



District 11-B1 Newsletter

January 2022 Edition

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A FEW WORDS FROM DG TERRI



Happy new year! I hope the new year brings your family and loved ones a year of love, success, prosperity, and personal achievements.

As Lions the new year opens doors for us to have continued impact on the lives of so many others, which in turn impacts our own lives.

I am so proud of the work that we have accomplished over the past 6 months. We have brought awareness to diabetes, we have tested children's vision, we have cleaned our environment, we have donated gifts to children with cancer and we have worked countless hours at food pantries helping others who are food deficient. The Lions of District 11-B1 are well represented in all ways of Lionism.

We are going to be using more zoom meetings to stay safe from the covid virus in hopes that we can have an impact the overall virus control. If you need assistance with getting any of your club meetings on zoom please contact Lion Cathy Koning for assistance. The district has a zoom account available for everyone's use.

DG Terri

DISTRICT WEBSITE

Our district website is a great place to find information, including the recordings and powerpoint presentations for the recent leadership training, including My Lion (ie service reporting) and KidSight.

Stop by for a visit at <https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1/>

DISTRICT FACEBOOK

"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/>

WE REMEMBER...

MIKE STRUWIN



Mike Struwin was the President of Bedford Area Lions Club and served for many years as the medical officer at Winter Camp for the Blind. Those of us who have worked at the camp know that Mike usually served on the front desk and was the person who welcomed people to the camp. We will miss him at the Camp and at his club.

Obituary

Michael Steven Struwin, age 66, of Battle Creek, MI, passed away on Thursday, December 23, 2021. He was born January 5, 1955, in Battle Creek, the son of Robert and Dolores Wise. Michael graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1973. He was employed at Pine Creek Indian Reservation for many years before retiring. Michael was a proud member of the Rescue Squad for the Battle Creek Fire Department. He enjoyed fishing and playing cards. Michael will be truly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his mother, Dolores Wise; stepfather, Robert Wise; and sister, Cindy Wise. Michael was preceded in death by his biological father, Harold Struwin; his grandparents; his siblings, Todd Wise, Brian Wise, and Beverly Struwin

CLEM RUIZ



Age 80, of Clark Lake, passed away Sunday, December 12, 2021. He was born at Highland Park, Michigan in 1941, the son of Manuel and Caroline (Maino) Ruiz. Clem grew up in Ferndale; then went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from Ferris State University. Later in his career, he furthered his education with a Master's Degree from Michigan State University. He was a lifelong educator, teaching in the Business Department at Columbia Central High School for 30 years. Clem also taught driver's training courses to students at several Jackson County schools during his tenure as an educator.

Clem is survived by his wife and partner of 55 years, Vicki F. (Bloom) Ruiz; daughter, Marie (Scott) Pettis; son, Jeff Ruiz; five grandchildren, Greg (Victoria) Bryant, Dylan (Trisha) Bryant, Tyler Pettis, Dustin Ruiz and Zoe Ruiz; three great-grandchildren, Payton, Wyatt and Waylon Bryant.

For the past 55 years, Clem enjoyed living at their home on Clark Lake. He enjoyed water sports on lake, hunting, fishing and bowling. The greatest joy was that of watching and being a part of his children and grandchildren's life events over the years, he certainly was proud of them all. Since 1979, he had a great passion for the Lions Club and community service that the Lions clubs provide. Clem was active with Lions Clubs on the club, district, state and international levels. He was Past President of the Clarklake Lions Club and now an active member with the Michigan Center Lions Club. Clem was District Governor in 1996-97; former President of the Lions of Michigan Foundation; active with the Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund; International Convention Liaison for many years; as well as other key roles in the Lions organization too many to mention. He loved to travel and he and Vicki were able to travel to over 25 Lions International Conventions on four different continents.

**MARCH IS
NATIONAL READING MONTH**

If you are interested in securing funds contact: PDG Vicki Lautzenheiser, Reading Action Chair at lautzevl@gmail.com.



You are now required to be Kidsight Certified
and Background Checked

We are holding a Joint Zone Meeting
For Region 2 - Zones 1, 2, and 3

Training on Kidsight
How to Work the Spot Camera
Proper Paperwork
Google Documents
Brainstorming on Events
Certification
Background Tested

Date: Saturday January 29, 2022
Time: 10:00am -12:00pm
Location: Vandercook Lake Club House
Address: 4628 Francis St. Jackson, 49203

RSVP by January 14, 2022

klubbe1065@gmail.com or 517-745-4404



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Everyone is Welcome!

JOINT ZONE TRAINING REGION 2

ZONE 1

Zone Chair Kelly Lubbe
Clark Lake
Grass Lake
Michigan Center
Michigan Center Lioness
Jackson Diabetes
North Jackson
Jackson Virtual

ZONE 2

Zone Chair Nancy Hill
Concord
Jackson Eye Openers
Hanover/Horton
Napoleon
Parma/Spring Arbor
Vandercook Lake

ZONE 3

Zone Chair Chris Lake
Albion
Jackson Host
Jackson Cascade
Quest South East Jackson

ADRIAN BREAKFAST

The Adrian Breakfast Lions have been busy this holiday season joining in the spirit of giving and living up to the Lions motto, "We Serve". Beginning with their annual radio auction in October which earned over \$7,000, they have been supporting local charities with cash and gift donations. \$200 was donated to the Adrian Public Schools annual Turkey Drive, \$200 to support the Catherine Cobb Shelter for Women, \$100 to support the Maurice Spear Christmas program for foster children, and \$300 in toys for the Associated Charities Toys for Tots program.

In addition, they spent nearly \$500 in books purchased through the Scholastic Book Company to be given to children at our annual "Evening With Santa" event on December 11th. Each year over a hundred children and their families come to enjoy crafts, snacks, hay rides, and a personal visit with Santa, all sponsored by the Lions of Lenawee County.

In the photo (by Lion Burt Fenby) with our tree at the annual Festival of Lights in Adrian are Lions members Terry Hicks, Larry Atkin, Laura VanSickle, Bob Guy, Char Dickerson, and Dick Sexton. The event is held every year in Comstock Park in Adrian and includes over 400 lit and decorated trees. It is well worth a visit to Adrian to see and walk through!



If success was measured in smiles, then the "Evening With Santa" event on December 11th was a HUGE success! The Adrian Breakfast Lions organized the event and would like to thank the City of Adrian Parks and Rec Department for the use of the Stunitz Center, the Lions Clubs of Lenawee for helping them with the decorations, McDonalds of Adrian and Hudson for providing toys, the Community Action Agency for providing refreshment, the Bits and Pieces RC Club for handing out candy canes, Barrett's Showplace Gardens for providing decorations, and the local radio stations WLEN and WBZ and Telegram for helping us get the word out about the event.

A special thanks to all the parents who brought their children to see Santa. Each of them are to be thanked for keeping the spirit of Christmas alive in the hearts of their children.

Over 400 people (mostly children) attended and enjoyed crafts, snacks, and an opportunity to tell their Christmas wishes to Santa and receive a small gift and a book. The many smiles and "thank you's" we received made it all worthwhile and we look forward to doing it again next year.



BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

Teresa from the Cereal City Lions Club visited the Wellness Center at Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan, Inc to deliver lots of gifts for the kids in the program! They expressed gratitude to have the continued support of the Lions Club as partners serving children throughout Michigan at no charge.



A big group of Cereal City Lions and friends (Lions for a Day) got a workout this last weekend helping Santa's Helper pack 150+ Christmas food boxes at Trinity Community Center on Friday and packing and delivering Christmas dinners and food supplies to 26 families in Battle Creek on Saturday morning.

Big thank you to the First Congregational Church Battle Creek for the use of your space, Meijer Corporation for a donation grant, South Michigan Food Bank and Darlene Williams and Santa's Helper for all that you do for our community!

Thank you to all our Lions who helped organize, pack, repack, and deliver them to make this project a success!





It's not all work; Battle Creek Cereal City Lions celebrated the holidays together.



Roger and Harriet Spriggs



Laurie and Jeff Aspinall



Derrick and Maria Dean

BATTLE CREEK HOST



Around ten years ago Jan Bishop and Diane Klecker of Battle Creek Host Lions Club discussed the importance of children's access to books with a schoolteacher.

They decided that their club would donate good quality, hard back books to children. These would not be shared books but would be personally owned by the children so they could write their names in them and take care of them.

The club obtains the books, at a discount from Barnes & Noble after Christmas. Last year they purchased around \$1,000 worth of books, sufficient for two years.

In addition to the book, the children also receive a toy or a knitted hat for the holiday.

Thank you, Host Lions, we know you have struggled with fundraisers due to the pandemic and we are happy that you have been able to continue this important service project.

BLISSFIELD

**BLISSFIELD AREA LIONS CLUB
23rd ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE
FEBRUARY 5, 2022
TICKETS \$50.00 EACH**



**1ST PRIZE \$2500, 2ND PRIZE \$500, 3RD PRIZE \$250
DINNER AND BEVERAGES INCLUDED
OTHER CASH PRIZES DURING THE DRAWING
CONTACT
LION DICK SAXTON FOR TICKETS
517-486-3429 OR JRS19821@OUTLOOK.COM**

23rd Annual Reverse Raffle

February 5, 2022 (Saturday)

Tickets \$50 each

Dinner and beverages included.

1st Prize \$2500, 2nd prize \$500, 3rd prize \$250

Other cash prizes during the drawing

Contact Lion Dick Saxton for tickets at

517-486-3429 or JRS19821@outlook.com

CLARK LAKE

Clark Lake Lions holiday festivities. Wonderful time with lifelong friends. "Thank goodness none of them told stories of our younger days", jokes DG Terri.





Winter Camp for the Blind will be going virtual again this year due to Covid positive rates exceeding the Clear Lake Camp's guideline for overnight residency. The Winter Camp for the Blind leadership team is disappointed in this recent development but are excited to offer a program including devotional time, a craft project (with Denise), virtual Bingo, a virtual talent show, and will again do the gift card raffle. Mark your calendar and invite friends to attend. **February 5, 2022 at 1pm.** It will run 3-4 hours.

Sign up at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeN3ctB4CYsSuGdzXAnOyvaN51qBqP00dYQS4wh900QWvAieA/viewform>

If you would like to donate a \$25 gift card to the effort, please contact Roger Bosse at (269)578-3684, or email him at: rogerbosse@att.net. We ask that the gift card be for a major store like Meijer, Target, McDonalds, Walmart, etc since campers come from all over the state. The raffle was a big hit last year and is a great way for clubs around the state to participate.



LCIF CAMPAIGN 100 UPDATE

As of December 27, LCIF has reached \$245,294,291 of \$300 million goal. Our district contribution is currently standing at 81.8%. We have until June for our district to reach our goal for supporting LCIF.

Please consider a donation of \$100 per Lion and at least a \$25 donation per club.

Contact Kelly Lubbe at 517-745-4404 or kellyl@westpointoptical.com to learn more.

DEXTER

DG Terri exclaims, "I do love being in the Lions and even more being a District Governor. We inducted 6 of 10 new members tonight into the Dexter Lions Club. Fantastic group of Lions!"



JACKSON CASCADES

The Jackson Cascades Lions Club donated 27 hygiene kits to Family Service and Children's Aid to be given to children entering their foster care program. On December 13th the club held its festive Christmas meeting at the Manor House with several guests in attendance including DG Terri Huffman and widows of four Lions.



The club held a successful Terry Lynn nuts and chocolates fundraiser at Jackson Crossing in December.



JACKSON EYEOPENERS

The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club showing off the scarves they made to donate to the Salvation Army. They also donated hats and mittens to an elementary school. A festive party!



Executive Director of Lions of Michigan Wendy Burns and DG Terri ended up with each other's white elephant gifts at the Jackson Eye-openers Lions Christmas party. Lots of laughs and friendship. They also made scarves as a service project for the Salvation Army. Wonderful evening.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Lions International President Douglas X. Alexander on the "Quest for Kindness" float at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.



MANCHESTER

30 kids attended the Manchester Lions Kids Christmas shopping in Manchester, returning to wrap their presents, a pizza party, and visit with Santa!

Presents provided by Manchester Lions, the fire department Toys for Tots drive, and local merchants.



MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS

Michigan Center Lioness held a beautiful memorial at the Township Park. Their tree is a Memorial for all the lost members over the years.



VANDERCOOK LAKE

Helping the Community – Celebrate the holiday season, Vandercook Lake Lions worked to help those in need in their community. They joined with Vandercook Lake Schools to provide turkeys for food baskets and winter clothing to the needy, rang bells for the Salvation Army, and made donations to the Salvation Army, the Interfaith Shelter, the AWARE Shelter, the John George Home and the Friendly Home.

Holiday Lights - Thanks to generous donations from the community (to include Vern Morehead from the Classic Car Wash and Chuck Miller and Ron Bennett from Vandercook Lake Schools) and cooperation with Consumers Energy among others as well as the hard work of our Vandercook Lake Lions, they hope everyone enjoyed the holiday lights that lined the Vandercook Lake streets. The VCL Lions work throughout the year to maintain the lights, put them up in November and take them down in January. They are pleased this year to have been able to extend the lights down Hague Avenue as well.

New Member - VCL Lions are pleased to welcome a new member – Sheila Sisk, widow of long-time member Bob Sisk sponsored by Lion Cathy Kapuga. Sheila has worked on service projects with the club for many years. They are happy to make her an official Lion. Welcome Lion Sheila!

Monthly Breakfast – Join them the third Sunday of each month (8am-11:30am) at the Vandercook Lake Clubhouse for a hearty breakfast of biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, and toast. Donations are accepted; carryout orders are available for \$5.

KARL SORRICK TRAVELING AWARD

Submissions due by February 15, 2022

This contest is to determine the District, Region and Zone Club of the Year to be presented at the District Convention. It will run from February 1, 2021 to February 1, 2022. **All entries are to be submitted to District Cabinet Secretary by February 15, 2022.**

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY:

1. Twenty (20) points for providing funds to a community agency within our district. (Maximum 40 points)
Example: Red Cross, food bank, church, etc.
2. Fifty (50) points for sponsoring a Peace Poster Contestant.
3. Ten (10) points for each pair of glasses provided. (Max 100 points)
4. Ten (10) points for donations given to Youth Activities. Example: scouts, athletic teams, youth clubs, Leos, etc. (Maximum 50 points)
5. Ten (10) points for donations to individuals, i.e. scholarships, travel or accessibility needs.(Maximum 50 points)
6. Ten (10) points for club involvement in community improvement projects. (Maximum 40 points)
7. Fifty (50) points for holding a KidSight/SPOT Screening. (Maximum 200 points)
8. Twenty (20) points for having a Lions Mint Dispenser in your community. (Max 40 points)
9. Ten (10) points for each eyeglass collection site set up in your community. (Maximum 40 points)
10. Twenty (20) points for sponsoring a Diabetes Awareness session in your community.

SERVICE TO THE LIONS:

11. Fifty (50) points for each member serving on the District Cabinet.
12. Twenty Five (25) points for each member chairing a District Committee.
13. Twenty (20) points for each District 11-B1 All State Band member financially supported by your club.
14. Ten (10) points for submitting your club newsletter or news stories to the District Newsletter Editor.
(Max 50 points)
15. Ten (10) points maximum for having a Lions Welcome sign in good condition displayed in your community.
16. Fifty (50) points for 10% of your club membership collaborating with another club on a project or a fundraiser. (Max 150 points)
17. Fifty (50) points for participating in the Reading Action Program.
18. Ten (10) points for donation to EACH of the following projects OR 250 points total for donations made to ALL of the projects at the Parade of Checks:
All State Band, Winter Camp, Michigan Braille Transcribing, Diabetes, Radio Reading Services, Hearing and Speech, Leos, Sight Conservation, Children's Services, Youth Outreach (Quest), Penrickton Center, Deaf Picnic, Michigan Youth Challenge Academy
19. One hundred (100) points for financially supporting ALL the following projects at the Parade of Checks: Bear Lake Camp, Eversight, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions of Michigan Foundation (LOMF), Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF).
20. Fifty (50) points (max) if you have a presentation done at one of your membership meetings by the GMT, GLT, or GST chairperson.
21. Ten (10) points per outside speaker at your regular meetings (Max 50 points).

MEMBERSHIP:

22. Ten (10) points for each new member.
23. Fifty (50) points for a net gain of members by Feb1, 2022.
24. Thirty (30) points for having an orientation program in place.
25. Twenty (20) points for holding Candy Days.
26. Five (5) points for each member who worked on White Cane (Max 30 points.)

ATTENDANCE:

27. Ten (10) points for every 10% of your club members attending the District Convention.
28. Ten (10) points for every 10% of your club members attending the Multiple District 11 Convention.
29. Ten (10) points for each member attending the Fall Conference.
30. Ten (10) points for each member attending Banner Exchange.
31. Ten (10) points for each member attending the Spring Leadership Forum.
32. Ten (10) points for each club member attending the Michigan Forum.
33. Ten (10) points for 5% of your members visiting another club. (Max 100 points)
34. Ten (10) points for each Zone Meeting attended. (Max 30 points)
35. Thirty (30) points for each member attending Higgins Lake Leadership Institute



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP IS IN NEED OF YOUR CLUB'S HELP!

If your club is looking for a community service project, look no farther than camp!!!!

They are in the process of getting our camp ready for the 2022 season and have many renovations that are needed. Lions assistance is needed to get the work!

They have 10 cabins being renovated, which includes removing beds, repainting, and installing new carpeting squares. The campers will really appreciate the refresh of the cabins.

To meet the schedule, they have set up workdays every Saturday, starting January 15th through March 19th from 8:00 am. to 2:00 pm. (EXCLUDING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 5th).

To sign up, you just need to click on the below link and sign up you and your fellow Lions members.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t7JMF1sm-4LjlE4qZo1M1_aeUt5hRUNY10-zplfp-IE/edit#gid=1593934005

Due to the limited space in the cabins, we are limiting our workers to 8 per day. Please sign-up ASAP to lock in your date.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bear Lake Camp at 810-837-0119.

Also, they are looking to raise \$15,000 to assist in paying for the supplies needed to complete the renovations. They also need 2 golf carts to help in assisting the staff and campers.

Lions Bear Lake Camp
3409 N. Five Lakes Road
Lapeer, MI. 48446

Thank you for your support

A note from Lion Cathy Koning - Let's get a group together from 11-B1 and carpool up there. How about Saturday February 12? Contact me to discuss. cathykoning@yahoo.com or 616-745-0119

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16, February 20 (3rd Sunday of month)

Vandercook Lake hosts monthly breakfast. **8am to 11:30am** for biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, and coffee/milk. Donations are accepted or carry out orders are available for \$5.

January 29

Jackson County Professional hosts Region 2 Zone 1, 2, 3 Meeting with focus on KidSight Training.

10am-12pm at Vandercook Lake Club House

RSVP by January 14, 2022 to Kelly Lubbe at klubbe1065@gmail.com or 517-745-4404

February 5

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February 15

Submission deadline for Karl Sorrick award

February 25-26

Michigan Lions Forum at Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc MI

Register Online:

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/forum/ForumRegistrationForm-fillable.pdf>

Advertisement and exhibitor forms:

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/calendar-and-forthcoming-events/michigan-lions-forum-february-2022> -

April 29-30 (Friday-Saturday)

District 11-B1 Convention at Commonwealth Center in Jackson

Event schedule and registration info coming soon.

June 24-28

Lions Clubs International Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

September 15-17

USA-Canada Forum, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

INTERNET INFORMATION

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

Submit club news stories to Lion Cathy Koning at cathykoning@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



2022: Service from the Heart of a Lion
February 25-26, 2022

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTER EARLY!

To guarantee lunch and materials!

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre –Flint 810-232-5300 -\$99

Please complete the registration form and send it along with
a check to Michigan Lions Forum,

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

Telephone 571-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____

District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$40.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and
proceedings booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received
no later than February 7, 2022. **After 2/7/2022 \$50.00**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

Check here for the forum book on CD ☐

(For visually impaired only)

Mark the sessions you plan to attend

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.

- ☐ Resale Fashion Show– Service Project
- ☐ Hospitality Suite – The Fillmore – 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

7:00 a.m. – Registration

8:10 a.m. – Welcome

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Public Speaking
- ☐ LCIF Grants
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Global Action Team

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Lions Learning Opportunities: Alli, Elli, FDI and more
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ Becoming a Social Media Super-User
- ☐ Marketing your Club

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Ice Breakers
- ☐ Lions 101 What We're All About
- ☐ Childhood Cancer
- ☐ Membership – The Power of Re-Gifting

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ MyLCI/MyLion De-Mystified
- ☐ Lions of Michigan Foundation
- ☐ Hunger – Gardening for Good
- ☐ Passion to Serve!

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships;
Keynote Speaker Sandy Pearson, Habitat for Humanity;
Drawings, Dismissal

The Michigan Forum Committee is pleased to announce Sandra Pearson, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan as the keynote speaker for the 2022 Michigan Forum.

Sandra Pearson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, which supports a network of 50+ affiliates and ReStores. A graduate of Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business, Sandy began her career in housing with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) where she spent 16 years working in Civil Rights, Fair Housing, and all federally funded housing programs. In addition, Sandy co-wrote the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher "Key to Own" Homeownership program to transition people from renting to realizing their dream of owning a home.



In the years she has been with Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, she has provided leadership with housing advocacy both in Michigan and nationally, having served on Habitat International's U.S. Council, Finance and Resource Development council, and National Public Policy committee. She has also served on Michigan coalitions including the Homeownership Study Task Force, Sense of Place Council, Community Development Advisory committee, and was at the table when the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund was established.