



District 11-B1 Newsletter MARCH 2018



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Lions of District 11-B1

2018 Winter Camp for the Blind



Michigan Youth Challenge Academy CADETS provided invaluable assistance to the blind campers at the annual Winter Camp. Below, Tyrone is joined by Bert and Bea Furman (Jackson Host Lions) in providing entertainment on Friday and Saturday night. Harriet Spriggs assists a blind camper to the awaiting bus.



From the Governor

Hello Lion, Lioness, and Leos,

Our District Convention is just around the corner. It is on Saturday, April 7th at Washtenaw Community Colleges' Morris Laurence Building. Washtenaw Community College is not that far from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

All Lions, Lioness and Leos Clubs should have received their registration materials for the Convention. If your club has not received your convention registration materials or need another copy please contact IPDG Dave Hill at coldhill@gmail.com

The Convention Committee has been working very hard to pull everything together. The menus have been planned, music arranged, speakers have confirmed, and breakout sessions are set. We have lots of wonderful raffle prizes and an interesting business meeting.

1st VDG Roger Spriggs is moving up to District Governor. 2nd VDG Mike Scott is moving up to 1st VDG. We are still in need of a 2nd VDG.

Candidates for District Second Vice District Governor should meet the following qualifications:

Be member of a Lions Club in good standing in his or her district

Have served a full term or the majority of a term as: Club President.

Served two years on the Club Board of Directors

Serve as a member of the District Cabinet for at least one term or the majority of a term as one of the following :
Zone or Region Chairperson, Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer.

(None of the above being accomplished concurrently)

A completed Club Endorsement Form which have been sent to all Club Presidents and Club Secretaries.

All Completed Endorsement forms need to be sent to the district Governor at luanneb@comcast.net and to Nominating Chair PDG Clem Ruiz at mrclm41@sbcglobal by March 7th, 2018

If the district Governor and the Nomination Chair do not receive the Endorsement form from a qualified candidate by the March 7th deadline then LCI's Constitution and Bylaws Section 3.9

: If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be

allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Best

DG LuAnne Bullington

FUBAR



From the desk of the First Vice District Governor



Some of you may know that Harriet and I are advocates for a service organization called **ReMember**, which serves the **Oglala Lakota** people of South Dakota. To the Lakota the circle is a sacred object so the medicine wheel is a circle divided into four segments and four colors. Each segment faces a compass point and represents several elements one of which is a character value. These are values we should try to live up to as Lions.

Black represents
GENEROSITY

Generosity is held in great esteem by native Americans and is recognized as a keynote value in Lions, we generously give of our time and treasure to help those less fortunate than ourselves and in return we receive great camaraderie with fellow lions and a great sense of belonging.

Red represents
FORTITUDE

In Lakota culture fortitude is attributed to the ancestors who fought to keep their lands and culture. As lions we see fortitude in everything we do, we don't give up, we don't look for the easy way out, we press forward, we grow our clubs and serve our communities.

Yellow represents
RESPECT

In traditional times a warrior's accomplishments were looked at for him to gain respect. Lions should strive to show respect for all of their fellow lions and those we serve. Remember that many lions serve faithfully in our clubs without formal recognition, they also deserve the respect of us all.

White represents
WISDOM

In Lakota culture wisdom is represented by the elders, those who have lived long lives and learned many lessons. Lions show wisdom in the way we conduct ourselves, we strive to stretch our resources, be they financial or physical effort to have the most impact and allow us to serve the most people with what we have.

These four values broadly represent Lions today, I bet that many you did not know that these same traits were valued and upheld by the Native American people for thousands of years and that that they are as relevant today as they always were. Before you do anything spend a moment to consider these values and become great Lions.

I thank you for everything you do,

1VDG, Lion Roger



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Our Future: Leos and Young Lions

In June, 26 Leos and young Lions will serve as facilitators at District Governors-Elect (DGE) Seminar. This prestigious opportunity is the first time Leos and young Lions will participate and host a session at DGE Seminar.

The session, titled “Our Future: Leos and Young Lions,” will discuss inter-generational relationships in the organization and encourage Lion leaders to discover how young people can act as **partners** in their clubs. Each selected young person will be matched to a distinguished DGE Seminar Group Leader to prepare to facilitate the session over the next few months. Leos and young Lions bring a fresh perspective to clubs with new ideas and innovation that can challenge and advance our service goals. By understanding the importance and worth of young people, the District Governors-Elect can mentor the clubs in their district and move Lions towards the future.

Goals and Objectives - Conversations About Mental Health

Overview: Mental health issues in our communities—particularly for our youth—are complex and challenging; but, by coming together and increasing our understanding and raising awareness, we can make a difference. Mental Health Awareness is designed to help individuals and organizations who want to organize community conversations achieve three potential objectives:

1. Get others talking about mental health to break down misperceptions and promote recovery and healthy communities.
2. Find innovative community-based solutions to mental health needs, with a focus on helping young people.
3. Develop clear steps for communities to address their mental health needs in a way that complements existing local activities.

This important topic was recommended to be explored by the District Cabinet. I would appreciate the opportunity to include you on this information discussion. Please email at the address below if you would like to discuss this further.

Catching Up with SMiLE

SMiLE (Social Media Including Lions Everywhere) is a group of Lions from around the world dedicated to helping all Lions make an even greater impact through social media.



Questions? contact me at ms@michaelwscottjr.com



Winter Camp is almost here! February 2 - 4, 2018



DISTRICT 11-B1 ESPECIALLY THANKS ZC **ROGER BOSSE** FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION IT TAKES TO ORGANIZE THE WINTER CAMP.

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER GREAT CAMP!

Thanks to Winter Camp Volunteers

Winter Camp 2018 is in the books. I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Lions and Volunteers of District 11B-1 that made this years camp a great success. Barry and Peggy Allen from Manchester Lions; Gary Babcock, Don and Jean Rose from the Napoleon Lions; Ron Kohmescher (Clinton Lions) and Bob Abraham (Lion for a Weekend); Mike Head from Dexter Lions; Art Turner from the Munith Lions, Bea and Bert Furman from Jackson Host; John Koerner and the breakfast crew from the Pennfield Lions, Ron Keagle, Mike Struwin, and the Bingo Crew from the Bedford Lions and Bedford Elsa Lioness; Denise Griffin and assistants form the Michigan Center Lioness; Teresa Gest, 1VDG Roger Spriggs, Jerry Mackey, Pat Stiff, and the Transportation crew and Lions for a Day from the Cereal City Lions; Diane Klecker and Becky Jackson from the Host Lions; the Jackson Eye-Openers for collecting bingo prizes, and Jack Brewer from the Muskegon Lions.

Lion Roger

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Roger Bosse presented Winter Camp in multiple venues to provide support for the camp. Teresa Gest and Becky Jackson provided white cane repair/replacement. There was a big crowd for the Saturday night TALENT show, which included a cadence performance by our MYCA cadets.



HAILS and FAREWELLS:

WELCOME ABOARD!

NEW MEMBER

Tony Giusca
Josh Heisler

CLUB

Dexter
Marshall

SPONSOR

Michael Scott
Duane Moe

GONE, BUT IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER

Ruby Marie Randall Fritts

Ann Arbor Evening

February 16, 2018

<http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/annarbor/obituary.aspx?n=ruby-marie-randall-fritts&pid=188262151&>

WHEN A LION DIES

If your club has a death of a Lions member, spouse, or previous Lion, please inform the WALD Committee as soon as possible. We will ensure the district gets the news, as well as an Obit when available, and prepare the WALD certificate for presentation to the family.

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YOUTH EXCHANGE

Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange
Host Families Needed!

From the following Countries:

Brazil 2 females

France 1 male

Greece 1 Female on hold.

Germany 2 females

Italy 1 female

Mexico 2 males

These kids need to be placed in homes in Michigan
Please let me know ASAP if you are willing to Host
one or two of these kids this summer.

Peggy Allen, District B1 Chair

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CONGRATULA-

TIONS to Zone

Chair Roger

Bosse.

The Region 3

Zone Meeting,

held at Turkey-

ville on February

3rd was attended

by **45 Lions**

which represented

most of the clubs

in Region 3,

Zones 1 and 2, AND included three brand new Lions

(to be) from the newly formed Branch Area Lions

Club.





LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LAS VEGAS 2018

Are you looking for a roommate to share the cost of Convention accommodation in Las Vegas NV?

Send me your name and e-mail contact and I will send you information on other lions looking to save some money in 2018.

It will be up to you to make contact and agree on your financial arrangements. There is no obligation on myself or District MD11-B1

1VDG Roger Spriggs, GBRoger@aol.com



DONATE LIFE DAY 2018

Mark your calendars and line up your buddies for
Donate Life Day—Wednesday, April 11, 2018!

Eversight, Gift of Life Michigan and Lions and Lioness Clubs will join Secretary of State branch offices across the state to promote donation and encourage patrons to join the Donor Registry. Volunteer “buddies” will provide information to customers about becoming a registered eye, organ and tissue donor. Join us for this great cause!

Because of Lions and Lioness like you, 1,364 people joined the Donor Registry on Donate Life Day 2017. Let’s make 2018 another memorable year—become a volunteer and encourage others to give the gifts of sight, life and mobility!

After submitting the registration form, more detailed information regarding your local branch office’s participation in the Secretary of State Donate Life Day will be mailed to you in March.

Visit eversightvision.org to learn more about the impact of donation.

Club Anniversaries

March

28	Adrian Evening	1950	29	Chelsea	1977
29	Dexter	1979	19	Michigan Center	1957
17	NW Leos	2016			

April

20	Albion	2007	11	Ann Arbor Evening	1961
29	Ann Arbor Host	1929	28	Battle Creek Host	1924
6	Bedford Area	1967	01	Cllinton	2010
11	Dexter Leos	2010	19	Grass Lake Leos	2009
3	Jonesville	1935	3	North Adams	1974
3	North Jackson	1956	24	Pittsford Area	1974

May

14	Huron Valley Sunrise	1981	7	Jackson Host	1921
22	Pennfield	1953	16	Saline	1975

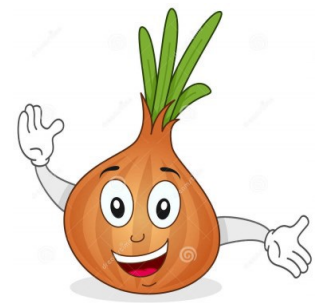
District and Club Dates to Remember

MARCH - NATIONAL EYE DONOR MONTH

- 3 Manchester Lions/Kiwanis, Crazy Ca\$h Reverse Raffle, 6 pm
- 3 Michigan Center Lions - Draw Down
- 10 Adrian Breakfast, SPOT screening, Adrian Mall, 10-2 pm
- 10 Adrian Evening, Potato & Salad Bar Dinner, First United Methodist Church, 4 - 7 pm
- 11 *Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward*
- 13 Napoleon Lions - Pinewood Derby
- 15 Bedford Lions/Lioness - Soup & Salad Dinner, Bedford Clubhouse, 5 - 7 pm (LAST ONE)
- 17 Tecumseh Lions - SPOT
- 18 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse
- 22 Albion Lions - Chili Dinner, United Methodist Church, 5:30-7 pm, \$7
- 24 Michigan Center Lioness - Easter Egg Hunt
- 31 Clarklake Lions, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, at the Clubhouse

APRIL - FAMILY & FRIENDS MONTH & LEO CLUB AWARENESS MONTH

- 7 District Convention, Washtenaw Community College
- 12 Homer Lions - celebrating their **75th** Anniversary,
- 13 Napoleon - SPOT
- 14 Ann Arbor - See, Test & Treat - St Joseph Hospital
- 15 **Club Elections Report to MyLCI due**
- 15 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse
- 17-19 North Jackson, SPOT
- 21 Adrian Breakfast Lions, **Radio Auction**, WQTE 95.3 FM, 8:30 - 4 pm
- 26 **Spring Leadership Forum**, VCL HS, 5:30 pm
- 27 - May 5 WHITE CANE WEEK(s)
- 28 WIHI Leo Club Charter Luncheon, Noon to 2 pm, at the HS.
- 28 Clarklake Lions, Cash Bash



MAY - VISION MONTH & LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

- 5 Lions of Michigan Foundation, Board Meeting, Lansing, 10 am
- 12 Bear Lake Camp, Spring Cleanup
- 13 Napoleon Lions, Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, Clubhouse, 7 - 11 am
- 17-19 MD-11 State Convention, Grand Blanc
- 18-19 Council of Governors, Grand Blanc
- 18 Penrickton Center, "Welcome to Spring" picnic, 4 - 6 pm, food, games, tours
- 20 VCL Lions Pancake Breakfast, 8 - 11:30 am, VCL Clubhouse
- 28 Memorial Day Parade, in a town near you.

NOTICE: The newly formed **WIHI Leo Club** will hold their Charter Luncheon on Saturday , April 28, 2018 from Noon - 2:00 p.m. at the WIHI High School in Ypsilanti. It would be great if we can have all Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs represented at this event! More information to follow. Save this date and plan on attending to welcome our new Leo Club.

CLUBS Doing What they Do!

Adrian Breakfast Lions are planning a KidSight SPOT screening at the Adrian Mall on Saturday, March 10th, from 10 to 2 pm.

Adrian Evening supported an individual to get hearing aids. They will be having their annual Potato Dinner on March 10th. See the flyer.

Albion Lions are cosponsoring a Chili Dinner at the United Methodist Church on March 22nd, 5:30 - 7 pm. Only \$7 at the door for your choice of mild, medium or **HOT** chili, including salad, cornbread and a beverage.

Ann Arbor Host Lions hosted a Euchre Party fundraiser, raising \$270. The WISD Leo's provided handmade mittens and scarves as Valentine gifts for young people living at the Alpha House Shelter for Homeless families.

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions supported the Winter Camp for the Blind the first weekend in February with 14 Lions assisting. Members also volunteered at the Red Cross, Ft Custer Color Guard, Congregational Church, Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Food Pantry, 4th Sunday Supper and SPOT vision screening.

Bedford Area Lions will have their last Soup & Salad Dinner fundraiser, 3rd Thursday at the Clubhouse, in March. The club supported an individual to get hearing aids, and the Lions and Lioness provided BINGO at the Winter Camp for the Blind.

Blissfield Lions had an impromptu visit from CC Peggy & CCE Barry Allen who presented the club with their CEP Banner Patch for completing the CEP. Members will be visiting the Penrickton Center for Blind Children on March 7th, and held their reverse raffle.

Chelsea Lions donated towards support for their community and the Purple Rose Theater. They will be working on the Chelsea EXPO on April 14th.

Clarklake Lions bought two pair of glasses for individuals. They will be holding their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the club grounds on Saturday, March 31st, and their Cash Bash on April 28th.

Clinton Lions continued their support 192 Ministries who prepare meals for children in the Clinton schools, donated to the local food pantry, and to the Penrickton Center. They have collected over \$450 in their 'Miles of Pennies' program. They provided a \$500 scholarship to Melinda Lazer.

Dexter Lions have added yet another new member, Tony Giusca, who's sponsor is Michael Scott. They staffed high school basketball games and did KidSight screenings with the SPOT camera.

Jackson Eyeopeners Lions donated paper products to the Bennet Elementary School. They've collected Bingo prizes for the Winter Camp for the Blind, and assisted in providing glasses and hearing aids to local residents.

Jackson Host Lions coordinated a joint effort with the Lions of Michigan Foundation and Ridgecrest Assisted Living to establish a Donor Advised Fund to help pay the fitting fees for hearing aids. The club kicked off it's annual Vidalia Onion sales fundraiser.

Manchester Lions are preparing for another Charity Poker event and continue their support of the schools by taking tickets at the Girls Basketball games. They assisted the Kiwanis Club with their Crazy Ca\$h reverse raffle in March.

Michigan Center Lions will be doing their draw down on March 3rd, and the **Lioness** have their Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th.

Munith Lions continue to support the Stockbridge Lion BINGO.

Napoleon Lions held their Pinewood Derbys on February 17th and will do so again on March 13th.

North Jackson Lions are supporting an eyeglass mission, raised \$584 in candy mint sales, and netted \$2939 in their Raffle. The donated towards the NWHs Special Needs Prom.

North Adams Lions held their reverse raffle in February (delayed due to the snow storm) at the Hillsdale County Conservation Club. Doors opened at 5:00 pm, tickets are \$100 per person for a grand prize of \$8000.

Parma-Spring Arbor Lions completed their Community Birthday Calendar and collected eyeglasses. They do not meet again until after March.

Pennfield Lions Coloring Book sale raised over \$1600 we sold 600 books this year at 4 different Battle Creek restaurants and donated all the proceeds to the Northeast Food Pantry.

Tekonsha Lions For White Cane the club is purchasing 500 Lions place mats to be given to two local restaurants. Their April meeting will be planning for their Birthday Calendar fundraiser.



YOUR CLUB HERE!

Send your club doings to PDG Barry

North Jackson Raffle Drawing



Lion Phil Sczykutowicz was at it again at our board meeting at Vista Grande Villa.

He came in late and bought the last 60/40 ticket from Lion Gary. He took one look at the numbers and declared that he was going to win. Lucky Phil did it again. His ticket was drawn!!!

Here are the other winners of the North Jackson Lions Club Raffle:

- Ginny Kayser - Kohl's \$200
- Candy Owens - Target \$150
- Kim Coffey - \$150 Polly's
- Tom Babcock - \$125 Rives Meat Market
- Noah Radecki - \$125 Northwest Meat Market
- Angie Socrow - \$100 Meijer
- Tom Sauser - \$100 Klavon's
- Bob Griggs - \$50 Klavon's
- Colleen Frinkle - \$50 Klavon's
- Kim Coffey - \$50 Beck's

DISTRICT 11-B1 LEO COMMITTEE REPORT

February 23, 2018 submitted by Terry Walters, Leo Chair



District 11-B1 should be proud of the Leo Clubs that we have in the District. We presently have 6 Leo clubs with the new Leo club from Ypsilanti-WIHI. It looks like we will have a 7th Leo Club in March from Branch County. We certainly would love to have more Lions Clubs sponsor a Leo Club.

Our Leo Clubs are very active. Here are some of the activities that the Leos have been doing over the past 3-4 months:

Dexter Leos- Leo V.P. Erin Evans attended the Dexter Lions meeting to discuss their annual “Stuff the Bus” project. 16 Leos attended a Leo Social event and went bowling. The Leos are exploring ideas for new fundraisers. They are planning their annual “Kids Against Hunger” Project for April. The Dexter Leos assisted the Dexter Lions with the Seniors Get Stuffed Thanksgiving meal the day after Thanksgiving. They served close to 100 meals. They did Christmas shopping for two families.

Grass Lake Leos – The Grass lake Leos served Hot Cocoa at the Festival of Lights Parade in Grass Lake. They adopted 4 families for Christmas. They purchased and donated \$ 300.00 worth of toys for the Toys for Tots program. They are presently working on Scholarships for students.

Northwest Leos- The Northwest Leos have been active both at the Middle School and High School. They did a Cookie Bake for the Jackson Friendly Home in October. They did Teacher Thank You Baskets in November. The H.S. did Trunk or Treat. The Leos did Thanksgiving bags for M.S. & H.S. Teachers. The Leos did Christmas cards for the residents of John George Home and Friendly Home. They did shop with the Salvation Army Families and also Shop with the Cop. They did vision Screening at NW Day Care. The Leos made Fleece Blankets and adopted a NW family for Christmas.

Hanover-Horton Leos-The Hanover-Horton Leos visited the Countryside Retirement Community and passed out Christmas cards and hand made ornaments to the residents. They did their Valentine’s Day project where they prepared a Valentine gift for the entire student body and staff.

WISD Leos-The WISD Leos collected hats and mittens to distribute to local organizations. They made a visit to Alpha House and played games with the kids there. They are presently decorating flower pots for the youth at Alpha House. The Leos have worked on several literacy service projects. They donated 20 large print books to the local bookmobile.

WIHI Leos- The WIHI Leos had a basketball tournament fundraiser. They also had a bottle drive competition to raise funds for the club. They collected and donated food to Food gatherers and the Delonis Homeless Shelter. They are working with their building Principal to set up a Charter Night in April.

Napoleon Leos – The Napoleon Leos held a bottle drive and had a spaghetti dinner. They have attended the Napoleon Lions Club meeting and assisted the Lions on a couple projects.

Some of the Leo clubs have submitted Leos for District Leo of the Year and for the Lions Clubs International Leo of the Year. We hope to have 10-20 Leos in attendance at the District 11-B1 Convention on April 7, 2018 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor. Thank you to Amy Shepherd, WISD Leo Advisor for putting together a great program for the Leos at the District Convention. As you can see, our Leos are quite involved in service projects in their community.

ADRIAN EVENING LIONS
FUNDRAISING EVENT

6TH ANNUAL

POTATO & SALAD BAR

**SATURDAY
MARCH 10, 2018
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



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making vision a reality

BOWLING FOR *BRIGHTER* TOMORROWS

NEW DATE & LOCATION

STRIKE!



AUGUST 11

Chili—Soup—Salad—Cornbread—Beverages—Dessert—Conversation

Community

Albion Chili Dinner

Share your love for
Albion

The Friends of the Albion District Library and the Lions Club of Albion want to make a splash with this year's Annual Chili Dinner, which supports your community by funding important local projects and events. Continue the Love Albion conversation and share your ideas as you catch up with your fellow community members.

**Thursday
March 22, 2018**

5:30 to 7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
Tennant Hall



Suggested donations listed below:

\$6 in advance from host
\$7 at the door (11 to adult)
\$3 children ages 2 to 10
Children under 2 are free!
GET YOUR TICKETS AND JOIN US!

Hosted by

Friends of the
Albion District
Library
&

Albion Lions Club
In cooperation with
Anchor Splash

Eversight
making vision a reality

Gift of
SIGHT
Golf Classic

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018
9:30 A.M. SHOTGUN START**

Eversight and the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club invite you to join us for the Gift of Sight Golf Classic to raise awareness and funds in support of Eversight charitable programs and vision research.

Visit our [website](#) for more event details.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

OUR FOUNDATION

LCIF: Celebrating 50 Years of Extraordinary Service

Lions serve, and for 50 years, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been supporting that service. We launched LCIF50.org to celebrate LCIF's 50th Anniversary. Here you'll find videos, photos, stories and a series of online contests that focus on the Foundation's important work. Get in on the fun and enter the Together We Can Contest at LCIF50.org. And don't forget that your [LCIF donations](#) count towards the Centennial Service Challenge. If your club wants to earn a higher level patch, plan to add a donation to your activities!



Summer Experience Camp is a week of outdoor fun, friendship and skill building. The program combines activities like rock wall climbing and tandem biking with leadership building exercises and things exclusively

Leader Dog—GPS training and spending time with Leader Dogs in training. The combination helps increase independent travel skills, interpersonal skills and leadership skills.

The free program is for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind. Leader Dog covers all costs including airfare to Michigan—and everyone receives a free HumanWare Trekker Breeze+ GPS device. The 2018 camp dates are June 23—June 30. Applications are due by **March 31, 2018**.



For more information and to download an application, go to www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at [888-777-5332](tel:888-777-5332).

MARSHALL Lions President Ron Quada inducted new member **Josh Heisler** with sponsor Don Weberling looking on.



JONESVILLE Lions 1st VDG Roger Spriggs presents a 20 year service chevron to Lion Paul Slager, others receiving recognition were Carol Burton, Charlie Burton, & Caroline Petrie (all 10 yrs).



Spring Leadership Forum-2018

“ Why you need to be there!”



The District 11-B1 Spring Leadership Forum is scheduled for **April 26, 2018** at Vandercook Lake High School. It will run from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

We would like to see 2-5 officers or members from each club in attendance. This is not only a time to train officers but a time for past officers to share what information they found useful and maybe something that every new officer should be aware of. Also there are sessions that would be great for members who are not officers to learn about.

Please let the committee have your input as to what you would like to see at the 2018 Spring Leadership Forum. What do you think should be emphasized and covered at the Forum.

Presently we will have sessions for the following positions and members: Presidents , Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Leos, Orientation, Social Media, Tail Twister, and Zone Chairs.

Put this date on your calendar and come to learn ,to socialize, and to share!

District 11-B1 Global Leadership Team



**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
TIME FOR DISTRICT 11-B1
SPRING LEADERSHIP FORUM AT VANDERCOOK LAKE**

WHEN: THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

**Vandercook Lake Junior/Senior High School
1000 Golf Avenue Jackson, Mi 49203**

**COST: WITH MEAL: \$12.00
WITHOUT MEAL \$2.00
LEOS ATTEND FREE!**

RSVP DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2018

**COME AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED LEARNING EXPERIENCE,
WITH SOME OF THE BEST INSTRUCTORS AND TRAINERS
IN THE DISTRICT**

WE WILL HAVE:

- **Recognition/Introduction of the 2018 - 2019 Cabinet**
- **Formal introduction of our District Governor Elect Roger Spriggs**
- **50/50 Drawing and Much More!**

Let's see if we can have every club (Lion, Lioness and Leos) present this year!
Come, celebrate the year with our District Governor Elect Roger

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND
REGISTRATION FORM - TO FOLLOW IN JANUARY**

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Registration Form & payment will be sent to
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Jackson, MI 49201



REGISTRATION LINK:

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/2018%20REGISTRATION%20FORM.docx>

CLASS INFORMATION LINK:

<http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/2018%20Spring%20Leadership%20Info.docx>

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yourself with
people who make
you hungry for
life, touch your
heart, and
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Meet the Robinsons: How We Moved Their Romance Along

Shakespeare once wrote “The course of true love never did run smooth.” Happily, that wasn’t really the case for Dave and Mary Ann Robinson, although there might have been a bump or two along the way.

Our Valentine’s Month couple first met at a conference in Pontiac in October 2007. They lived and worked in different cities—Dave in Lansing and Mary Ann in Jackson. When they talked, Dave sensed a kindred spirit and was taken with Mary Ann’s zest for life. After having to leave the conference early, she was delighted when he called later. “He’s so easy to talk with,” she says.

Subsequent phone conversations sparked a growing desire to spend time together in person, but neither Dave nor Mary Ann drive. That’s because they are both blind.

So Michigan Flyer became their go-between.



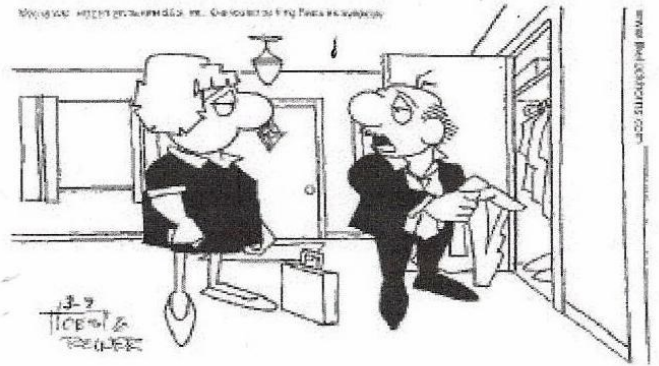
Read the full story at:

<http://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/n1u74--eva94-6tmdxm8>

GRASS LAKE Lions were paid a visit by CC Peggy and CCE Barry Allen to present them with their 75 year patch, and International President’s banner and



letter. The club President deferred the honors to the oldest club member, Lion Ralph Schmude, a 47 year member.



“I asked the boss about taking early retirement ... He suggested two o’clock.”

ALBION LIONS - Maurice Barnes



sponsors of this year’s Cardboard Classic Sled contest were officially recognized and thanked at the City Council meeting Tuesday night. he sponsors each received a certificate of appreciation for their participation. Photo by Cathelina Kerley

DIABETES

Why diabetes Awareness, Prevention, Treatment or Research? What can we as Lions really accomplish when it comes to these initiatives? A LOT!!!!

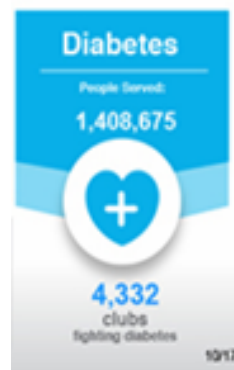
I continually review what we as a Diabetes Committee can do to bring awareness to our membership. I believe through club visits I have been able to highlight what diabetes is, how it impacts our families and what we can do better to prevent it or treat it. I visited the Jackson Host Club this month and had a fantastic visit with many Lions whose lives are impacted by diabetes. They were reminded of what they need to do to better manage their diabetes through testing, nutrition and exercise. **YOU HAVE TO KNOW YOUR NUMBERS.** I was also able to begin the process of unifying a **TEAM** to work and walk at the JDRF Walk For A Cure in Jackson in September. President Dave Anderson has graciously agreed to work with me to get all the Jackson Lions Clubs together to represent the Lions at the walk and do sight and glucose testing.

I have met with a Diabetes Educator through the MSU Extension who has programming available throughout our district. We are going to work closely with them to bring this training to your school districts and clubs.

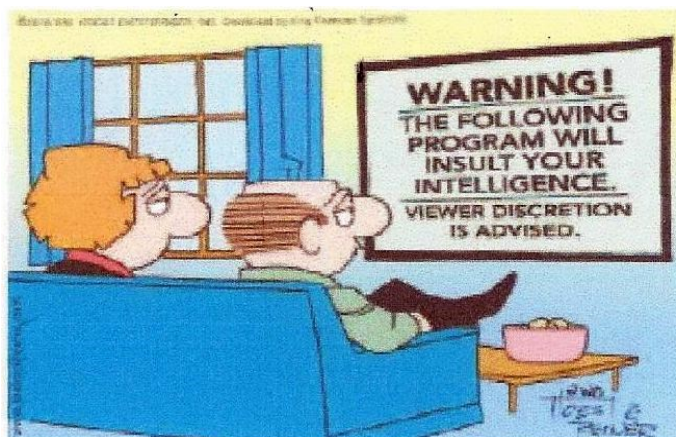
Prevention has to do with awareness and the Diabetes Committee now has glucometers available to do testing at events. Along with this we have excellent documents that highlight what the numbers mean and nutrition. The Prodigy meter is voice and language controlled for the sight impaired or non-English speaking.

I had an excellent time speaking at Bear Camp. Many of the campers were diabetic and it was excellent to talk to them about how they manage their diabetes and the health complications they have had. Next year we will have the talking glucometers which will be awesome to share with them.

We are working on gathering information for the Statewide grant for Diabetes Awareness, Prevention, Treatment and Research. We are currently fundraising throughout our District to reach the \$5,000. needed for the \$20,000. match. PDG Dave Hill and the Vandercook Lake Lions Club have begun the challenge by donating \$500. This is a fantastic way to kick off our mission as Lions.



DEXTER Lions conducted another SPOT vision screening at the daycare center. Lion Chuch Hughes shows the toddlers how it is done.



District SPARK PLUG Awards race for 2017 - 2018

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

MARSHALL	+ 31.58%	Jackson Cascades	+ 5.00%
Dexter	+ 24.44%	North Jackson	+ 4.35%
Michigan Center	+ 9.68%	Pennfield	+ 2.13%

NUMBERS FOR DISTRICT 11-B1

Total Clubs	Current Member Count	YTD Added	YTD Dropped	YTD Net Growth
39	996	96	150	-57

Note: A district is 1250 Lions and 35 clubs

As per the Club Health Assessment through February 2018

(Does not include the new Branch Area club)

DISTRICT 11-B1 LEO UPDATE

The NORTHWEST LEOS

Some of our high school Leos made chocolate chip cookies and Valentine cards for the ladies of the Friendly Home. A great time! Who said guys can't make cookies!



* 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>

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/>

January/February 2018 Lion Pride http://lionsofmi.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/SMALL_January-February-2018-2-PDF.pdf

MARCH LION Magazine [http://digital.lionmagazine.org/publication/?utm_campaign=5608_MarchLionMag_EN_Email_2018&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&i=476806&elqTrackId=346419305556BC075D67E9D67B3953D4&elq=41fc518230b5449cb034cd66387f2f5d&elqaid=1222&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=#{"issue_id":476806,"view":"contentsBrowser"}](http://digital.lionmagazine.org/publication/?utm_campaign=5608_MarchLionMag_EN_Email_2018&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&i=476806&elqTrackId=346419305556BC075D67E9D67B3953D4&elq=41fc518230b5449cb034cd66387f2f5d&elqaid=1222&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=#{)

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

Michigan Lions at Work <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWu-Ps6TViY>

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

DEADLINE is the 1st of the Month.

Planned publish date of the 5th.

Be sure to send your M&A Reports and articles w/ photos to the District Newsletter Editor, PDG Barry Allen at BarryRAllen@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.



ROAR

It's not about size. It's about attitude.