



## District 11-B1 Newsletter

April 2023 Edition

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### A NOTE FROM DG KELLY



I'm so proud to be a Lion and so proud of the great work our clubs are doing in our communities!

On Saturday April 29 at our District Convention, we will be holding a memorial service, honoring veterans, enjoying luau music, having a Hawaiian shirt/dress contest at lunch, raffling gift baskets, Lions memorabilia, pin trading, learning, and networking. RSVP by April 13!

On May 4 we will have our District Training at VCL High School. This is a great time for club leaders to meet and learn about their roles.

Have you RSVPd? (see flyers below)

DG Kelly



### INTERNET INFORMATION

**District Website:** <http://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1>

**"Lions of District 11-B1":** Public group for sharing to the world. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/372012908261994>

**"Lions Members of District 11-B1":** Closed group for support and encouragement of our district Lions - Join the discussion! Share your events! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/164726954206924/>

**Lion Pride** - The magazine of Michigan Lions <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/downloads/lion-pride>

## WHEN A LION DIES (WALD)

The vast majority of Lions accepting membership in our organization do not join expecting to receive special recognition. They live by our motto of "We Serve." The sadness of a member's passing, however, gives us an opportunity to recognize and honor that Lion. We enact this tribute through the program, "When a Lion Dies".

When you hear of the passing of one of our District Lions or former District Lion's passing, please contact our District Governor. Notifying the District Governor will allow us to determine the best way to pay tribute to that person by:

- attending the visitation or funeral or provide other support as needed
- presenting a "When a Lion Dies" certificate to the family to thank them for the work their loved one did and the support the family gave
- sharing the Lion's passing with the District in our newsletter/email
- including the Lion in our Memorial Service at the District Convention



## DISTRICT MEMORIAL SERVICE

The **Memorial Service** for the District 11-B1 Convention will be held **Saturday, April 29**. We would appreciate your help in preparing for this important and meaningful event. We are asking for your help to give us the names of **any Lion who has passed away since April 1, 2022**.

We would appreciate it if a representative from each club could provide the following information:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full name of Lion</li><li>• Lions Club</li><li>• Date of birth/Date of death</li><li>• Picture of the Lion (electronic version is preferable)</li><li>• If the Lion was a charter member</li><li>• If the Lion was a military veteran</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Projects the Lion participated in</li><li>• Lions positions held</li><li>• Length of service as a Lion</li><li>• A short paragraph the club or family would like to share regarding the individual</li><li>• An obituary may also be included</li></ul>
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Please send this information to Lion Nancy Hill at [nancy.ann.hill@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.ann.hill@gmail.com) or 5877 Marengo, Jackson, MI 49201 by **April 8, 2022**. (Of course, if someone should pass after that date, we will include him/her as well.) Any questions can also be directed to Lion Nancy at 517-262-3759.

We encourage members of your club to join us at the Memorial Service to honor these valuable Lions. **Family members are welcome** as well, whether they are Lions or not.

## EARTH DAY IDEAS FOR LIONS



Earth Day is April 22nd and is a great opportunity to engage our communities in an environmental project. The environment is one of the Lions Global Causes and hopefully your club already has an annual project to plant trees, recycle, or have a cleanup project. I participated in the very first Earth Day in April, 1970, during my senior year in high school and find it is even more important to participate now.

Whether your club is serving on Earth Day, or any other day, make sure your community knows who you are by wearing your Lion gear. Use the local media to invite and inform, and use signage at your events (like the sandwich board PDG Bert Sexton made a few years ago). Don't forget to share your project with all our Lions in the District newsletter and on MyLion. Get project ideas and more at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/environment>

Lorraine Lindsey, Environmental Chair

## KIDSIGHT

KidSight has a new, enthusiastic leader for this vital program this year. Immediate Past President Teresa Gest of Battle Creek Cereal City is our District KidSight Chair. If you have any questions related to KidSight, want to arrange to have the trailer for a special event, or learn about certification, contact Teresa and she will help you. She can be reached at (269) 625-4378 or CCLionTG@gmail.com

Note, that as required by the Lions of Michigan Foundation who sponsor the KidSight program, all participants at the event must be trained and certified and have background checks to enable them to work with children.

Next KidSight Training is scheduled for May 13 at VCL Clubhouse. Contact Jim Phelan for details.

## LCI WEBSITE UPDATE - MEMBER BIRTHDATES

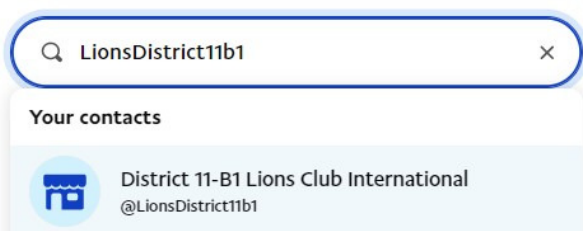
MyLion and MyLCI are getting a facelift! The new site is due out this summer. The update process has revealed many, many members that appear to be born on January 1. Every club has been asked to review the birthdates of their members. Cathy recently ran a check and there were 100s of Lions in our district that needed verifying/correcting. Watch for an email from CS Barb with club details.

## DISTRICT NOW ACCEPTS PAYPAL

District Treasurer PCC Barry Allen has setup a PayPal account to receive ADMIN payments. You can now send payments electronically for dues, convention registration, fall conference, and banner exchange.

Go to [paypal.me/LionsDistrict11b1](https://paypal.me/LionsDistrict11b1) or if already logged in, put @LionsDistrict11b1 in the "Send" field. Drop a note to Barry so he knows what the money is for and who it's from..

Send money





DG Kelly invites you to...

## Hana ho'omana'o (Making Memories)

Hawaiian Luau at 11-B1 Convention

April 29, 2023 @ 9am



Special Guest PID  
Dr. Jose A. Marrero  
with his wife Annie

A day of fun and business!

- Salute to Veterans - Memorial Service
- Breakout Sessions \* Visit Project Tables
- Tasty Lunch \* Awards
- Hawaiian shirt contest
- Business Meeting (open to all)
- Elections \* PDG Recognition
- Festive Dinner \* Music and Dancing
- 50/50 Raffles - Pie/Dessert Auction
- Can Raffle for Gift Baskets

Registration (\$15) includes breakfast.  
Reserve a seat for lunch (\$20) and dinner (\$25).

Wear your Hawaiian shirt for lunch. Wear evening luau dress for dinner.  
Formal attire not required.

Commonwealth Commerce Center  
209 East Washington Avenue  
Jackson, Michigan 49201

RSVP to Louvenia Shack-Seals at [louvenia@ameritech.net](mailto:louvenia@ameritech.net) or 517-914-9600  
Mail checks to "District 11-B1" 905 S. Gorham St, Jackson, MI 49203

RSVP by April 13

Name	Club	Registration	Lunch	Dinner	Total



**MEET CONVENTION SPECIAL GUEST  
PID DR. JOSE A. MARRERO**



Dr, José A. Marrero, from Arecibo, Puerto Rico, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Past Director Marrero has been a physician for 39 years and is currently medical director for a community care clinic with emergency care, lab, and X-ray facilities. His clinic is the primary care provider to most of the population within the surrounding areas. Dr. Marrero also works as an emergency physician for a third-level medical facility which receives referrals from all medical facilities and hospitals within the Arecibo district.

He became a Lion when he joined the Arecibo Capitan Correa Lions Club in 1996. Past Director Marrero has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district Diabetes Awareness and Action chairperson, multiple district GLT coordinator and recently, multiple district GST coordinator. He has served as a presenter in five Regional Leadership Institutes and three USA/Canada Forums. Past Director Marrero has also served as a member of several International Convention Election committees.

In recognition of his service, Past Director Marrero has received 11 International President's Certificates, one International President's Leadership Award, and two International President's Awards. Past Director Marrero and his wife, Annie, are both Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

Past Director Marrero also supports an outreach program to the homeless population within Arecibo. Established by his son and the Arecibo Capitan Correa Lions Club, the program provides food, clothing, and medical care to people in need. Past Director Marrero has served as president of his local chapter of the Puerto Rico College of Physicians and as a former city councilperson to the city of Arecibo.

Outside of his Lions and professional responsibilities, Past Director Marrero pursues an interest in botany and grows tropical bonsais and orchids in his home.

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**Just Announced! Convention After Party til Midnight**

At TownePlace Suites Jackson, 2002 Bondsteel Drive Jackson, MI. Reserve a room for \$119 (plus tax) a night.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1680627665718&key=GRP&app=resvlink>



## DISTRICT 11-B1 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Thursday, May 4, 2023  
5:30 PM - 8 PM

Vandercook Lake High School  
1000 E. Golf Ave, Jackson, MI 49203

RSVP by April 29

### 5:30 PM - REGISTRATION OPENS

Meet and Greet

Light Dinner: Sub sandwiches, chips, water, dessert

### 5:50 PM WELCOME - DG Kelly Lubbe

#### 6:00 PM SESSION 1 (choose one)

President – PDG Roger Spriggs

Secretary – Lion John (Dick) Saxton

Treasurer – PCC Barry Allen

Tail Twister/Lion Tamer – ZC Chris Lake

### 6:50 PM BREAK

#### 7:00 PM SESSION 2 (choose one)

Orientation: Club, District, LCI, LCIF – GST Coordinator Nancy Hill

Membership Growth and Retention – PDG Brent Beracy

MyLion: Reporting Service – PCC Dave Hill

Marketing and Social Media – IPDG Terri Huffman

All classes benefit new and seasoned Lions!

### Register 1 of 3 Ways

1. Online registration link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBQBMfR3K63Gtq9ooQbVSmlQLrNC-bdsUv-UqGIYM25wZBYA/viewform>

2. Contact Roger Bosse at rogerbosse@att.net or 269-578-3684

3. Mail form to Roger Bosse, 20349 White Pine Blvd, Battle Creek, MI 49017

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Session 1</u>	<u>Session 2</u>

RSVP by April 29

## DISTRICT 11-B1 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Greetings Lions of District 11-B1:

March 27, 2023

I'd like to personally invite all Lions to the District Spring Training event scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 at Vandercook Lake High School at 1000 E. Golf Ave, Jackson, MI 49203, starting at 5:30pm.

Hopefully this will help answer some of the questions that are frequently asked. If not, please contact myself, Roger Bosse, at 269-578-3684 or [rogerbosse@att.net](mailto:rogerbosse@att.net) with any questions.

**How do I register?** Our committee has set it up so you can register by (1) mail (2) email/phone (3) online.

1. Mail form to Roger Bosse, 20349 White Pine Blvd, Battle Creek, MI 49017

2. Contact Roger Bosse at [rogerbosse@att.net](mailto:rogerbosse@att.net) or 269-578-3684

3. Online registration link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBQBMfR3K63Gtq9ooQbVSmLQLrNC-bdsUv-UqGIYM25wZBYA/viewform>

Please RSVP by April 29, 2023

**What Classes are Offered?** We are offering all major club offices, including President/Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Tail Twister/Lion Tamer. Plus, support roles: Orientation-LCI/District/Club, Membership Growth and Retention; Service Reporting/MyLion; Marketing, and Social Media. Tell me what classes interest you when you register.

**Do I need to be a club officer to attend?** No. Any Lion is invited to attend any of the sessions. Clubs should send their new officers, current officers (as a refresher and update), and Lions who want to learn more about the available leadership positions. Come and see what it's all about!

**What is the cost for the training event?** **Free.** Includes light meal and snacks. (Donations gladly accepted)

**What is the format of the training event?** Attendees are asked to arrive between 5:30pm and 5:45pm to get oriented and signed in. After a short welcome, attendees will move to classrooms. The first session is 50 minutes, followed by a 10-minute break, and then a second 50-minute session. Before leaving they should fill out an evaluation form.

**Can I attend remotely?** Yes! Please let us know during registration so we can make arrangements with you.

**What if I can't attend the training on May 4?** We have been invited to attend 11-C2's leadership training on May 5 at 6pm at Holt High 5885 W. Holt Road 48842 (North Entrance). RSVP to Karen Routson at [KarenRoutson@yahoo.com](mailto:KarenRoutson@yahoo.com). Online training is also available through LCI/Learn.

**How can I tell you what I thought?** Just like the registration, you can tell us by (1) mail (2) email/phone or (3) online. Paper evaluation forms will be available at the registration table. Drop it off immediately or take it home and mail it in. Call or email me. Or visit [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfK6qj822RL\\_xypcrAHKk8lrRubSo2v8vY\\_IsuNjuMj736bfw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfK6qj822RL_xypcrAHKk8lrRubSo2v8vY_IsuNjuMj736bfw/viewform)

I hope to see everyone involved!

Sincerely,

Lion Roger Bosse, GLT Coordinator

## WHO NEEDS TREASURER TRAINING?

In the Spring Training flyer above, you may have noticed that there is a class for Treasurer. You might think that class is for new treasurers. But it's for anyone. Every Lion should understand how the club leadership team works. Understanding the role of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, boards of directors, etc makes us all better Lions. Been a Treasurer for many years? Come share your insights and maybe even learn something new.

One thing that came up recently was a club had only one signer at the bank. Only one Lion who could access the club funds. Sure, you don't want lots of people to have permission to spend the club funds. That would be a tracking nightmare. But what if something happens to that one signer? How do you keep the club running smoothly? How do you access the account if the only person who had access is no longer able to perform their duties?

Just as clubs have vice presidents who learn the club leadership role, has your club discussed an assistant treasurer? Or having the secretary and president as backup to the treasurer?

Sign up for District Leadership Training to learn more about this, or pick a different subject. The more we know about each role, the better the club (the team) works!

## LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

Did you know...?

- District 11-B1 has two trustees on the Lions of Michigan Board: PDG Dave Hill & PDG Terry Walters
- The Lions of Michigan Foundation has awarded 3 Emergency Assistance Grants to Clubs in our District so far this year. These grants include helping with bills for a man awaiting a transplant (\$2500) and buying an Orcam for a lady with retinal issues to help her read (\$1700).
- The Foundation has assisted with VSP vouchers and money to help individuals obtain glasses, going on a dozen so far this year in 11-B1.
- The Foundation has provided over 200 Hearing aids to individuals in Michigan this year.
- KidSight is run by the Foundation. This has been a very successful project by the Lions clubs, providing early vision screenings and issue detection for youngsters. This can enhance a Lions club's image within a community. If you need a camera, a KidSight trailer, a tent, or training please contact your District Chairperson (11-B1 chair is Teresa Gest). Get involved!

In order to provide this support, fundraising efforts are on-going. You can help!

1. The Lions of Michigan Foundation sent out 20,000 tickets for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, 30 tickets to each club in Michigan. Everyone's assistance is needed to sell these (for \$10 each). Many clubs use this as a fundraiser since your club gets a rebate once you sell 30 or more tickets. Clubs have made as much as \$4000 in selling these. Many clubs buy the set of 30 tickets that were sent to them and consider that their donation to the Foundation. The drawing is held in May. Ticket stubs should be mailed back by April 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. Cook Books- The Lions of Michigan Foundation has put together a great cook book which they have as a fundraiser. The cookbook sells for \$15. Contact Terry or Dave if you would like to order 5-10 cookbooks for your club. They make great gifts for members or speakers at your meetings.



3. Get involved in the Lions Mint Program. Set up dispensers in your community. The Foundation now has the Wintergreen mints!
4. Mints for the Military - The Foundation provides a case of Mints for individuals in your community who are serving in the military.

Any additional support your club can give to the Lions of Michigan Foundation projects and services is greatly appreciated. If you would like someone to speak about the Lions of Michigan Foundation or you need more information, feel free to contact Dave Hill at 517-262-8928 or coldhill@gmail.com or Terry Walters at 734-474-6914 or twalters02@comcast.net.

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At the recent Fund Development meeting, PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser presented the Lions of Michigan with a check from the Ken and Rowena Lautzenheiser Trust. The monies will be used to help individuals with medical needs. PID Ken was a driving force behind the formation of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. PID Ken was a 61-year member (until his death in 2013) and Lion Rowena was a 23-year member (until her death this past January). The Foundation always held a special place in their hearts.



Pictured: Lion Steve VanToll, PDG Pete Connarty, PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser, and Executive Director of LMF Chad McCann

## **THE MD 11 GLOBAL ACTION TEAM (GAT)**

Applications now being accepted for the 2023-2024 Lions year!

The Global Action Team (GAT) is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions' visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

The term is one year and members are selected by the multiple district (per the multiple district constitutional bylaws). A Lion may serve multiple terms. Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 year and must be submitted to the Lions State Office no later than May 1, 2023.

### Recommended Qualifications:

- Passionate about Lions, effectively promotes the Lions International Strategic Plan, and is invested in the association's future.
  - Experience in leading and developing service activities within the last five years.
  - Familiar with LCI and LCIF service programs, partnerships, and grants.
  - Graduate or faculty member of an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) or Faculty Development Institute (FDI), or other professional leadership program.
  - Able to use technology (Email, Microsoft Office, MyLCI, LCI website, social media).
- Reporting • GST multiple district coordinator reports to GAT area leader.

GLT, GMT, and GST multiple district coordinators report to multiple district Global Action Team chairperson (council chairperson).

Applications will be emailed upon request. Contact Lion Wendy Burns at [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com)

This article has a few acronyms. Here's a key.

GAT - Global Action Team

GLT - Global Leadership Team

GMT - Global Membership Team

GST - Global Service Team

LCI - Lions Clubs International

LCIF - Lions Clubs International Foundation

## WIGGING OUT FOR LOCAL KIDS

By DG Kelly Lubbe

As Governor of District 11-B1, I'm always on the lookout for organizations that could benefit from the many services offered by the Lions Club. When I learned about Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids, I knew our team could make a huge impact. And, indeed, we did. After getting the word out that we were collecting donations for this organization, we paid a visit to Maggie's with car loads of goodies.

Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids is a charity organization that offers free high-quality wigs to children who have lost their hair because of illness or disease but cannot afford the high cost of purchasing a wig ([www.wigs4kids.org](http://www.wigs4kids.org)). More than 5,200 children have been helped so far. They rely on community donations for the hair to make the wigs and sponsorships for funding, but also to provide a place where these kids can come for a tea party, get candy and toys, and essentially be treated like royalty.

The building is quite unassuming from the outside, but inside it's pure magic. Peggy Allen (PCC) and I arrived there on September 23, 2022. As we began unloading trunk loads of donations, we were greeted by the outstretched arms of Maggie herself. Upon entering the building, we saw the salon and wig selections. On the walls hung stars and angels...recognizing generous donors and honoring the beautiful souls who had lost their battles to various diseases. The spirit in this place is palpable. My heart was full, and before I realized it, my eyes became misty. We continued to unload our donations and helped organize the goodies from our generous community.



Jennifer, Peggy, Kelly, Maggie



Donated Teacups for Tea Parties



Snacks, plates, cups, napkins



Cookies, Applesauce



Zipper cases for treats



Cookies



Jewelry



Italian Ices, Jewelry, Cookies, and Games



PCC Peggy and DG Kelly



Books



Stuffed elephant, juice boxes



Teacups

## WHO IS SELLING VIDALIA ONIONS?

### JACKSON HOST



Jackson Host Lions are once again selling yummy  
VIDALIA ONIONS

\$12.00/10lb

\$22.00/25lb

Contact Ed Piper at 517-750-4690 or  
piperet@hotmail.com to get your order in.

Order deadline: April 17 \* Pickup: mid-May

### DEXTER



Dexter Lions are selling yummy VIDALIA ONIONS

\$5.00/5lb

\$10.00/10lb

Contact Becky Walters at 734-474-6915 or  
bwalters01@comcast.net to get your order in.

Order deadline: April 17 \* Pickup: May 27

### MARSHALL LIONS



Marshall Lions are once again selling yummy  
VIDALIA ONIONS

\$12.00/10lb

\$28.00/25lb

Contact Tracey Kenworthy at 269-420-1762 if you'd  
like some!

\* Onion bag image for attention. This is not necessarily the brand each club is selling.

## STATE PROJECT VIRTUAL ZOOM SERIES

Lions of Michigan has created a 5-part Zoom series that airs on Sunday nights at 7pm. Hopefully you've been able to participate in the first two informational sessions of this series which highlights the value of our State Projects and their impact in our communities.

Each of these presentations will be recorded and available soon after on the Lions of Michigan YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLs8QKe5MkjtCHwQyEOI6awcx4ryc2Bqr2>

Thank you for your support of our Lions State Projects!

Registration for all presentations is at [lionsofmi.com/projects](https://lionsofmi.com/projects)

Questions? Contact Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director, Lions Clubs of Michigan 517.887.6640 ext. 103

Last 3 sessions: April 16: Eversight \* April 30: Lions of Michigan Foundation \* May 7: Bear Lake Camp

### State Projects Virtual Zoom Series

Live and interactive

Trivia, Q & A and Discussion

Prizes, Music and FUN!

For more info and to register go to [lionsofmi.com/projects](https://lionsofmi.com/projects) or scan:



 <p><b>Eversight</b> making vision a reality</p> <p><b>April 16, 2023</b> 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>April is National</i> <b>DONATE LIFE</b> Month</p>	 <p><b>LIONS OF MICHIGAN</b> <b>FOUNDATION</b></p> <p><b>April 30, 2023</b> 7:00 pm</p>  <p><b>Project Kidsight</b></p>	 <p><b>BEAR LAKE</b> A PLACE TO BELONG FOR ALL PEOPLE</p> <p><b>May 7, 2023</b> 7:00 pm</p> 
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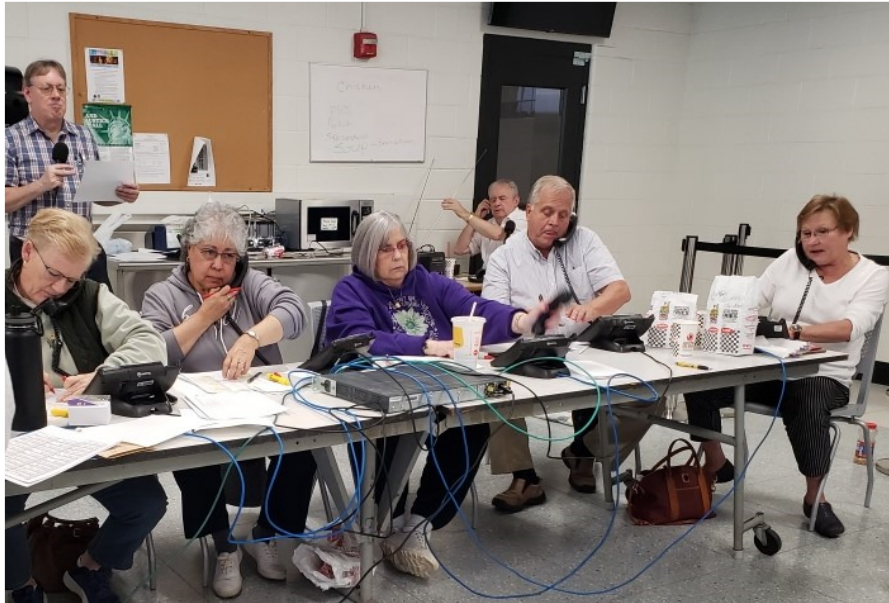
Recordings of these and previous presentations available at [lionsofmi.com/projects](https://lionsofmi.com/projects)

## ADRIAN BREAKFAST

Once again it's time for the Adrian Breakfast Lions Club Annual Radio Auction. This year marks our 27th anniversary raising money to benefit the Adrian and Lenawee communities. Something new this year is collaboration with the Hillsdale Lions Club sharing the work and the proceeds to benefit the citizens of Hillsdale County.

It will be held at Adrian High School on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 12:30 PM. to 5:30 P.M. on 102.5 FM "The BUZZ" radio (reaching Lenawee, Hillsdale, Jackson, Monroe counties and northwest Ohio). We will be auctioning off merchandise and services donated by businesses, individuals, and organizations. The merchandise and services will be described on the air and listeners will bid by telephone. Items include restaurant gift cards, auto service coupons, small appliances, golf cart and green fees, toys, plane and glider rides, Detroit Tiger tickets, home goods, honey, jewelry, clothing, and much, much more in the over 300 items up for auction! More items and auction information can be found at "[adrianradioauction.weebly.com](https://adrianradioauction.weebly.com)". Listen to 102.5 FM on April 29th for the call-in number to place your bid(s) and take advantage of some great bargains!

Below is a photo of our operators hard at work taking calls at our last auction.



The past two months have been very busy ones for the members of the Adrian Breakfast Lions as we prepare for our 27th annual radio auction. (see details above)

In addition, we have made the following donations to help the citizens of our area.

- Donated \$100 to help a 5 year old boy get a service dog.
- Took a \$400 ad in the playbill for the Croswell Theater in support of local actors and stage productions.
- Spent nearly \$400 to help four people with their vision care.
- Provided \$100 for a 10th grade English project at Addison High School where students will write and publish children's books.
- Donated 40 Scholastic books to Addison Elementary for a "March Is Reading Month" project involving Adrian College education majors, parents, and students.
- Selected two county seniors to each receive \$500 Adrian Breakfast Lions Scholarships.

## BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

The board of directors approved a donation to Maggie's Wigs for Kids of Michigan in the sum of \$300.00. The funds will be used to purchase 60 travel pillows that are used by the children as they travel between home and medical appointment. The pillows are supplied by Lion Mike Lindell (The My Pillow Guy) and meet all of the special requirements necessary for children who often have immune deficiencies due to treatment. Mike highly discounts the pillows to Maggie.



On Wednesday, March 15th, Cereal City Lions Mike Guzak, Jane Cook, and Bryan Cook, helped the Battle Creek DPW Environmental Department with their Styrofoam recycling event. The project was held at the DPW building on Kendall Street and was open to any Battle Creek resident. Cars were lined up before the start of the 3pm-6pm event.

Gloves, neon vests, snacks, and water were furnished by the city. The Styrofoam was unloaded, sorted, and bagged according to packing material or food containers. The full bags were loaded into a semi-trailer for transportation to the Dart company for recycling.

## MANCHESTER

Congratulations to Lion Anita Herman on becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow. PDG Roger Spriggs was privileged to be asked to present the Melvin Jones pin and plaque. Lion Anita has received the fellowship in recognition of her service to the club and the local community. She currently serves as 1st Vice President and will continue in that role for 2023-24.





## CLEAR LAKE VIRTUAL



A video recording of the Clear Lake Virtual club charter event has been posted.

You can find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p199hQSoibI>

Follow this new club on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088946476703>

## DEXTER

Dexter Lions have been busy over the cold months supporting Dexter High Basketball, manning doors and such. While Spring is in the air, they are already looking ahead to their Fall sports program. If you would like to buy an ad, contact Terry Walters before July 14. They have started their Vidalia onion sales. Order by April 17 to receive delivery May 27. Members participated in the tour of Leader Dog in March. They are also supporting their community by thanking major sponsors with plaques and awarding checks to Girls Softball, Senior Center, and Community Players.

## NAPOLEON

Napoleon Lions held their Annual Pirate Chili Cook Off during the March meeting. This year there was a tie so Frank Ivy and Levi Kimball share bragging rights. Special guest was Jim Phelan, Zone Chair.



## JACKSON EYEOPENERS

We welcomed Jasmine Young to the Eyeopeners at her induction ceremony on March 1. DG Kelly Lubbe conducted the ceremony, and Barb Ray stood in for Jasmine's sponsor, Sam Browning. Sam is also pictured above, receiving her sponsor certificate from PID Esther at our March 16 meeting. Jasmine is a lifelong resident of Jackson and is passionate about community service, a perfect fit for the Eyeopeners! Jasmine is a Marketing Analyst at Eaton Corporation and is also a real estate agent with Howard Hanna in Jackson. Jasmine is a gardening enthusiast and enjoys sports and recreation. She has one adult son who lives in Oregon. We are pleased that Jasmine has accepted the position of Director on the Eyeopeners Board for the coming Lions Year beginning July 1, a good way to learn more about Lions!



## JACKSON HOST

### CLEBRATES 102 YEARS BY SPONSORING THEIR 16<sup>TH</sup> LIONS CLUB



The Jackson Host Lions Club was pleased to attend the Charter Ceremony of the Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club on February 4, at the Winter Camp for the Blind. Host Club members in attendance were Guiding Lion PDG David Anderson and Guiding Lion and Zone Chair Bea Furman. Also attending were Jackson Host Treasurer Bob McCreery who assisted in training the Clear Lake Treasurer, Jackson Host President Dick Colony, and DG Kelly Lubbe (Jackson County Professional Virtual club).



The new Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club, 21 members strong, celebrates their Charter Ceremony at the Winter Camp for the Blind.

## JACKSON HOST LIONS CLUB STARTS A NEW CENTURY WITH A NEW BANNER!



In 1921, the Jackson Host Lions Club began filling their banner with service recognition patches and awards. With no room remaining, a new second banner begins a second century for the club.

## 2023 VIDALIA ONION FUNDRAISER KICKS OFF IN FINE FASHION!



Pictured from left to right: Tail Twister and “Onion Queen” Lion Chris Lake, “Onion King” Lion Mike Brown, “Royal Cape Holder” Lion Bob Mc Creery, “The Scallion Stallion Rider” Lion Pat Maher, “Royal Flag Bearer” Lion Marti Willard.

As is tradition, the annual “Vidalia Onion Parade” marches to the member’s serenade of the “Onion Fight Song” in officially declaring the opening of their 6 week “Onion Games” fundraiser. Contact Ed Piper at 517-750-4690, or [piperet@hotmail.com](mailto:piperet@hotmail.com) to place your order. The cost is \$12 for a 10 lb. bag, or \$22 for a 25 lb. bag.

## QUEST SOUTH EAST JACKSON

Several members of the Quest Lions are State Volunteers for AARP. We witnessed Gov. Whitmer signing the bill to repeal income tax on retiree pensions. Lions are involved everywhere.



## TOUR OF LEADER DOG

On March 16, we had 26 Lions from our district, representing 9 clubs, drive up to Rochester, Michigan for a tour of Leader Dog for the Blind. We had a great time! We learned so much from the tour leaders, our liaison Mike Dengate, and client Jeff Hawkins with his Leader Dog "Dove". They are a great Team!

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Debbie Chambers said:

Went to the Leader Dog school for the Blind today. What an amazing tour we had, telling us & showing us how they train dogs for the blind. If you're interested in information about this wonderful place let me know.

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The Leader Dog Lions Team (Leaderdog.org) shared:

"We want to thank all of you for taking the time to visit Leader Dogs for the Blind yesterday. It was a pleasure to show you around and tell you about our processes and programs.

We wanted to share a [tour video](#) that shows some additional areas of the campus. Be sure to watch the second segment where Jeff and "Gracie" provide a tour of the residence building.

Tomorrow a new group of clients will be heading home with a new confidence and independence. Your interest in support helped make that happen.

We invite you to visit [LeaderDog.org](#) to learn more about our programs, our history, our impact, and the resources available to Lions Clubs.

Here is a [short video](#) to thank you for your Interest and support.

Together we are making people UNSTOPPABLE !"



Marianne Titler shared pictures and expressed, "The facilities were very clean!" Grass Lake Lions Club President, Gary Titler practices the blind walk with a trained dog.



Jeff Hawkins and Leader Dog "Dove" Ambassadors



**Tour Participants**



**8 week old puppies in for vetting between their birth home and their training home**



**Bryan walks with a guide dog**



**Cathy tries the dog walk**

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## JUNE BUG

What do the abbreviations mean?

**GENDER**  
F=Female, M=Male

**COAT COLOR**  
B=Black Y=Yellow C=Chocolate  
S=Sable BT=Black and Tan

**BREED**  
Lab= Labrador retriever  
Gol= Golden retriever  
GSD= German shepherd dog  
L/Gol= Labrador retriever(mom)/ golden retriever(dad)  
Gol/L= golden retriever(mom)/ Labrador retriever(dad)  
F2= 75% cross of breed indicated  
F3= 87.5% cross of breed indicated

**EXAMPLES**  
FYLab is a female yellow Labrador retriever  
MBF2Lab is a male black 75% Labrador retriever

**Characteristic abbreviations**



**Gina walks with a dog**



**Gina and DG Kelly try out the dog kennel**



**Dog Toys in Dishwasher**

## Types of Visual Impairment

There are many types of visual impairment that can cause a person to be or become legally blind. Legal blindness can mean that a person is totally blind, but it is more common for a person who is legally blind to retain some amount of vision.

The types of visual impairment listed below are just a few of the conditions that cause visual impairment. A person may also lose their sight due to injury or a health episode such as a stroke.

<p><b>Diabetic Retinopathy</b></p> <p>The most common cause of vision loss among people who have diabetes. Vision loss is associated with chronically high blood sugar levels that damage the blood vessels in the retina (the light-sensitive tissue of the eye) causing them to leak fluid or bleed.</p>	<p><b>Macular Degeneration</b></p> <p>Vision loss occurs when the central portion of the retina (the macula) deteriorates from a combination of heredity and environmental factors. Risk increases with age with most people being over 50 years old. There are two types of macular degeneration. A less common form of macular degeneration, Stargardt's disease, occurs in younger people and is genetically based.</p>	<p><b>Glaucoma</b></p> <p>Most common in older adults. Often caused by abnormally high fluid pressure inside the eye. If left untreated it may damage the optic nerve, which transmits images to the brain. The effect is so gradual that the person may not notice a change in their vision until the condition is of an advanced stage.</p>	<p><b>Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP)</b></p> <p>A rare degenerative disease that attacks the retina's ability to respond to light. The affected disease causes a gradual decline in vision because photoreceptor cells (rod and cone) die. As RP progresses, the field of vision narrows causing "tunnel vision" or in only central vision remains.</p>	<p><b>Usher Syndrome</b></p> <p>The most common condition to affect both vision and hearing. Symptoms include hearing loss combined with retinitis pigmentosa. Many people with Usher syndrome experience severe balance issues. There are three clinical types of Usher syndrome. Individuals with Type 1 are born profoundly deaf and develop vision problems by age 10. Individuals with Type 2 are born with moderate to severe hearing loss with vision loss progressing during teenage years. Individuals with Type 3 have mild hearing or both that deteriorate during childhood or early teens with vision problems beginning in teenage years.</p>
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**Types of Visual Impairment sign**





**DG Kelly... or is it a puppy? <wink>**



**Gina and tour guide Paul**



**Dogs in training**



**Debbie, Kim, DG Kelly**



**William Miller and Leader Dog "Maze"**



**Kim walks with a dog**

## CLINTON

Join Clinton Lions in their upcoming "Strides for Diabetes Awareness Walk" on May 13 at Tate Park. The event will be 9am-12pm. Registration is \$25. Register before April 24 to get a t-shirt. Contact Clinton Lion Alicia Seegert at 517-403-7688 to register.

**TATE PARK  
SATURDAY, MAY 13TH  
FROM 9- NOON**



# **STRIDES FOR DIABETES AWARENESS WALK**

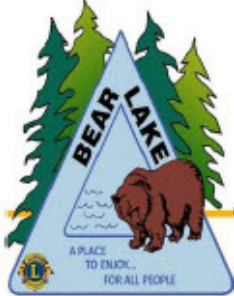
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT: ALICIA SEEGERT  
(517) 403-7688



REGISTRATION \$25  
REGISTER BY APRIL 24TH TO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT

## BEAR LAKE CAMP

Bear Lake Camp appreciates the support given to them by the Lions clubs of Michigan. In addition to the usual costs of camp maintenance and summer programs, they need help replacing their aging golf carts. If you can support this effort, please send a check to PDG Rich Pfeiffer, 70350 Henry Ross Dr, Romeo, MI 48065.



## **Lions Bear Lake Camp**

*Our Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.*

February 13, 2023

Dear Lion Club President

About five weeks ago a letter was sent out about a special fund raiser for Lions Bear Lake Camp. It is located just north of Lapeer Mi. The mission of Lions Bear Lake Camp is to provide a premier educational outdoor recreational experience for children with special needs.

About 15 years ago the Romeo Lions donated three golf carts to the camp to transport the children from/to the cottages, dining building, lake areas, arts and craft building, etc. Those carts have now worn out and need to be replaced; This is where we need your help.

If every club in the state would find \$100.00 in the budget to give for the new carts., we would be able to pay the cost of the carts and shipping fees. That \$100.00 investment divided by 15 years amounts to just \$6.66 a year. Our campers or worth a lot more. Your donation will be much appreciated.

Checks payable to: Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to: PDG Rich Pfeiffer  
70350 Henry Ross Dr.  
Romeo, MI 48065

Thank you so much. Please contact me with any questions.

**Leo Schaefer, P.D.G.**

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[Shae71par@hotmail.com](mailto:Shae71par@hotmail.com) (586) 843-3222

[This \$100 is over and above your regular donation to the camp.]



- Full Roof
- Rear Seat
- Adjustable Steering
- Rear Viewing Mirror
- Side Viewing Mirrors
- Front & Rear Seat Belts
- LED Low / High Beam Lights
- LED Light Bar
- Brake Lights
- Blinkers

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 15 (Saturday) 2pm** - See flyer above.

Jackson Eyeopeners Family Bowling Event, Jackson

Sign up by March 25. Contact Sam Browning at 517-945-3569 or Connie Neese at 517-937-7986

**April 16 (Sunday) 8am-11:30am**

Vandercook Lake invites everyone to breakfast, 3rd Sunday of every month.

Biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, and coffee/milk. \$5 Donations are accepted.

**April 20, 2023 (Thursday) 5pm-7pm**

Bedford Area invites everyone to dinner on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Homemade soups, salads, and desserts. Contact Ron and Margaret Keagle for more information - ronmarg925@aol.com or 269-721-3616

**April 29 (Saturday) 9am** - See flyer above.

District 11-B1 Convention at Commonwealth Commerce Center, Jackson

RSVP to Louvenia Shack-Seals at louvenia@ameritech.net or 517-914-9600

News Flash...Just Announced... After Party!! (more info coming soon)

Convention committee says they will be able to take credit and debit cards at convention for raffles.

**May 4 (Thursday) 6pm-8pm** - See flyer above

Spring Leadership Forum at Vandercook Lake High School

Contact Roger Bosse at rogerbosse@att.net or 269-578-3684.

**May 18-20 (Thursday-Saturday)**

Lions of Michigan MD11 Convention 2023

Delta Hotels Muskegon Marriott Convention Center, 939 3rd St, Muskegon, MI 49440

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/calendar-and-forthcoming-events/md11-state-convention-may-2023>

**July 7-11, 2023**

Lions Clubs International Convention, Boston, MA \*Registration is open! <https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2023/>

**July 16, 2023 (Sunday)**

District 11-B1 Banner Exchange

Details to come!

**August 20, 2023 (Sunday) 2pm**

Immediate Past District Governor Kelly Lubbe Appreciation Dinner

Gene Davis Banquet Hall, 3575 Francis St, Jackson, MI 49203

**September 30, 2023 (Saturday) 1pm-4pm**

Napoleon Lions Club 70th Anniversary Celebration

Lunch, BYOB, band, 50/50s and club competitions.

Would love all of the district clubs to join us! Contact Jo Ivy 517-712-5252 or stategirl78@gmail.com for more information.

**April 20, 2024 (Saturday)**

District 11-B1 Convention

Details to come!