



District 11-B1 Newsletter

March 2023 Edition

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A NOTE FROM DG KELLY



I did it! I jumped into freezing water at the Bear Lake Polar Plunge! Thank you to the MANY clubs and individuals who contributed over \$1000 to sponsor my jump and benefit the programs at Bear Lake Camp.

Have you registered for 11-B1 District Convention yet? Saturday April 29, 9am (dinner at 5pm)! There will be learning, networking, raffles, a memorial service, luau music, and a Hawaiian shirt/dress contest at lunch. Our raffle tables will include Lions memorabilia and pin trading. Contact myself or Louvenia if you have contributions.

Consider attending the training at Vandercook Lake or joining Dave Hill for a Tour of Leader Dog. Hungry? Check out breakfast with VCL or dinner with Bedford or Cereal City.

Keep up the good work!

P.S.

Due to the extensive power outages recently, I have extended the deadline for submitting your nomination forms for the Karl Sorrick Traveling Award and the District Lion/Leo of the Year to March 14, 2023. We understand that many of you have lost power and have endured some very difficult circumstances. The forms can be found on our district website and in the pages of this newsletter.

The Karl Sorrick will be presented at the District Convention, and the District Lion of the Year will be announced at the Banner Exchange in July. The forms are attached here.



IN REMEMBRANCE

NANCY TOBIAS



"It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that our friend and fellow Lion Nancy Tobias passed from this earth on Friday, February 24. Lion Nancy was a long-time Winter Camp attendee from Dowagiac, MI. She recently became a Lion with the chartering of the Clear Lake Virtual Lions in June of 2022 and was Treasurer of the club until stricken by a stroke in the Fall of 2022. Since that time, she has had a variety of health issues, and had been hospitalized in poor health for the last few months.

Speaking with her step-daughter Cindy, she will be cremated and there are no services planned.

Nancy was very kind and had a heart as big as the moon."

- Roger Bosse, Cereal City

Nancy left behind an inventory of Pink Zebra candle supplies. Contact Roger Bosse or Cathy Koning if you would like to reach out to Cindy to make a purchase or a donation to the family.

Donations can be made in her name to:

Clear Lake Virtual Lions, c/o Secretary Shawn Welker, 154 Chestnut St, Battle Creek, MI 49017

"We spent 3 hours together working on Treasurer's duties when the Clear Lake Club got started and I left feeling she was an amazing Lion and individual. My heart is broken hearing this news."

- Bob McCreery, Jackson Host

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">• Full name of Lion• Lions Club• Date of birth/Date of death• Picture of the Lion (electronic version is preferable)• If the Lion was a charter member• If the Lion was a military veteran	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects the Lion participated in• Lions positions held• Length of service as a Lion• A short paragraph the club or family would like to share regarding the individual• An obituary may also be included
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Please send this information to Lion Nancy Hill at 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.

MARCH IS READING MONTH



On behalf of the Reading Action Committee, funds are available to provide books to your elementary schools, day care centers, shelters etc.

Funds are distributed on first-come basis and are limited. You may pre-purchase your books and send your paid receipt with explanation of the organization for which the books were purchased or send your request to purchase books and our treasurer will send you a check to cover the expenses once approved.

Please send your request to Chair Vicki Lautzenheiser at lautzevl@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 6581, Jackson, MI 49204. If you have any questions, please email Vicki or call 517-569-2677.

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

SOCK DONATION CAMPAIGN

The District Governors for MD11 have asked every club to participate in a campaign to collect socks for distribution to homeless shelters.

Collect them in your local area and bring them to DG Kelly at Pearle Vision at Westwood Mall, now through May 1, 2023.



DEAR PDGs

Dear PDGs,

We would love to learn more about you! We hope your stories will inspire our current and future Lion leaders. Could you submit a few stories about your time in Lions? Include a few pictures? Do you have Lions memorabilia you'd like to contribute to the convention auction tables? Pins for trading?

Sincerely,

District Convention Committee

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM

February 24-25 (Friday-Saturday) - Double Tree (Airport), Grand Rapids

Attendees supported Kids Food Basket, packing sack lunches/dinners. Artwork was added by Lions.



DG Kelly Lubbe, VDG Annette Hemeryck, and 2nd Vice District Governor Louvenia Shack-Seals enjoyed the Forum – learning great things and getting fired up to continue leading our district!



V DG Annette and DG Kelly with PDG David Anderson



These fabulous hats were made by PDG Terri Huffman. She sold 15 at Forum and donated 25 to Interfaith Shelter in Jackson. She also raised \$800 for LCIF.

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.



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).
Total: \$60

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 or 517-914-9600

Mail checks to "District 11-B1" 905 S. Gorham St, Jackson, MI 49203

LIONS OF MICHIGAN WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the state Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee awards three \$3000 scholarships to students who are seeking a higher education degree and are blind or visually impaired. This year, with the approval of the Council of Governors, the committee has been authorized to award a fourth scholarship of \$3000. The scholarships are funded through the Grace Lang Memorial fund, set up in the 1970's to assist blind and visually impaired students achieve their academic goals. The basic requirements for the scholarship are to be a Michigan resident, acceptance to a higher education institution (university, community college, etc.), and have a diagnosed visual impairment. Other requirements are detailed on the application form.

The Sight Conservation/White Cane committee met during January to evaluate White Cane Scholarship applications from 11 applicants. This is more than we have seen in the past and made the award decisions that much harder. Apparently, we have been able to reach more teachers of the blind and visually impaired this year, who have helped pass the information along to their students. We also awarded a \$500 stipend to a 5th student, with funds taken out of the state Sight Conservation Fund. There are several criteria to meet to qualify for the scholarships, which all the recipients met, as well as articulating their plans for how they would use the money.

The winners of the \$3000 scholarships were:

Nasko Cleland - Battle Creek, MI

Alyssa Groenveld -Byron Center, MI

Kyle Kelly – Wells, MI

Julia LeGrand - Grand Rapids, MI

The winner of the \$500 stipend was Brenna Hayward - Waterford, MI

The winners were introduced at the Michigan Forum and two of the recipients, Nasko Cleland and Alyssa Groenveld were in attendance at the luncheon to receive their scholarships and say a few words about their educational and/or life goals. The other recipients will be awarded their scholarships at Lions Club meetings or events in their local area.



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 the tickets. 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 20th.
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.

WINTER CAMP

The 52nd District 11-B1 Lions Winter Camp for the Blind was held Feb. 3-5, 2023 at the Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Education Center (Clear Lake Camp). 35 campers from across the state, Indiana, and Iowa attended this year's camp, the first since our 2 year (virtual) break due to Covid. The campers were glad to be back together and over 50 volunteers helped them to have a safe, fun weekend. The Michigan Youth Job Challenge Associates provided assistance with our camp operation and this partnership is valued. It is a win-win situation as we get great help and the young adults have meaningful experience of service to blind and visually impaired campers. They are ready to volunteer next year as "civilians". Many indoor and outdoor activities including white cane repair, bingo, technology demonstrations, and crafts kept the campers busy, along with side-by-side offroad vehicle rides, horse and wagon, snowshoeing, and outdoor nature hikes.

A highlight on Saturday afternoon was the Charter Event for the newly formed Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club, made up of mostly blind and visually impaired individuals, who have been long term campers, or newly acquainted due to our virtual programs over the last two years. It was a great event, with Immediate Past International Director (IPID) Justin Faber installing officers and inducting the members officially into Lions Clubs, with assistance from 11-B1 DG Kelly Lubbe and IPDG Terri Huffman. The Jackson Host Lions are the sponsoring Club, and Lion Bea Furman is the Guiding Lion. Within the first year of formation, the club has gone from 26 to 30 members, with interest expressed by several others. We look forward to our next Winter Camp for the Blind in February 2024. There will be an informational table at the 11-B1 District Convention.

CLEAR LAKE VIRTUAL CHARTER EVENT

The newly-formed Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club enjoyed a fabulous charter event on Saturday February 4 during Winter Camp for the Blind. Many of the club members are regular attendees to this annual camp. For more information on Clear Lake Lions, contact Shawn Welker at info@ClearLakeVirtualLions.com or Bea Furman at (517) 581-0325 or healingsongcmt@gmail.com

Pictured here: Past District Governor Terri Huffman addresses the charter event attendees. Seated at the head table with her are GLT Roger Bosse, President Phyllis Magbanua, Marketing Chairperson Jesse Bolinger, PID Justin Faber, and DG Kelly Lubbe.



THE FORMING OF CLEAR LAKE VIRTUAL LIONS BY GUIDING LION BEA FURMAN

In 2020, I challenged then Vice District Governor David Anderson to work as a volunteer for the Winter Camp for the Blind at Clear Lake Camp. He readily agreed. I remember hearing him ask campers if they wanted more coffee on Saturday morning, as naturally as if he had been working in a fancy diner at one time in his life. I remember hearing from Peggy Allen, who was the dorm monitor, how she roused him from falling asleep during the Friday night entertainment to help with snacks. (I'm not sure I would have done that, as I knew he had come directly from work.)

Some time later, when David and I were discussing Jackson Host club business, he told me how much he was struck by the sense of community he had seen among the blind adults who attended Winter Camp. He mused on how it would be great to start a virtual club of campers as a base. I'm not sure who approached Roger Bosse, the camp administrator. I know it was after the virtual Winter Camp event in 2021. (Held via Zoom due to Covid)

For the next few months, then District Governor David Anderson, Roger Bosse, and I became the nucleus of putting together the Clear Lake Camp club. We received help from other Lions who were campers, Tyrone Hamilton and Rosemarie Facilla, and district Lions, Dave and Mary Ann Robinson, Kelly Lubbe, and Terri Huffman. We began talking to the campers about the club idea, and many came on board.

The club was formed in 2022 and has been meeting since July. But the club members wanted to have their charter event take place at the Winter Camp in 2023.

As Winter Camp 2023 drew near, all of us were hoping and praying that the event would take place. We were concerned that Winter Camp might go into a third year of hiatus, due to concerns about Covid for one, and we needed someone to come on board who would be able to plan the charter event. That someone was Jesse Bolinger who, although not a camper, was able to grasp the vision that those of us who had put the club together had and worked diligently with his committee to plan.

I think the thing that struck me at the event was, although there were some rough spots, our club was well represented. Dick Colony, our Jackson Host Club President, Bob Mc Creery, our Treasurer, David Anderson, and I sat at a table together and could not have been more proud of sponsoring Clear Lake Virtual Lions. This club has a lot of growing to do. Yet, we vowed that we would continue to serve them as they strive to be a club of value to our district.

I cannot say enough about David Anderson, and I know he probably doesn't want me to say this. However, this project was one of the highlights of my two-year club presidency, and one of the projects that caused me to want to tear my hair out. He would not let me do that. His gentle but blunt way of pulling me in when times got tough helped me to stand in good standing and to become the Clear Lake club's Guiding Lion. Thank you, David, for having this dream and letting me share in it with you.

President Dick Colony has also been a rock as I took on Secretary of our Jackson Host club while working as Clear Lake's Guiding Lion. Many has been the time he has reminded me to take my time and take it slow.

Those who came from the district clubs to attend the charter event at Winter Camp 2023 made me proud to be a Lion. I especially appreciated Lion Jim Baum from the Cereal City club for leading us in the good old Lions songs. The fact that my charter event speech was a song had nothing to do with the example he set. But, having him lead us all in song calmed me down enough to enjoy the event.

The officers of Clear Lake are all great people. I look forward to the next year and a half of my Guiding Lion appointment term, working with them, laughing with them, and helping them jump hurdles.

Together, Jackson Host and Clear Lake, We Can!

CLEAR LAKE LIONS CHARTER EVENT PICTURES

Immediate Past International Director (IPID) Justin Faber lead the new Lions through their inauguration.



District Governor (DG) Kelly places pin on club's Guiding Lion, Bea Furman



Lion Jim Baum leads group in song.



IPID Justin Faber stands next to Clear Lake Lion Jesse Bolinger



IPDG Terri Huffman stands next to Lion Phyllis Magbanau and her sister Yvonne as Phyllis signs the Clear Lake club charter.



Dick Colony speaks to the group with DG Kelly, Bea, PDG David Anderson, Jesse Bolinger standing with him.



Clear Lake Lion David Stirneman with his guide dog Ebony and his mom.



IPID Justin Faber holds the camera up for a selfie, showing the club members at tables around the dining room.

Contact the Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club using info@clearlakevirtuallions.com. Follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088946476703> (or simply search for them).

ALL STATE BAND

ARE YOU READY FOR AN ADVENTURE? The Lions of Michigan All-State Band is looking for musical instrument players to join them on their tour to Boston for the Lions International Convention this summer.

If your high schooler is passionate about music and ready to embark on the musical adventure of a lifetime, please visit our website for more information:

<https://www.lionsmiband.org/about>

Lions of Michigan All-State Band



The Lions of Michigan All-State Band is going to Boston and so can YOU!

All members participate in:

- Audition process
- Band rehearsals in Jan/March/May
- Pre-tour band camp at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, MI, July 3 – 5, 2023
- Band tour to Boston July 5 – 12, 2023
Performances at:
 - Lions International Convention, Boston
 - The Plaza, Boston
 - Lions International Parade



We Serve Through Music



Scan the QR code to apply!

Tour includes:

- Motor coach transportation
- Hotel accommodations
- Meals
- Admission to attractions around Boston and New York City, including the 9/11 Museum
- Blue Man Group performance
- Broadway play

Per student cost is based on double occupancy. Local Lions Clubs are ready to help!



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Lions of Michigan All State Band

Complete details, along with audition music, can be found at www.lionsmiband.org.

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>

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 11-B1 INFORMATION FOR NOMINATIONS

For District 11-B1, Lions interested in the district leadership positions of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor:

If you meet the candidacy requirements on the attachment, please complete the 2023-24 Nominating Form with all the necessary documentation and appropriate signatures. Submit by the deadline to the Nominations Committee Chair, Cabinet Secretary, and District Governor. Incomplete and late submissions will not be considered. Please note that this information must be **received by March 30, 2023.**

To District 11-B1 Lions Interested in a Two-Year Term for Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee:

If you meet the candidacy requirements on the attachment, please file a Letter of Intention to Run with the Nominations Committee Chair, Cabinet Secretary and District Governor. The letter must include club offices held and years served in each position. Please note that this information must be **received by March 30, 2023.**

Below are the names and emails to whom your forms are to be submitted:

Nominations Committee Chair: Lion Connie Neese lionconnie2000@gmail.com	Cabinet Secretary: CS Barb Ray barbray1032@gmail.com	District Governor: DG Kelly Lubbe KLubbe1065@gmail.com
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Nominations Committee

LIONS DISTRICT 11- B1 OFFICER NOMINATING FORM 2023 - 2024

These materials are confidential. Upon completion of voting, the Nominations Committee will submit all forms to the Chair for destruction after the final report has been distributed to the District Governor / Cabinet Secretary.

Are you interested in nominating yourself for a District leadership position? If so, please complete the form below.

To be elected and to hold office for District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor or Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) Trustee, a member must meet the requirements outlined on the following page.

For the following, complete this Nominating Form: ___ District Governor ___ First Vice District Governor ___ Second Vice District Governor	For LMF Trustee , candidates must file a <u>Letter of Intention to Run</u> , including club offices held and years served, with the Nominations Committee Chair, Cabinet Secretary and District Governor. This form is not needed. Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee (Two-year Term)
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Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

To assist the Nominations Committee members in their research and deliberations, please attach:

- Any additional information you would like to include about this candidate.
- A description of any club and district offices held by the nominee (include dates of service, if possible).
- Why you believe the nominee should be considered for the specified position.

I, Lion _____ am pleased to have my name placed in nomination by the

_____ Lions Club and if elected, I will do my utmost to fulfill the position satisfactorily.

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Club President: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Club Secretary: _____ Date: _____

PROVIDE COPY OF CLUB MINUTES TO CONFIRM APPROVAL OF NOMINATION

This form must be completed for each candidate and submitted to and **received by** the Nominations Committee Chair, Cabinet Secretary, and District Governor at least 30 days prior to the District Convention. Incomplete and late submissions will not be considered. **Deadline is March 30, 2023.**

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTED OFFICES

CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR LIONS OF MICHIGAN TRUSTEE SHALL:

- (1) Be an active member of a Lions Club in good standing in his/her District.
- (2) Have served as President or Secretary of a full term or major portion thereof or as a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than three (3) years.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, FOLLOWING ARE THE CANDIDACY REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRICT ELECTED OFFICERS:

A candidate for the office of district governor shall:

- (a) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (c) Currently be serving as the first vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- (d) Only in the event the current first vice district governor does not stand for election as district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of first vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the district cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

A candidate for the office of first vice district governor shall:

- (1) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/ her single or sub-district.
- (3) Currently be serving as the second vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- (4) Only in the event the current second vice district governor does not stand for election as first vice district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of second vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (3) of this section.

A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

- (1) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/ her single or sub-district.
- (3) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:
 - (a) As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
 - (b) As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
- (c) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

****Please note that Past District Governors are ineligible to be a nominee for District Governor.**

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

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



Dear Friends of Diuble Family Vision,

My name is Lillian (Lilly) Diuble and I am the Walk Chair for the Michigan VisionWalk, the annual fundraiser for the Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB). For those that don't know, the Foundation Fighting Blindness is a nonprofit organization that raises money to find treatments and cures for blinding eye diseases that affect millions worldwide. FFB was established in 1971 and has a continued goal to be the driving force behind research for those affected by retinal degenerative diseases.

Since then, we have raised over **\$890 million**, and are proud to say that we are the world's leading private funder of retinal disease research. While this is incredible, there is still work that needs to be done.

I am hard of hearing and have a vision impairment meaning that I wear hearing aids and glasses. After years of not having an official diagnosis, my family and I found out that I was diagnosed with an extremely rare gene mutation called PRPS1. PRPS1 is a rare gene mutation that causes varying degrees of blindness and hearing loss in women and a death sentence in men. There are only a few women in the world that have this disorder. Currently, there is little to no knowledge or research being done on PRPS1. This is why we need your help!

FFB serves as a beacon of hope for those with vision loss and their families. One of the biggest ways that FFB raises funds for research is through its signature fundraiser, VisionWalk.

This year, the 16th Annual Michigan VisionWalk is being held on **Saturday, May 13**. This event is free and we would love to have you join us, either as a donor to our team or walk with us on walk day! We would be grateful for your support!

Donations can be made either online on our team page or by cash/check. Checks can be made payable to the Foundation Fighting Blindness and memo to Taylor's Avengers.

From all of us at Diuble Family Vision, we want to thank you for considering donating to the Foundation Fighting Blindness and hope to see you on walk day!

Best,
Lillian Diuble
Michigan VisionWalk Walk Chair

Check out Diuble Family Vision's team fundraising at give.fightingblindness.org

Join us!

ANN ARBOR EVENING * ANN ARBOR HOST * HURON VALLEY SUNRISE

Club members from the Ann Arbor area clubs, along with the ladies of Delta Gamma sorority at UofM, have spent a couple weeks visiting preschools, performing KidSight eye screenings. They screened 800 kids which yielded 12 referrals.



NAPOLEON

Napoleon Lions Dick Talman and Vern Updike were awarded the Gold Leaf Award for Outstanding Arbor Day Activities presented by the International Society of Arboriculture at the Lansing Center. For 18 years Lion Dick Talman, assisted by Lion Vern Updike, has handed out white pine trees to 100 fourth graders on Arbor Day at Eby Elementary in Napoleon to plant at a spot of their choice.

Napoleon Lions Club was the only Lions Club in Michigan to receive this award.



TEKONSHA

Tekonsha celebrates 79 years! They do a lot for their community, including roadside cleanup.



Two Melvin Jones Fellowships were presented by GLT Roger Bosse on February 20, 2023.

Congratulations to Lions Scott Long and Dawn Copas (Tekonsha Lions Club Treasurer).

Also pictured Becky Omo Tekonsha (Club President)



Lions is a tradition in the Long family. We have 3 generations of Longs in the Tekonsha Lions - L to R Scott's wife Deb, Lion Scott, Lion Jerry with wife Pat, Lion Eric, and former Lion Andrew



BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY



Cereal City Lions Spaghetti Dinner



March 14, 2023

4:30-7:00 PM

Barista Blues 91 W. Michigan Ave.

\$16.00

Tickets available at the door

Take Out ONLY—Pick up from your car



Proceeds will purchase equipment to help visually impaired Battle Creek Area school children

Battle Creek Cereal City

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Barista Blues, 91 W Michigan Ave, is coming up on **March 14, 2023 (Tuesday) 4:30pm-7pm**

Contact Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684 with questions.



Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club Family Bowling Event

April 15, 2023

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.
Bowling starts @ 2:00 p.m.

Jax 60
3501 Wildwood Ave.
Jackson, MI 49202

Six person max per alley
Cost: \$15 per person (includes ball,
shoes and 2 hours of bowling)

Alley sponsors \$100.00

**ALL SPONSORS WILL BE ADVERTISED
THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.**

Event Activities Include:

- 2 Hours of Bowling at State-of-the-Art Bowling Center
- Prizes
- 50/50's
- Fun Games

Monies raised will be used locally for eyeglasses, food pantries, Northeast Elementary School clothes closet, Diabetes Awareness, Leader Dog, Christmas Family & many other local programs.

We are looking for items to raffle. Please advise the value if you choose to be a donor. We will pick up.

Thank you for your support!

Make check payable to:
Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club

Send to: Sam Browning
706 Bryant Ave.
Jackson, MI 49202

Questions?
Call Sam Browning
517-945-3569
Or
Connie Neese
517-937-7986

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION
AND PAYMENT IS
MARCH 25, 2023**

Registration Form and Payment Deadline 3/25/23

(Need to have payment and number of people for reserving lanes)

YOU DO NOT NEED FULL TEAM TO REGISTER

of bowlers: _____ X \$15 = _____

*Team Members max 6 per alley.
If child, please provide age.*

Name _____ Child's Age _____

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

Sponsor/Donation Information below

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

Alley Sponsor \$100.00 _____

Donation/Raffle \$Amt _____

*Include this form with payment and, if applicable, **business card for advertisement.***

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.

MANCHESTER

Manchester Lions started the “Worth Repeating” resale store in Manchester to give back to their community. They are now celebrating the three-year anniversary. This has produced \$65,000 in grants to the community!!!



MARSHALL LIONS SELLING VIDALIA ONIONS



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!

PENRICKTON

How cool to experience a little cat therapy from a really big, world-record cat! Fenrir made a visit with Dr. William Powers to spread some love last week. After learning about Penrickton Center, Powers said, "...these are good people. Really good people." Thanks, Dr. Powers ... not only is Fenrir an award-winner, but also a really great new friend!



QUEST SOUTH EAST JACKSON

The Quest Lions were invited to a dinner tour at Advance Turning Management as a means for diversifying the staff there. What a super clean place to work and when they are trying so hard to make a difference, it's a win-win place to work for me! Need a job?!? Let us know and we can put you in touch with this company. Go QUEST Lions making the difference! 😊



MICHIGAN CENTER LIONESS LIONS

On Tuesday February 28 about 25 blankets were delivered to Mott's Childrens Hospital to the Cancer unit. They were so pleased to receive so many fine blankets knitted by the residents at Lakeland Correctional Facility. They are a group of men willing to help our Childhood Cancer Committee.

Pictured:

Mary Breakey, our Mott's contact, Sana White, Roberta Sexton, and last but not least their resident dog Dash!



NORTH ADAMS

The North Adams Lions Club held their annual Reverse Cash Raffle on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the Hillsdale County Conservation Club. Proceeds from this event benefit the North Adams Lions Club and the North Adams-Jerome Athletic Booster Club. The raffle is the major fundraiser for each club.

Pictures from this event show members from our community participating in a horse race. Photo credit goes to Lion Al Rounds.



VANDERCOOK LAKE

Vandercook Lake serves breakfast on their usual 3rd Sunday of the month. Join them on March 19.

DISTRICT 11-B1 LIONS ARE INVITED TO A TRAINING EVENT!
Hosted at Vandercook Lake Clubhouse
March 18, 2023

Training Session 1 – Presented by Lion Nancy Hill

Topics: Develop a Lions Elevator Speech

Do you wish you could bring in more new members into Lions but aren't sure how to approach people to start the conversation? Do you want to advance as a leader in Lions (Tail Twister, President or Zone Chair) but are nervous about being in front of a group of people? This session will give you strategies to be more confident speaking in front of a small or large group of people and will help you develop an "elevator speech" that you can use when sharing the good news about Lions to other people.

Training Session 2 – Presented by IPCC Dave Hill

Topic: KidSight Screener Training and Certification

Learn how to set up a KidSight screening, operate a KidSight camera, and become a certified KidSight screener.

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Session 1: 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Session 2: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Vandercook Lake Clubhouse, 4628 Francis Street, Jackson, MI

Refreshments will be served. No charge for the event.

RSVP to Nancy Hill at nancy.ann.hill@gmail.com or
517-262-3759 (Cell – call or text)

Include name, club, and if you will be attending Session 1, 2, or both

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS!



BEAR LAKE CAMP

DG Kelly and 1VDG Annette took the plunge to support Bear Lake Camp. They said the water was a bit shocking. But hey had a good time. Lots of pictures are posted on Facebook. Here's a few to enjoy!



VDG Annette jumps. Rescue workers are at the ready in the water. DG Annette shows her "Survivor" cape.



DG Kelly in the Water



DG Kelly and VDG Annette check out the firetruck



Jumpers dressed to impress. Crowd gathers.



Jumpers dressed to impress

Bear Lake Camp appreciates the continued support given to them by the Lions clubs of Michigan. In addition to the usual costs of camp maintenance and summer programs, they have an additional need. The golf carts that were donated by Romeo Lions many years ago are old and ready for retirement. Bear Lake Camp needs your help to purchase replacements. If you are able to 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.

11A-2 2020-2021

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
- Bumpers

KARL SORRICK TRAVELING AWARD SCORING SHEET

Available for download at http://e-district.org/userfiles/360/file/Karl%20Sorrick_Scoresheet_2023.pdf

Karl Sorrick Traveling Award District 11-B1 - 2023 Scoring Sheet CLUB: _____		
<p>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, 2022 to February 1, 2023.</p> <p>All entries are to be submitted to District Cabinet Secretary by MARCH 14, 2023. (Deadline Extended)</p>		
SERVICE TO COMMUNITY	Points	Notes
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 to Youth Activities (e.g. scouts, athletic teams, clubs, Leos, etc. (Max 50 pts)		
5. Ten (10) points for donations to individuals, i.e. scholarships, travel or accessibility needs.(Max 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.		
SECTION TOTAL		
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. (Max 50 pts)		
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).		
SECTION TOTAL		
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.)		
SECTION TOTAL		
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. Thirty (30) points for each member attending Higgins Lake Leadership Institute		
SECTION TOTAL		
GRAND TOTAL		
SUBMITTER NAME: TITLE:	SUBMITTER SIGNATURE: DATE:	

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11, 2023 (Saturday) 10am

Zone 2 Region 3 and 4 Meeting - Everyone Welcome

Vandercook Lake Clubhouse, 4628 Francis Street, Jackson, MI

Speaker: GLT Roger Bosse on "Leadership"

RSVP to ZC Bea Furman at (517) 581-0325 or ZC Jim Phelan at (517) 990-7221 by March 4

March 14, 2023 (Tuesday)

Karl Sorrick Traveling Award Submission Due Today

March 14, 2023 (Tuesday) 4:30pm-7pm

Battle Creek Cereal City Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Barista Blues, 91 W Michigan Ave

Contact Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684 with questions.

March 16, 2023 (Thursday)

Tour of Leader Dog. All are invited to join.

Contact Dave Hill for more information at 517-227-1253 or coldhill@gmail.com

March 16, 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

March 18, 2023 (Saturday)

Lions Training Event "Develop a Lions Elevator Speech". KidSight Training.

RSVP to Nancy Hill at nancy.ann.hill@gmail.com or 517-262-3759 (Cell – call or text)

March 19 (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 15 (Saturday) 2pm

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 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

May 4 (Thursday) 6pm-8pm

Spring Leadership Forum at Vandercook Lake High School

Contact Roger Bosse at (269) 578-3684 with questions.

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>

See special edition for details

July 7-11, 2023

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