



District 11-B1 Newsletter MARCH 2019



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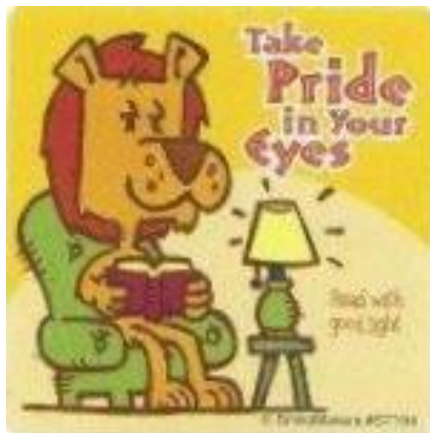
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MICHIGAN FORUM SERVICE PROJECT



At this year's Michigan Forum held at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center in Grand Blanc, the Global Service Project was conducted in support of Lions KidSight by providing bags (supplied by the Lions of Michigan Foundation) filled with books, coloring books, crayons and pencils and Lions stickers, provided by District 11-B1. Our goal was to pack 3000 bags to be placed in the KidSight trailers for use with vision screenings of children. Over 100 volunteers from across the state, as well as visiting dignitaries from Alabama and Texas, participated.



Look for another yet to be determined Group Service Project for the MD-11 State Convention in May.

St. Patrick's Day
Happy

From the Governor



From the Desk of the District Governor

MITAKUYE OYASIN

Having only been a Lion for nine years, it has been a challenge to get to know all the Lions in our clubs, the problem is compounded by my terrible memory of people's names and faces. Many clubs had indicated that they wanted a visit from the DG this year, so I set one of my goals to visit all the District Clubs and to meet as many Lions as possible. On almost every visit I bought along my secret weapon, Lion Harriet, who has an outstanding memory for people and places. We often go to a Forum or Convention and she will walk right up to what I perceive as a stranger, and shout out their name. Then she introduces them to me as a Lion we met at a Forum two years ago. She is amazing.

There are many advantages of being the District Governor. Among the best of these is inducting new members, meeting Lions for the first time and visiting the clubs. It never ceases to amaze me that, while our organization follows a set of guidelines in our Constitution and Bylaws, every club is different and every Lion an individual. In many organizations this would present serious difficulty, but Lions understand that 'WE SERVE' is not just a phrase, it's a way of life for almost every Lion.

I chose my theme this year with care. For those of you who remember my club presentation you know it comes from my other passion, serving the Oglala Lakota people. But I applied it to Lions because I see us as a family 'We are all Related' in service. Lions may be individuals and as such have an opinion on how we can best complete our projects, but we all have the desire to serve others. We may each see a different path, but our destination is the same.

My presentation includes a video of Lions working all over the world. I have tried to bring the message that every club is a small part of a huge global organization. We look at the video and see people of different cultures, different religions and living in different social environments. We see more women than we did ten years ago. While the people on the video may do a few things that we cannot do in Michigan, especially if they are serving in countries with extreme poverty, most of what they are doing is similar with what every Lion in America is doing.

This is Mitakuye Oyasin. Look at the video and see a tiny sample of the almost 1.5 million Lions that are your relatives, they think like you do, they serve like you serve, they are the same as you, they are a family in Lionism, and yes 'We are all Related' in service.

When I visit our clubs, I ask our Lions to look at a bigger picture. I ask that they never consider themselves to be too small to achieve anything and I ask that they be proud of being part of this wonderful world wide organization, part of our Lions Family and as such nothing is impossible.

DG Roger



DONATING AFTER A DEATH

As we age, we typically acquire eyeglasses, hearing aids and mobility devices. Even after we pass, these items may be given to those in need and continue to help others.

I've personally attended three funerals over the past six weeks - two honoring my family members and one for a fellow Lion. It was my privilege to serve as a Pallbearer for the family services, and I gained a bit of new insight into the final moments spent preparing our loved ones for burial. As the Funeral Directors were finalizing the casket, they privately turned to the family and asked if they wished to donate the eyeglasses. Prior to this experience, I never had ever given thought to this opportunity, and it gave new meaning to the work we do as Lions. After researching the subject further, I learned that about 80-90% of families choose to donate glasses and other items rather than interring them with loved ones according to Shannon Burberry - Funeral Home Manager at Forest Lawn Funeral Home & Cemetery in London, Ontario. Hearing aids, mobility devices, such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower chairs, and other medical supplies may be given as well. There are groups who graciously accept a wide range of health equipment. The items are loaned to people in the community dealing with illness or injury.

While deciding what to do with a loved one's personal items is never easy, your donation can make a significant difference in someone's life. Knowing we can literally help others see through the eyes of angels is a very comforting thought.

Have you ever supplied your local funeral home with a collection box for eyeglass recycling? Please email me at the address below with your experience.

Other organizations that may be suitable for such occasions are as follows:

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Closet/Equipment Donation Program

(800) 638-6782 (in Michigan), (248) 476-9000

Donations of wheelchairs, power chairs, adaptive sports equipment, walkers, shower commodes, lifts, and other items that help people who cannot easily move

Faith in Action – Dexter, Chelsea

(734) 475-3305

Faith in Action maintains a lending closet of durable medical equipment, including walkers, crutches, bedside commodes, bath benches, and various other items. Adult diapers are also accepted.

University of Michigan CPAP Bank for Patients in Need

(734) 232-3964

This program is patient driven. Patients give us equipment and supplies they no longer need or their second machines. Home care companies also supply their extra equipment.



1st VDG Lion Michael Scott
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HAILS and FAREWELLS:

WELCOME ABOARD!

NEW MEMBER

Jason Bailey
Cheri Murphy
Tyler Ziems
Glenn Curry
Matt Meyers

CLUB

Branch
Branch
Branch
Hanover Horton
Hanover Horton

SPONSOR

Courtney Bates
Matt Meyers
Brian Mc Clain

GONE, BUT IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER

Wilma Jean Lange Quincy February 18, 2019

<https://www.eaglefuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Wilma-Jean-Lange?obId=4176816#/obituaryInfo>

Christopher Rhodes Hanover Horton February 18, 2019

http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?n=christopher-e-rhodes&pid=191612584&utm_source=MarketingCloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ObitShare&utm_content=ViewObituary

Waldo Breitenwischer Jackson Host February 24, 2019

<https://www.watson-funeral-chapels.com/notices/Waldo-Breitenwischer>



Lions of Michigan SERVICE FOUNDATION, INC.

2019 Calendar Raffle **\$20.00**



LIIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION, INC. - PERCHANCE RAFFLE TICKET #108
 TICKET NUMBER: 8811 RAFFLE LICENSE NUMBER: X97078 & B45459
<https://jwwwmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/lmsf/2018-19Calendar.pdf>
 GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - May 18, 2019 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 ADDRESS: 3605 MERRILL - 3605 Conquest Parkway - Percharce, Michigan
 Tel: Phone: 313.888.8888 - 3rd Floor, 800.888.1045 Fax: 313.888.8888

\$2,500 Grand Prize - \$5,750 Total Cash Prizes

LIIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION, INC.
 RAFFLE LICENSE NUMBER: X97078 & B45459

Name: _____
 Telephone/Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

TICKET NUMBER: 8811

LIIONS OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE DRAWINGS - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 3700 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan

PERCHANCE DRAWINGS: 1/25/19 - 1/25/19 - 2/1/19 - 2/22/19 - 3/5/19 - 3/26/19 - 4/9/19 - 4/27/19 - 5/11/19 - 5/18/19 - 6/28/19 - 6/28/19 - 7/18/19 - 7/25/19 - 8/7/19 - 8/21/19 - 8/11/19 - 8/28/19 - 9/18/19 - 10/12/19 - 10/26/19 - 11/23/19 - 11/30/19

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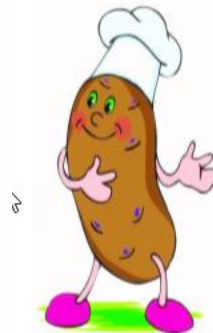
ADRIAN EVENING LIONS FUNDRAISING EVENT

7TH ANNUAL

POTATO & SALAD BAR

**SATURDAY
 MARCH 23, 2019
 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
adrianeveninglions@yahoo.com

District and Club Dates to Remember

MARCH - NATIONAL EYE DONOR MONTH

- 2 Manchester Crazy Cash
- 5-8 SPOT - Saline
- 9 SPOT - Adrian Mall
- 15-17 District C2 Convention, Mt Pleasant
- 16 Ann Arbor Host—90th Anniversary, Webers, 12:30 pm
- 16 SPOT - Tecumseh
- 17 **St Patrick's Day**
- 21 Albion - Chili Dinner, First United Methodist Church, \$8, 5 - 7 pm
- 21 Bedford Lions/Lioness Soup & Salad Dinner, 5 - 7 pm
- 22-23 District B2 Convention, Kalamazoo
- 23 District C1 Convention, Grand Rapids
- 23 Adrian Evening Lions - Potato & Salad Supper, First United Methodist Church, 4 - 7 pm
- 26 DG Visit, Clarklake, 6:30 pm



APRIL - FAMILY & FRIENDS MONTH & LEO CLUB AWARENESS MONTH

- 5-6 District D2 Convention, West Branch
- 12-13 District D1 Convention, Shanty Creek
- 12-13 District A1 Convention, Ann Arbor
- 12-13 District A2 Convention, Bay City
- 13 SPOT - Sam's Club
- 12-13 **District 11-B1 Convention, Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale**
- 14 **Cabinet Meeting, Michindoh,**
- 16-18 SPOT - North Jackson
- 24-25 SPOT - Hanover Horton
- 24-26 SPOT - Blissfield
- 25 **Spring Leadership Forum** - Vandercook lake, 5:30 pm
- 26-27 District SD-10 Convention,
- 26-28 District E1 Convention, West Branch



MAY - VISION MONTH & LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

- 3-4 District E2 Convention, Alpena
- 4 Lions Leadership, Baker College, 9 am
- 11 Bear Lake Camp cleanup
- 16-18 MD-11 State Convention - Pontiac
- 27 *Memorial Day*

The **Ann Arbor Host Lions Club** Cordially Invites All Lions of Michigan and Friends to:
Join Us In Honoring The Amazing Occasion Of Our 90th Anniversary on Saturday March 16, 2019.
We think this is a great reason to come together as a community for a wonderful day of good food and celebration in beautiful Ann Arbor and to share lots of stories of LIONS PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE.

Registration deadline is Feb. 5th, 2019.

Schedule of Events on Sat. March 16 in Ann Arbor, MI

10:30am Tour of the University of Michigan Football Stadium...the Big House!

12:30 Celebratory Lunch at Weber's Hotel in Ann Arbor

1:30pm Celebration- Share your Stories!

2:30pm Cake Cutting Ceremony

Costs:

Michigan Stadium Tour: \$20 per person

3 Course Celebration Lunch at Webers: \$25 per person

Please reach out to Lion Nicole (nesslerstuhec@gmail.com , 734-834-2073) for any questions and more information about the event.

District Fundraiser



Linda Sullivan of Manchester Lions Club has completed her beautiful 'Star quilt'

QUILTRAFFLE	
Lions of Michigan District 11-B1	
Oversized Queen Quilt	
Michigan Lottery License #C28734	
Drawing on 4/13/2019 at 8:00 PM	
Michindoh Conference Center	
001	Need not be present to win
\$10.00EACH	001 \$18.00EACH

We show the quilt on a king bed for display, it will drape nicely on a queen or can be used as a display piece. Retail value of the quilt is around \$2,000 and the time and talent to create this work of art was donated to the District by Linda.

Tickets are now on sale for \$10.00 each.

DIABETES FACTS



Global statistics

- ▶ **1 in 11** adults has diabetes
- ▶ **Over 425 million** people have diabetes; by 2045 this number will reach 629 million
- ▶ **1 in 2** adults with diabetes is undiagnosed (212 million), and at a higher risk of developing harmful and costly complications
- ▶ **352 million** people are at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, which is increasing in most countries
- ▶ **Over 1.1 million** children are living with Type 1 diabetes
- ▶ **4 million deaths** were caused by diabetes in 2017
- ▶ **79%** of adults with diabetes are living in low- and middle-income countries
- ▶ **1 in 7** More than 21 million live births (1 in 7) were affected by diabetes during pregnancy in 2017
- ▶ **727 billion** In 2017, diabetes caused at least US\$727 billion dollars in health expenditure—12% of total spending on adults.



MICHINDOH

FRIDAY APRIL 12

A casual social evening.
Meet and mingle, make
new friends, relax
HAVE FUN

Casual Awards Dinner

Memorial service honors
our departed Lions.

Live Entertainment from
a unique band.

or

Quiet time to mingle
and play games.

SATURDAY APRIL 13

Melvin Jones Breakfast

Opening Ceremony
and welcome

Honoring our heroes

LEO activities

Awards Luncheon

Break-Out sessions

Business Meeting
and elections.

Formal Awards Banquet

SUNDAY APRIL 14

Cabinet meeting
All are welcome

A Celebration for Lions

District 11-B1 2019 Convention

April 12-14, 2019

Michindoh Conference Center

4545 East Bacon Road

Hillsdale. MI 49242

Our Convention Committee is working hard to provide an exciting and informative District Convention for 2019.

Michindoh Conference Center is located within 250 wooded acres with a spring fed lake. The Center has 26 hotel rooms each with a refrigerator and two or three beds plus a roll-out.

We chose Michindoh because we wanted to encourage new Lions to attend the convention and looked for a location close to our newest Lions Club. Michindoh also has perfect facilities for our LEO's and, with more LEO Clubs than ever before, we wanted to include them in the fun and fellowship of Lions.

Based on feedback from our members we have included Friday evening on our schedule. As in the past this will be a casual social evening where you can meet Lions from all over the District. We will celebrate and honor the lives of those who left us this year but remain forever in our hearts.

Friday evening will feature live music from a very talented local band (The Rolling Stones were already booked) that we selected because we know you will enjoy their lively style. For those wishing a quieter evening we will have a space to relax and play cards or table games.

Saturday will feature a formal opening ceremony, and an introduction and presentation to our veterans. Break-out sessions, and an opportunity to meet our International Guests. The business of the Convention will be held on Saturday.

All meals will be served buffet style, so you may choose what you want to meet any special dietary requirements.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE
2019 CONVENTION**

ALL FORMS at: <http://e-district.org/sites/11b1/page-12.php>

DISTRICT 11-B1 LEO UPDATE.....



The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club is thrilled to welcome the newest members of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) Leo club! On Thursday, February 21, eleven outstanding youth from Manchester High School were inducted by District Governor Roger Spriggs and WISD Leo Club President Lilly Diuble. Club officers were installed by Council Chair Barry Allen. When we founded the club, five years ago, our original members were students from all over Washtenaw County. Our members have represented nine different high schools within the county! We've had members at Lincoln in Ypsilanti, Washtenaw International Baccalaureate, Saline, Ann Arbor Huron, Skyline and Community, and of course Manchester. We were created as an inclusive specialty club to offer students in the



county, who were blind and visually impaired, the opportunity to gain leadership skills and provide service to their community. As our club has evolved, so has our outreach, and we are excited for the new opportunities and community connections to be gained during our next chapter at Manchester High School. The WISD Leo Club has partnered on community based projects with the Ann Arbor Host and the Manchester Lions Clubs and is thrilled to welcome their newest club advisor Angela Diuble from the Saline Lions Club!

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE Incoming Summer Students: [CONTACT PEGGY ALLEN](#) 734-428-7034

Marcelo	Mexico	M	15 yr	7/1-8/25	Liam	Mexico	M	15 yr	7/1-8/25
Isabelle	Mongolia	F	15 yr	7/13-8/10	Vincius	Brazil	M	15 yr	6/1-8/1
Hella	Germany	F	16 yr	7/1-8/15	Charle	Belgium	M	17 yr	7/1-8/1
Aman	India	M	21	6/1-8/31	Antoni	Poland	M	17	7/1-7/31
Nikodem	Poland	M	17	6/1-8/20					

Club Anniversaries

March

28	Adrian Evening	1950	15	Branch Area	2018
29	Chelsea	1977	29	Dexter	1979
17	Dexter Leos	2010	17	Grass Lake Leos	2009
19	Michigan Center	1957	17	North Jackson Leos	2016

April

20	Albion	2007	11	Ann Arbor Evening	1961
29	Ann Arbor Host	1929	28	Battle Creek Host	1924
06	Bedford Area	1967	01	Clinton	2010
03	Jonesville	1935	03	North Adams	1974
24	Pittsford Area	1974			

May

14	Huron Valley Sunrise	1981	07	Jackson Host	1921
22	Pennfield	1974	16	Saline	1975

CLUBS Doing What they Do!

Adrian Breakfast will be conducting KidSight at the Adrian Mall on March 9th at the preschool extravaganza. They donated toward the After Prom party at the High School and paid for shipping eyeglasses for the SVOSH vision mission to central America.

Albion Lions - will be partnered with Delta Gamma Sorority at Albion College and Friends of the District Library for their Chili Dinner on March 21st at the First United Methodist Church. Tickets at the door. Members continued to serve on the Albion Leadership and Engagement Council to provide information to neighborhoods and advice to support city government and departments.

Ann Arbor Host - members delivered their food donations to a food pantry of their choice including Northside Food Pantry, Food Gathers, Backdoor Food Pantry and Hope Clinic. The club was also able to donate 150 books to the Ann Arbor YMCA's three area preschool programs through the Reading Action Program.

Battle Creek Cereal City held their spaghetti dinner fundraiser, conducted KidSight at Sam's Club, and attended the Zone Meeting in Tekonsha.

Bedford Area Lions continue their cherry juice sales every Tuesday, 3 - 6 pm at the clubhouse. Their Soup & Salad Supper will be held on Thursday, March 21st from 5 - 7 pm.

Blissfield Area Lions Club held their annual reverse raffle on February 2nd, I'm awaiting my check. They are working with Tecumseh, Clinton and Adrian Evening on the Dueling Pianos fundraiser for April 20th.

Clinton Lions donated towards the Clinton Food Pantry, Senior Citizens and the 92 Ministries, and donated \$300 worth of ham to the food pantry.

Dexter Lions had Chris Timmis, superintendent of schools, speak at their February meeting.

Hillsdale Lions will be having a Rummage Sale on March 16th, and sponsoring Blood Drives on February 7th and April 4th.

Jackson Cascades completed the Club Quality Initiative, led by Lion Mary Ann Robinson. The club developed goals and recommendations pursuant to the assessment. The club plans to assist the Salvation Army in serving hot meals on Wednesdays and incorporate KidSight and glucose testing.

Jackson Eyeopeners Lions served lunch at the Interfaith shelter and donated paper products to Bennett School. In January they assisted four people with eyeglasses.

Jackson Host Lions are kicking off their Vidalia Onion fundraiser, expected delivery date is May 4th. The club donated \$1000 towards the Jackson Public Schools Kindergarten Roundup.

Manchester Lions finished their season of ticket taking at the Girls Basketball Games, and are applying for their next Charity Poker event. They hosted the WISD Leo club at Manchester High School, inducting NINE new members.

Napoleon Lions held a Pinewood Derby at the Chelsea Retirement Home.

North Jackson Lions will be finalized their club raffle on February 6th at Beck's Flower Shop, awarding \$1100 in prizes. The club begins their Vidalia Onion sales.

Parma-Spring Arbor will have their next meeting on April 1st, 2019. They received \$145 from their birthday calendar subscribers.

Tekonsha Lions hosted the Region 3 Zone Meeting on February 18th, 10 members of Tekonsha Lions attended the zone meeting including our newest member **Jaymie Hale** who was sworn in that night. Total attendance was 31. Our club supplied turkey for the potluck meal. All went well, it was a great meeting with a lot of information shared.

WIHI Leo Club created a bin and collect toiletry items needed for families that stay at Ronald McDonald House while their child is hospitalized. So far, the Leos have been able to donate over \$500 worth of sample size toiletry items from shampoos over soap to toothpaste

WISD Leos will be inducting ELEVEN new members at their rescheduled event on February 21st at the Manchester High School Media Center at 6:00 pm.

YOUR CLUB HERE!

Send your club doings to

CC Barry Allen

NOTICE:

Used eyeglasses are needed by the **Blissfield Lions** in support of a MOST Ministries eyeglass mission for the St. John's Mission Team to take to Honduras in August. They need 3000 pairs of glasses for this event. They are looking for volunteers to join them on this mission. Please give all your eyeglass collections to any Blissfield Lions or contact

President Stan Masters, 517-320-0802 stanmasters14@gmail.com
or ZC Dick Saxton 517-486-3429 jrs19821@outlook.com



MARCH READING MONTH

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world.

Builds motivation, curiosity and memory.

Creates a positive association with books and reading.

Helps children cope during times of stress or anxiety.

Develops language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

Your Lions Club can volunteer to do story hour at the Library, visit your local school or pre-school/day care and read to the children, a local Aware/Domestic Harmony Agency. The possibilities are endless.

If you have a Leo Club, take your Leos to the lower elementary to read to the children. Northwest Leos have participated in this program for a few years now. Both the Leos and the younger children love it.

Read to your grandchildren, nieces, nephews you'll be amazed at the warm fuzzies reader and child receive!

PDG Vicki Lautzenheiser

Reading Action Chair



Winter Camp for the Blind 2019

This year was the 50th year for the Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Initially started through the Battle Creek Public schools, and later managed by Lions Clubs and District 11-B1, it has been an important part of life for the Blind and visually impaired community since 1969.

This year, we had 49 campers signed up, 45 of which attended. Cancellations were due to illness, or personal issues that came up at the last minute. Most of the attendees were from District A1 with twenty-four, followed by C1 with seven, B2 with six, B1 with four, C2 and A2 at three each, and D1 and D2 with one each. We had nine new campers signed up, and seven of those attended, promising to return next year, and attend summer camp as well.

Over 35 volunteers came from Napoleon, Manchester, Dexter, Battle Creek (all clubs), Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Munith, Belleville, Fenton, and Michigan Center. We had great assistance from the Michigan Job Challenge Program Associates, as the MYCA cadets were not available. It would be difficult for us to accomplish a successful camp without the help of these young adults.

The food was great and plentiful as usual. We had our usual activities of bingo, crafts, wildlife handling, vesper service, technology demonstrations, chess, and outdoor activities such as the nature walk to the bird cabin, and the wagon ride. This year, we added a diabetes education class, facilitated by 11-B1 district diabetes chair Terri Huffman, and Andrea Aguilar Corrales a nutrition educator from Michigan State. They made a diabetes friendly salad, which the campers were able to try. They also gave out information about the JBL Talking Books for campers to access cookbooks with diabetes friendly recipes. The session received good feedback and be offered again next year. The First Congregational Church choir and perennial favorite Tyrone Hamilton entertained the campers who put on a lively talent show themselves on Saturday night. Angela Harris and Gerald Campbell were crowned Camp Queen and King.

Of course, one of the favorite activities of Winter Camp is an opportunity for the campers to just visit and have fellowship with each other, meet new people, and re-acquaint with old friends.

This is not simply a camp experience to those who return year after year, to most it is one of the few opportunities to venture out on their own and experience doing something different in a safe environment. Those of us who are sighted can hardly start to imagine the challenges the campers face simply getting to camp, which tells us how important this event is to our sight challenged friends.

The camp provides an opportunity for Lions volunteers to experience the true meaning of being Knights of the Blind in a practical way by volunteering to work at camp or in assisting campers with transportation and transfers to and from trains and busses. We encourage all of you to come out to visit if you have not been to a Winter Camp, or sign up to volunteer for the weekend.

Roger Bosse

BATTLE CREEK HOST LIONS

EXTRA, EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT LIONS

It's that time again! This year marks the 95th birthday of the Battle Creek Host Lions Club and our 91st newspaper sale. In 2019 we hope to update our publication and highlight how Lions are making a difference in our community.

The **Lions Extra newspaper** sale is the sole fundraiser for the Battle Creek Host Lions Club. Although our club is small, we continue to provide support to individuals and groups in our community, and also support district and statewide projects. For example, we help provide eyeglasses for children locally. The majority of the funds we raise are allocated to the Calhoun County Health Department to help fund their vision screening program for children. We need your help with maintaining this support.

This year we would like to use the Lions Extra to be filled to the brim with positive stories about how **all** of our Lions Clubs are making a difference. What better vehicle do we have to promote who we are and what we do? There will be no cost to clubs for any articles or photos that you contribute, and clubs are welcome to submit multiple articles and photos.

Contact Elizabeth Raleigh, 269-969-4189

Deadlines: Articles June 1st, Ads July 1st

11-B1 Lions Learning Forum Series Registration April 25, 2019 & May 4, 2019

Join Lions, Lioness, and Leos throughout our district at TWO unique events!

Share information, explore new ideas and participate in open discussions about how to serve others through Lionism. This experience is not a traditional training event, but rather a time and space for Lions to connect with subject matter experts on relevant and timely topics of interest. The Forum Series will host participants on two days and at two different locations:

Session #1 - Thursday, April 25th, 2019 / 5:30 -7:45 PM
Vandercook Lake High School, 1000 E Golf Ave, Jackson, MI 49203
Dinner will be served, \$12

Session #2 - Saturday, May 4th, 2019 / 9 AM – 12:30 PM
Baker College – Jackson Campus, Building 100 (Flag Building)
2800 Springport Rd, Jackson, MI 49202

Continental Breakfast & Snacks will be available for a donation. Each day will be divided up into breakout sessions. Please fill out the registration below and elect to attend one or both sessions.

*KINDLY NOTE: LEOs attending the April 25th session will not need to pay the meal fee which will be paid for by the District Leo Committee.

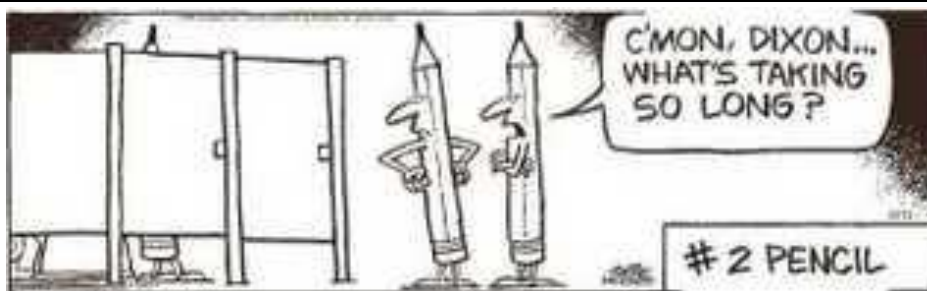
The Lions District 11B1 Children's Services Committee (Amy Shepherd, LuAnne Bullington, Austin Shepherd, Roberta Sexton, Teresa Gest) have been working all year on a Braille & Tactile Story Box Project for Teachers for the Visually Impaired, to use with their preschool & early elementary aged students who are blind and visually impaired. A story box is a way for young children with visual impairments to experience a story. First you choose a story that is simple and tells about familiar objects and concepts. Then you collect corresponding items in a box or bag. As you read the story to your child, you provide lots of time to allow them to hold and explore the items. This project will promote literacy among emerging young readers who use Braille. A story box is a fun and interactive way for emerging readers to experience a story, understand concepts, and make connections to real world applications. In all, 21 Braille and Tactile Story Boxes were



created and delivered to Teachers for the Visually Impaired within our district and beyond. Each beautiful Print/Braille book was purchased from Seedlings Braille Books.



Lion Austin Shepherd pictured with 7 Braille and Tactile Story Boxes and Lion Therese Gest, Calhoun ISD TCVI, pictured with 7 Braille and Tactile Story Boxes.





Friends of the ADL/Lions Club Annual Chili Dinner

Thursday, March 21, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

at Tennant Hall, First United Methodist Church,
600 E. Michigan Ave. in Albion.

Dinner includes:

**Chili (more than a dozen different types),
cornbread, salad, dessert, and beverage.**

All-you-care-to-eat!

Suggested Donation:

Adults (11+ yrs): \$7.00 in advance,
\$8.00 at the door

Children (2-10 yrs): \$4.00

Infants (<2 yrs): Free

Hosted by the Friends of the
Albion District Library and
the Lions Club of Albion.

Advance tickets can be purchased
from members of either group.



Friends of the
Albion District Library



District SPARK PLUG Awards race for 2018 - 2019

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 Certificate and the winning club keeps the traveling plaque for the following year. The following clubs are in contention to win the award.

TEKONSHA	+ 45.45%
Ann Arbor Evening	+ 12.50%
Battle Creek CC	+ 9.09%
Napoleon	+ 8.57%
Manchester	+ 6.67%
Battle Creek Host	+ 7.14%
Munith	+ 6.67%
Saline	+ 5.00%
Branch Area	+ 4.76%

*Based on the January 2019 Club Health Assessment

2019 WILD, WILD WEST 99TH ANNUAL MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION



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RESERVATION CODE: LOF, \$79 PER NIGHT (plus fees & taxes)

REDUCED RATE AVAILABLE THRU APRIL 1, 2019

Name _____ Lion Lioness Spouse Guest

Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Lioness Spouse Guest

Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home: () _____ Office: () _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member _____

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 16, 2019	\$ _____
_____ Round trip bus to Leader Dogs for the Blind @ \$5.00	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness or Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse or Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$20.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Friday Night Welcome Reception @ No Charge	\$ 0.00
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$26.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ (Choice) of: Salisbury Steak w/ Mushroom Demi Glaze # _____	
Grilled Chicken # _____	
Vegetarian # _____	
GLUTEN FREE# _____	
TOTAL AMOUNT \$	_____

Make checks payable to: Lions of Michigan

dear WINE,
we had a deal.
you were to make
me funnier, sexier,
smarter and a
better dancer.
i saw the video.
we need to talk.

WIHI Leos created a bin and collect toiletry items needed for families that stay at Ronald McDonald House while their child is hospitalized. So far, the Leos have been able to donate over \$500 worth of sample size toiletry items from shampoos over soap to toothpaste



JACKSON CASCADES February 25th general meeting, 1st VP Mary Ann Robinson wrapped up a year of



work on the LCI Club Quality Initiative with a presentation to the members on the goals recommended by the Board of Directors as the Club's way forward pursuant to the assessments. 1st VP Robinson invested a great deal of time and effort into making the most of this club self-improvement project and the members voted unanimously to adopt the proffered recommendations.

The Club is honored to have local Salvation Army Corps Officer Lt. Ross Anderson as one of the Directors on our Board. Under his leadership in the Salvation Army, and with the support of our Club in the form of a donation for a new commercial stove, the Salvation Army is serving hot meals every Wednesday evening to the needy public. The Club is planning to send a team of Lions in April to serve one of these meals, and hope to incorporate KidSight testing and glucose testing into this event with the help of two other District clubs. A date has not yet been confirmed.

ENVIRONMENT

We are currently seeking individual club endorsements to sign a letter that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) plans to submit to the Army Corps of Engineers during their public comment phase ending February 20th. You need not send any money nor are you committing your club to any projects / actions. The purpose of the letter is to let the Army Corps of Engineers know that we are concerned with this invasive species entering one of our most precious resources. Environment projects do not get any easier than this! Should you like a copy of the letter, please contact your club president or Region 2 Zone 2 Zone Chair David Anderson.

The Great Lakes are a phenomenal natural resource, a network of five inland seas that span 94,000-square miles of surface area, contain 20 percent of all surface freshwater on the planet and comprise the world's largest freshwater ecosystem. The five lakes — Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario — provide drinking water for 35 million people. In addition, the Great Lakes support a \$7 billion fishery; a \$16 billion tourism industry; waterfowl production areas that support a hunting economy of \$2.6 billion/year; and hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation that generates approximately \$18 billion/year. Combined, these represent a massive outdoor economy that is an integral part of North America's cultural and outdoor heritage.

At last count, there were over 120 organizations signed on to the letter. Their goal is to have over 150 organizations on the letter when they submit it. Please join Concord, Hanover - Horton, Hanover - Horton Leos, Jackson Cascades, Jackson Eyeopeners, Jackson Host, North Jackson, and the Cabinet of Lions of Michigan District 11-B1 as we join forces with MUCC to urge the Army Corps of Engineers to expedite preventative measures to protect the Great Lakes from Asian Carp.



NORTH JACKSON LIONS



Honored two of their outstanding members with Melvin Jones Fellowships. PID Esther LaMothe presented the plaques and pins to Lions Jean Mahon and Dave Meyers.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION



On June 28, 2018, Governor Rick Snyder approved Public Act 255, creating a Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund within the Michigan Department of

Treasury for the purpose of collecting funds donated to the Lions of Michigan Foundation through annual Michigan income tax return filings. Any Michigan Tax Payer may now support the Lions of Michigan Foundation by simply checking the appropriate donation box and indicating the amount of their donation on Form 4642: Michigan Voluntary Contribution Schedule when they file their Michigan Income Tax Return - Form MI-1040.

I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

OUR FOUNDATION



“How does my \$8.33 a month help?”



2

Cataract surgeries

VISION



4

People with immediate relief in the wake of a natural disaster

DISASTER RELIEF



1

Year of the Lions Quest social-emotional learning curriculum for an entire classroom.

YOUTH



14

People with access to clean water

ENVIRONMENT



18

Diabetes screenings for at-risk individuals

DIABETES



8

Children with access to equipment to help diagnose or treat their condition

CHILDHOOD CANCER



100

Vaccinations against the measles for 100 children

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS



14

Disabled, elderly, low-income, or homeless individuals with regular access to food

HUNGER

CAMPAIGN | 100



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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: Get up-to-date contact info and previous District Newsletters/Constitution & Bylaws/Policy Manual!	http://e-district.org/sites/11b1/
The District 11-B1 Facebook Page:	https://www.facebook.com/groups/118930264790057/
LION PRIDE	http://lionsofmi.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Smal-pdf.pdf
LION Magazine (Latest issue) index.php	http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/lion-magazine/index.php
LCIF	http://www.lcif.org/EN/
Michigan Lions at Work	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWu-Ps6TViY
International President's Theme Gudrun_sailing_en.mp4	http://wpc.2735e.taucdn.net/002735E/lionsclub/download/Gudrun_sailing_en.mp4
WINTER CAMP BC SHOPPER	https://issuu.com/j-adgraphics/docs/shopper020719

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: Send photos as a JPEG, 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 as a WORD document so we can cut & paste. Please use **Times New Roman 12** with no spacing if possible.

