



District 11-B1 Newsletter

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A FEW WORDS FROM DG KELLY



Boy what a busy fall! I have been out visiting many clubs and meeting lots of new faces. We had a great turn out for our Fall Conference. Many were in costume, even our own PID Esther. It was an AWESOME day! Also thanks to our committee for helping. The extra goodies made by Anita Hoyt and Sandy Pease. And the cider donated by Manchester Lions.

I attended the kick off dinner for Penrickton. So blessed by the presentation and what a wonderful job our Lions do for them.

With the holidays approaching I know everyone is busy but please reach out in your community to help those who may not have families.

Looking forward to attending the next District Governor Meeting in December.

The Bear Lake Camp Polar Plunge fundraiser is happening February 18. Come cheer on myself and 1VDG Annette. We both are survivors of domestic violence and we are representing so many that did not survive.

Save the date for our convention coming up on April 29...if you would like to be on the committee, please let me know. You can reach me at 517-745-4404 or klubbe1065@gmail.com.



WHEN A LION DIES

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

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.

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.

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

SERVICE REPORTING (MYLION)

Reporting your club's community service hours in MyLion is a great way to share the fantastic impact your club is making in the community.

All clubs are encouraged to designate a person to report service. There is a little-known role called "club administrator" that can be assigned to a club member. It gives them the same role privileges in MyLCI and MyLion as the club secretary. This allows the club secretary to continue doing their usual functions while the club administrator performs the service reporting duties.

Contact Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator Nancy Hill at (517) 262-3759 or Nancy.Ann.Hill@gmail.com for assistance.

NEW DISTRICT TREASURER

We welcome PCC Barry Allen to the role of District Treasurer. He's been in this role before so we expect great work from him. <wink>

KNIT/CROCHET FILTER SOCKS

To protect the water filters provided to at-risk communities, Nancy Hill invites you to join her in supporting Water for Blessings. Learn more by contacting Nancy or <https://waterwithblessings.org/crochet-for-a-cause/>

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2023

Boston, MA - July 7-11, 2023

Registration is open! <https://www.mcisemi.com/lci2023/>



CALL FOR LIONS OF MICHIGAN COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS

How does one become council chair? Are they nominated by the current Council of Governors? It turns out, a Past District Governor who wants to serve as Council Chair for Multiple District 11 has to apply and be interviewed by the 1st Vice District Governors.

From the desk of Wendy Burns, Executive Director for Lions of Michigan:

2023-2024 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!

Please Note the Deadline of November 23, 2022

Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors and Immediate PDG's: The search is on! In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor or Immediate Past District Governor. He/she shall serve a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than **November 23, 2022**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the 2022-2023 MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday afternoon, **December 2, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Grand Rapids, MI**. Selection of the 2023-2024 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews and introduced that evening at the Council of Governors meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11 in this very important capacity.

(Contact Cathy Koning or Wendy Burns for the application)

WHAT IS A COUNCIL CHAIR?

The Council Chair of MD-11 is a Past District Governor who serves as administrator, supporting the actions and decisions of the Council of Governors, facilitating discussions, communicating information on policies, programs, and events of Lions Clubs International, convening meetings, and more.

The Council of Governors is the governing body of the multiple district and, providing administrative support for the multiple district and is subject to the International Constitution and Board Policy. It is comprised of the currently serving District Governors. They authorize expenditures, designate a depository for multiple district funds, receive financial reports from council secretary-treasurer, and provide for an audit at the end of the fiscal year.

TRAINING EVENT - HOW TO INTERACT WITH BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED (VI) INDIVIDUALS

Zone Chairs Bea Furman (R2Z4 and Jim Phelan (R2Z3) invite everyone to attend and bring a friend on Saturday, November 12. - 10am-12pm at Vandercook Lake Lions Clubhouse, 4628 Francis St, Jackson

This is a multiple zone event in which we will learn how to interact with blind and visually impaired (VI) individuals. It will be a time of fun interaction, as well as learning how to interact with one another. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Bea at healingsongcmt@gmail.com or Jim at pizzajim2@aol.com with how many will be coming from your club or zone. RSVP no later than November 1.

LOST AND FOUND



Do you recognize this vest?

It was left at an event last year and PDG Terri is seeking its owner.

Can you help?

FALL CONFERENCE

Costumes were worn. Awards were given out. Achievements were honored. Our supported projects shared updates. Lunch was enjoyed. The District Cabinet met. The weather was beautiful! And great fellowship was had by all. Thank you to the committee, the contributors, and the Lions who made it an AWESOME day!

AWARDS

IPDG Terri Huffman praises Battle Creek Cereal City Lions as she bestows the Governor's Personal Award of Merit for 2021-2022 to each individual Lion. Their hours of community service are appreciated!

Awardees: Jim Baum, Bryan Cook, Teresa Gest, PDG Roger Spriggs, Pam Steele, Hope Swank, Scott Swank, and Muriel Walters.



Congratulations to Governor's Club Award of Merit for 2021-22 awardees: Ann Arbor Host, Battle Creek Cereal City, Jackson Eyeopeners, Jackson Host, Napoleon, Quest South East Jackson. IPDG Terri Huffman thanks you for your dedicated service during her leadership year!



Bryan Cook was presented with a Certificate of Honor from the Global Action Team.



Stan Masters was honored with a Ken Lautzenheiser Award for his work in expanding the Lions Quest program within our district. Thank you Stanley for your dedication and service!



Lots of Lions but no lions in this group of costumed attendees!



CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to the clubs who received a “celebrating years of service patch”. It will look beautiful on their club banner. LCI shines a light on clubs as they achieve milestone anniversaries. The clubs listed below celebrate(d) during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 years.

Jackson Host	100 years	Chartered 5-7-1921
Concord	80 years	Chartered 11-22-1941
North Jackson	65 years	Chartered 4-3-1956
Michigan Center	65 years	Chartered 3-19-1957
Vandercook Lake	65 years	Chartered 10-8-1956
Ann Arbor Evening	65 years	Chartered 4-11-1961
Bedford Area	60 years	Chartered 4-6-1967
Jackson Cascades	55 years	Chartered 11-1-1966
Adrian Breakfast	45 years	Chartered 6-27-1977
Jackson Eyeopeners	45 years	Chartered 2-9-1977
Huron Valley Sunrise	40 years	Chartered 5-14-1981
Albion	15 years	Chartered 4-20-2007
Homer	80 years	Chartered 7-14-1942
Grass Lake	70 years	Chartered 2-10-1953
Battle Creek Cereal City	65 years	Chartered 6-4-1958
Manchester	15 years	Chartered 11-9-2007



PARADE OF CHECKS REPORT

From the desk of District Treasurer Barry Allen, the summations (thus far) for the District and State Projects.

Total donations to the State Projects is \$24,202, to the District Projects is \$17,818, plus \$260 to the Admin fund for the When a Lion Dies. Total of \$42,280.

* thus far, because donations from some clubs are still in the mail

UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF OUR SUPPORTED PROJECTS

Every year the needs for individual projects and committees change based on their current balance, expected expenses, and anticipated needs.

Lions Clubs International Foundation – This is where funds come from for emergency grants, and for specific grants to fund local projects beyond the scope of the District, such as the \$10,000 grant for emergency services for Dexter Tornado victims. Historically the US receives more funds than are donated from within the US.

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation – This is where we get our Lions Mints, but more so, they provide grants for cataract surgery, hearing aids, and eye surgery beyond the scope of the club level. They also provide emergency grants for home fires and flooding. Every year they provide many grants.

District Projects (Undesignated) – Funds designated to specific projects can only be used for that project. A project that does not receive adequate donations or has unexpected costs arise can request support from this undesignated fund.

Michigan Youth Challenge Academy – The MYCA cadets have been instrumental in supporting a number of district events as the honor guard and invaluable support at the Winter Camp for the Blind. A donation to them ensures the continued educational and vocational success for these at risk individuals.

Winter Camp – Every year camp costs continue to increase and although the adult participants pay a registration fee, we try to keep the fee reasonable. Campers come from all over southern and mid-Michigan. Travel expenses, housing, and food comprise the bulk of the expenses. In recent years, camp has been virtual (on Zoom) but not without expenses (ie. mailings, craft supplies). We will have in-person camp this year!

Children's Services – This fund is the basis of funding for several special projects involving children. The committee is expanding the service opportunities for visually impaired and autistic children and opening doors for shared commitment to supporting our needy children.

Diabetes – The diabetes committee has been very active in bringing diabetes awareness to people within our district and is involved in sending young adults to Camp Midichi for diabetic youth, which for some is a life changing experience.

Hearing & Speech (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Picnic) – The Lions of Michigan Foundation offers an Affordable Hearing Aid program through which we as a district assist in obtaining hearing aids for very low income applicants. If an applicant cannot afford the cost of both the aids and the fitting fee costs, or a Lions Club is not able to sponsor (pay for) one of those fees/costs, a request for payment is made for funds from the Hearing & Speech account.

The picnic provides an opportunity for district club members to volunteer their time and talent during this picnic which is provided free to our deaf and hard of hearing friends and their families.

While food is donated by area stores and prizes are normally donated by Deaf and Hard of Hearing Picnic committee members and several clubs in the district, the cost of the deaf interpreters, invitations and paper goods are paid with monies from the **Hearing & Speech** account.

KidSight (District Expenses) – The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides central management for the administration of KidSight throughout the state. They provide permissions and follow-up with those children who are referred for further evaluation. They provide insurance on the equipment, administrative supplies, and reimbursement of expenses. Accumulated funds will be used to upgrade and maintain equipment or supplies in the future.

Leos of the District – This supports the Leos so they can participate in district activities and Leo functions beyond their own clubs' limited resources. We encourage their attendance at the Banner Exchange, Fall Conference, and District Convention. Funds can also be used to start new clubs and support existing clubs within our district.

Peace Poster – The district provides awards for the top Peace Poster winners and has some administrative expenses. It is a great way for clubs to connect with local schools and encourage artful representations of peace.

Reading Action Program - The Reading Action Program is celebrated in March each year and allows Lions to provide additional funds to schools, day care centers, and individuals to put books into the hands of young readers. It is a great way to promote literacy and benefits from your financial support.

Sight Conservation – The Sight Conservation committee promotes the preservation of sight and prevention of blindness. Funds are kept in reserve to augment purchasing glasses for the needy when and if a club cannot afford the expense. In recent years, funds have helped provide white canes and white cane repairs at Winter Camp for the Blind. The account has a healthy balance and doesn't require additional funds.

Childhood Cancer – The Childhood Cancer committee depends on District 11-B1 Clubs to help with items or monetary donations to provide lap blankets, encouraging cards, backpacks full of goodies, and other supplies for children dealing with cancer.

Youth Exchange – Donations to this project can be used to provide supplemental funding for the students to ensure they are able to participate in the Youth Exchange. Individual YE participants will send letters to all the Lions Clubs requesting funding for their specific exchange trip, but differences in projected costs and variations in donations can leave some students in need of additional funding.

Youth Outreach, Drug Awareness & Quest – Lions Quest is a comprehensive and universal, evidence-based social and emotional learning program. SEL is a process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. LCIF supports the research and development of quality social and emotional learning tools and resources as part of its global humanitarian effort to promote a safe, healthy approach to life, free from the harm of tobacco, alcohol and other drug use. Clubs of District 11-B1 have been fortunate to receive LCIF grants in recent years.

Administrative: When a Lion Dies – This is actually an ADMINISTRATIVE program, so funds should come out of that account. This program provides remembrances and ceremony to honor the deceased and at the district convention.