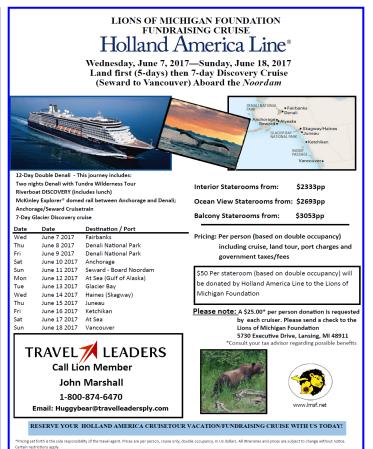


I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

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

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





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



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

Pfizes:				
Draw #1		Free Ticket		
Draw #25, 50, 75 & 100	A	\$100.00@		
Draw # 125		\$125.00		
Draw #150	10:3k \\	\$150.00		
Draw #175		\$175.00		
Draw #200		\$200.00		
Draw #225	- A	\$225.00		
Draw #250		\$250.00		
Draw #271		\$300.00		
Draw #272	*	\$400.00		
Draw #273	77	\$500.00		
Draw #274	4	\$600.00		

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

Draw #275\$8,000.00



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







2nd Annual Heart of a Lion Run

Sunday November 13, 2016 9AM – 5K Run/Walk 10AM – SOMI Athletes/Kids Fun Run

Ella Sharp Park, Jackson, MI Registration Form • Please Print Clearly • Separate Form Needed For Each Participant

First Name: Last Name	e:	Age (Day of Race):				
Address:	City:	State: Zip:				
Email	Phone ()					
SAFECT MACE/DIVINIEN	Entry Fee 5K Run/Walk \$20 Hefore 11/10/16 \$25 Race Day *50MI Athletes are free oduse Encyards midnight \$7.54.5	Shirt Sizes LAUTES Small Medium Large XL MFNS Small Medium Large XL				
Additional Constitutions						
Participant's Signature Date	Parent's Signature (if unde	er 18 years old) Date				
On-Line Registration:https://runsignup.com/Race/Mi/Jackson/HeartofaLion MAIL TO / PAYABLE TO: Special Olympics Michigan Area 19 3010 Wildwood Ave. Suite 6 Jackson, Mi 49202 Early race pickup Saturday, 11/12/2016, 3pm-6pm at SOMI Office and Race Day 7am - 8:45am Contact: Amy Gingras at 517-768-1439/517-262-1445/agingra901@comcast.net Mark Umlauf at 313-220-1379/umlaufmarke/wahoo.com						

\$1000 of the donations to the Jackson Eyeopeners in memory of Chuck Neese was sent to Special Olympics. The 2nd Annual **Heart of a Lion** Run on November 13 is in Ella Sharp Park. The registration fee is \$25 and you'll get a T-shirt that will recognize the Eyeopeners "In Memory of Chuck Neese". The money will be able to pay for their swimming or basketball program. If you don't want to run or walk, you can still register and come down and get your Tshirt. All donations are greatly appreciated.

SOMI Office - Deb Slone 517-748-7870

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

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

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

NOTE ON PHOTOS: If you send photos, please provide names of those in the photo using the L-R (by row if necessary) convention. A little background story on the photo is great, too. Think about 4-5 sentences is perfect but more is merrier. We prefer you send them by e-mail so we can cut & paste. Please use **Times New Roman 12** with no spacing if possible.

REMEMBER: What you are going to do (upcoming events) are just as important as what you did! The Newsletter is a great way to get your events publicized! Be sure to put them on page 2 of your M&A! (toss in the who, what, when and where - ok?).

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