

AUGUST 2010 District 11-b1 NEWSLETTER – LITE Version

District Governor's remarks:

I have returned safely from the Lions Clubs International Convention in Sydney, Australia, and had a wonderful experience in meeting other DGE's and other Lions from all over the world. We are all dedicated to our positions in this great Lions Organization, although we speak many different languages. Our sessions with PID Dennis Cobbler were very informative, and with a lot of interaction from everyone, we all learned a lot from each other's experiences in dealing with different clubs and situations. All DGE's received certificates of completion of the training. IPDG Terry Walters pulled my "Governor Elect ribbon" and from that moment I became your District Governor. Thank You Terry!

I have learned so much from serving under Terry this past year. He, and all the cabinet have been a big influence for me, on my leadership for this next year, as well as from all the training I received from PCC Esther LaMothe and everyone at the Council of Governor Meetings. There has been so many people who have helped me, and I cannot name them all, but I appreciate the votes of confidence that has been given to me.

I hope that the District Cabinet and myself can make all our clubs, officers, and members proud to be serving as Lions in the 11-B1 District. My goals this year is to serve our clubs, to help make them better in anyway possible. We can accomplish this if we have cooperation , work together, and have no weak links in our Lions chain.

I had the pleasure of meeting our International President Sid Scruggs in Sydney, and he has a great theme about service, emphasizing the lighthouse, the "Beacon of Hope" which we will hear a lot about this coming year. He has four service campaigns: (1) August - Engaging our Youth (2) October - Sharing the Vision (3) December /January - Relieving the Hunger (4) April - Protecting our Planet. So, we all need to follow this program of Lettin our Light Shine and be a "Beacon of Hope" to others in need. I do plan to continue with the certificates of appreciation for clubs and members who have accomplished great things within their Lions Clubs, such as Terry's "Move to Grow Awards", which will be my "Beacon of Hope Awards", and I know there are many opportunities in our towns and communities where we as Lions can lend a helping hand.

Respectfully,

DG Barb Treichel

DISTRICT 11-B1 Calendar of Events-2010

[Get your clubs activities on this list so all will know when it is)

- August 1 **Deadline** for submission of the 100% Secretary's Award-Send to District Governor
August 4 Adrian Breakfast Lions, 4th Annual **"Puttin' for Pups"** Miniature Golf Tournament
August 4 Governor's Visit - Jackson Eyeopeners
August 6 - 7 Council of Governors, Lansing, MI
August 7 Brooklyn Lions **"Kelly Miller Circus"** 2 and 5:30 pm Columbia Township
August 8 Clark Lake **'Raft-O-Rama** and Chicken BBQ' Eagle Point Marina
August 13 - 14 Lions Leadership Weekend at the Michigan Eye Bank, Ann Arbor
August 14 North Adams Heritage Day
August 14 Battle Creek 10th Annual **Make-A-Wish** Car, Truck & Bike Show
August 15 Jackson Host, **"Diamond in the Rough"** GOLF Classic, Lakeland Hills GC
August 21 Leader Dog Orientation - Leader Dog School, Rochester
August 24 Governor's Visit - Marshall Lions
August 24 - 28 Chelsea Fair, Lions Club Dunk Tank
August 28 **Full CABINET Meeting**, Vandercook Lake
September 7 Governor's Visit - Bedford Lions
September 10 Cereal City Lions Golf Benefit at Cedar Creek Golf Course
September 11 Hearing Impaired **PICNIC**
September 23-25 USA/CANADA Forum- Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 30 International Club President Excellence Award- Submission Deadline.
October 1 - 2 Council of Governors, St. Ignace
October 3 DG Terry's Appreciation Outing - Napoleon Lions' Clubhouse- 3:00 p.m.
October 16 Fall Conference & Parade of Checks- Sandstone Church-Parma-Spring Arbor & Full Cabinet Meeting.

Brooklyn Lions Club

The International Lions Clubs under the leadership of the newly elected President, Sid Scruggs III, has designated the month of August as Youth Support month and are encouraging clubs to show their support of youth with various projects in their community. In our District, we do have a Circus coming to Brooklyn at the Columbia Middle School on Saturday, August 7th for a 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. performance. Tickets are \$ 6.00 for youth under 12 years of age and \$ 10.00 for adults. This is a unique opportunity for clubs to purchase a set of tickets (2 adults and 2 children) and either give them away to a family in your community or have a drawing at your Lions Meeting. This will also show support for the Columbia Firefighters and the School District. If you live within a 50 mile radius of Brooklyn, Michigan and would like to show support of youth in your community, I would urge you to call and order some tickets right away whether it be 2 tickets or 20 tickets!! Contact IPDG Terry Walters at 734-426-4983 or email twalters02@comcast.net.

Lion **Rod Kirtland** reported that 2,960 pair were collected during fiscal year 2009-2010.

NORTH ADAMS LIONS CLUB CELEBRATES FLAG DAY

The North Adams Lions Club meet at the North Adams Coffee shop for their June 14th meeting. Since it was Flag Day we celebrated the day with the tables decorated with American Flags. The program was presented by Lion Bruce Caswell, Pittsford Lions Club member, telling us about how the flag is folded and what each fold stands for. Everyone present was given an American Flag complements of the North Adams Lions Club.

The **Napoleon Lions** have had a great month of July. We worked hard under the leadership of Lions **Jim Montgomery** and **Gene Willi** operating a sales tent for TNT fireworks. We worked 12 hours a day for ten straight days and we came away with a good profit. We want to thank Borchardt Brothers for providing the space in front of their grocery store and allowing us to use their electricity. Lion Jim headed up the project and we had many of our club Lions volunteer countless hours selling and working security at night.

We held our first summer picnic where 61 people attended. Thanks to all who brought dishes to pass and the members who did the grilling of the steaks and chicken. We had a tie for the club Lion of the year so we awarded two Lions the honor. **Lions Jerry Davis** and **Gene Willi** shared the honor and each was very deserving.

Lion **Vern Updike** presented a new award this year, club "Rookie of the Year". This honor was given to the best new lions in their first year as members. They needed to attend meetings, work on projects, head up new projects and do visitations to other clubs. Lion **Jim Montgomery** and **Cindy Freisse** were both awarded dinner certificates for them and their sponsor as well as their spouse's.

Lion **Tom Bendall** was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Tom has always been there when the Napoleon Lions needed repair work done on the tractors and clubhouse. Tom is a very valuable member of our club and we thank him for all his dedication to the Lions and the community

ADRIAN EVENING LIONS On June 9th 2010 the third annual Super Market Sweep took place at County Market in Adrian Michigan. The event is put on by MidWest Energy and raises money and collects food for a different local food bank each year. Local non-profit organizations are invited to enter. Each organization pays an entry fee with money or collected non-perishable food items. Then the day of the event each organization decorates a shopping cart and 3 people from that organization has to race through the isles, always keeping one hand on the cart, and finds as many items as they can from a list. At the end of the time limit, each cart is checked for correct items and scanned for total dollar amount. Needless to say the Adrian Evening Lions Club did not win this year. But we did have 5 people from the club, 3 of which had to run the race, come and participate. The members who participated were Lion **Vicki Daniels** - Pres., Lion **Carolyn Bater** - V. Pres., Lion **Larry Richardson** - Sec., Lion **Hank Henagan** - Tail twister and Lion **Wanda Suydam** - member. We have a lot of fun each year. The winner is always the food bank because they get all the food that is collected from the

entry fee and from the race. This is a great event and we hope to be able to participate next year, too.

BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY LIONS charter members **Bob Bokhart** and **Larry Shouldice** conducted the installation of the 2010-11 club officers and board members. **Jim Baum** was installed as president. It was recalled that Jim was the youngest member ever to join the club at twenty and that he held the president's position 20 years ago. President Jim made brief remarks reminding the club of a 52 year history of invaluable service to community that came from club members "doing the job everyday". He referred to a past directory that listed 23 committees and compared that to the present 25 committees as proof of the clubs tradition and stability and the fact that through our fundraising and service, we have done a lot of good for others and made Battle Creek a friendlier community to live in. Jim's goal is to use everyone's talents, reminding us that Lions still have a lot of work to do.

Cheveron awards for perfect attendance were made to club members with special recognition given to **Larry Shouldice** (47 years), **Jim Baum** (49 years), **Pete Dowd** and **Bill Tuck** (51 years), and **Bob Bokhart** (52 years).

Past President **Jean Engel's** parting remarks were a review of the year's accomplishments and activities with one of her goals being increased local commitment. This was accomplished with new projects such as Buddy Days, representation on the Diabetic Council, the support of Dr. Calhoun's missions using our glasses recycling, as well as renewed club commitment and support of past projects. She thanked chairmen for organizing successful service projects again as well as board members and membership for their support in making it another successful year

DEXTER LIONS I would like to thank Lion **Chuck Hughes** for a fine job last year. I hope we can have another good year in 2010- 2011. We had a fine year with the CS&L Class at Mill Creek School. Thanks to all Lions that helped me. At the School Board Meeting on June 6th, we recognized 4 young people in the class. They were **Paige Barkowiak** 174.25hrs, **Amelia Sadler** 167hrs, **Sara Wartman** 129.5 hrs. and **Kourtney Koch** with 119 hrs.for a total of 582.75 hrs of community service for this year. Paige and Kourtney are in a Dexter Girl Scout Troup who helped me raise \$2,500.00 for the World War II Vets to go to Washington D.C.

Congratulations to **Andy Dettling** for his Melvin Jones Award, Jim Warden for being awarded Lion of the Year.

Over 40 Lions gathered at the Lighthouse on Sunday June 13th for our annual Awards Banquet. After a nice buffet dinner, many awards were given to our members. We were glad to have PDG Roberta Sexton present to give out the awards. The Lion of the Year was given to Lion **Jim Warden**. The evening ended with the swearing in of next years officers, with Lion **Dick Ulrich** sworn in as president.

SECOND VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTED

Dexter Lion, **Dick Dettling** was elected as 2nd VDG at the June 19th meeting of the District Cabinet. Dick has been a Dexter Lion for 31 years and has held many positions in the Dexter Lions as well as serving as Zone Chair along with various other District Committees. The Dexter Lions had sent Dick's name in as a candidate, Congratulations and best of luck to Lion Dick!

ALBION LIONS CLUB During Albion's Festival of the Forks, a delegation of people from our sister city in France will be here. Among the guests is a member of the Noisy/Bailly Lions Club. As you may recall, this club treated Dick to a trip through the Loire Valley when Dick was in France last year. Albion's sister city committee is in need of someone to host Alain Loppinet from September 16 through 20. We thought one of the members of our club would be willing to do this. It would require providing sleeping arrangements, breakfasts and a couple of other meals. Several meals will be provided with the activities arranged by the city and the committee.

Please contact **Lion Mary** at **629 3550**

The **PARMA-SPRING ARBOR Lions Club** will have a pot-luck picnic on Monday, July 19, 2010 at the Spring Arbor pavilion at 6pm. The pavilion is located behind the Spring Arbor Senior Center. This is 1/2 hour earlier to allow more socializing. Reservations would be appreciated by 7-17-10 so we can order the entree.

We were pleased that our fund raising allowed us to donate \$500 to the North Parma UMC Food Pantry and \$500 to the Spring Arbor Food Pantry. This was possible due to the excellent support from our communities.

Our club is mourning the loss of 2 members this month-Lion Bob Bieskie and Lion Les Gibbs. These 2 men were long time members (39 years each), active in all of our events and projects, and dear friends. They will be missed.

NAPOLEON LEOS

Here is a picture of our newest member inductions: Left is **Tyler Swartz** and Right is **Ethan Smith**, both inducted on May 18, 2010

Here are some photos from the Napoleon Lions fireworks sales tent (photos taken June 28). The young man is Jerry Davis' youth exchange student, **Petteri**, and the picture of the two girls dressed up as Uncle Sam are Napoleon LEOS, **Brittany Baxter** and **Kaitlyn Reynard** and the young girl standing alone is LEO **Emily Ferguson**.

J.J. Smith, Aron Feters & Alex Feters prepare a fire hydrant for painting. The Napoleon Leos have only one hydrant left to paint once they can open a locked gate.

ANN ARBOR HOST SUPPORTS BRAILLE-A-THON

The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club traveled to the State Capitol Lawn on June 22 to support the 2nd Annual Braille-a-Thon, an event where participants enjoyed fun activities while promoting Braille literacy. The event was sponsored by the Michigan Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (MPVI). Lion Lisa Langley attended the event on behalf of the Club, and she walked away smiling after an exciting day. "I had a great time getting to know the 100 kids with little or no vision and their families who came to the event for fun, friendship and information gathering," said Lisa. She also enjoyed seeing how the kids participated in a variety of activities — Braille contests for tactile readers, games such as Braille Feud and Braille Bingo and entertainment like dancing and singing. "I was amazed at how the kids boldly tried new activities designed to stimulate their sense

of touch,” said Langley. “These kids were all determined, proud and happy. It was truly a great day to be a Lion!

ANN ARBOR HOST CLUB contributed funds to buy an Ocular Scope for an Ann Arbor mother of five. Melanie has been legally blind since birth. As a mother of five, she depends on a specialized, ocular scope that attaches to the front of her glasses to allow her to “see” her world. Unfortunately, this precious scope was stolen from her tote bag while she was riding the bus to the grocery store. In need of help, Melanie reached out to our Club to help replace the scope. The great news is that our Lions Club teamed up with the Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club, the Huron Valley Sunrise Lions Club, Friends in Deed and the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop to pool our resources together and purchase a new ocular scope for Melanie. By donating \$1,000, we all took part in giving Melanie back her world! Now, that’s Lions in action!

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL OF LIONS provides Adult Vision Screening and Project KidSight Arbor Council of Lions successfully screened 15 adults and 14 children for Project KidSight on June 12. In addition, 12 new people signed up for the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Cathy Koning and Kay DeWhitt from the Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club joined Lisa Langley for a great time screening children and helping save lives. All the vendors and attendees learned firsthand how Lions serve as Knights of the Blind.

TALKING WATCHES FOR PATIENTS WITH NEW ONSET BLINDNESS

At the June 16 meeting, Ann Arbor Host voted to allocate funds to help purchase talking watches for patients with new onset blindness at the University of Michigan. The talking watch allows patients to self orient to time and reduce stress. Some patients need a talking watch because they have a disorder called ICU psychosis, which is an inability to distinguish the difference between day and night. The talking watch is an important mechanism designed to orient these patients to a particular time. We made a real difference for these patients by contributing \$125 to provide 10 talking watches for the next year!

Lions YOUTH EXCHANGE

This year District 11-B1 was fortunate to play host to 13 of the 15 students placed in the state of Michigan, all due to Lion Peggy Allen’s determination in finding host families in our area. Nine of those are in Region 1, Zone 1 and one is in Region 2, Zone 1 in Napoleon.

The four Youth Exchange Students from Finland were highlighted in the Manchester Fair Parade riding the club’s float. Pictured are Reetta Tallgren, Rea Kukumaki, Tiia-Maria Kinnula and Petteri Koskinen.

The six Youth Exchange students currently in our District met at the Manchester Lions Club where they were presented Letters of Appreciation for giving a short talk about their country and their visit to Michigan. In addition to Rea, Reetta, Petteri, and

Tiia-Maria, we have Nazli Mergen from Turkey who is staying in Chelsea, and Tommaso Cavicchi from Italy who is being hosted by a family in Whitmore Lake/Dexter.

Tommaso presented VDG Dan Shepherd, PID Ken Lautzenheiser, IPDG Terry Walters and Manchester President Peggy Allen pennants from his host club in Italy.

IPDG Terry reluctantly presented each of the students a MICHIGAN T-shirt which he then proudly covered with a green and white MICHIGAN STATE T-shirt.

These students will all return home within the next week or so, and we look forward to greeting our new arrivals, three girls from Japan, two staying in Manchester, and one in Chelsea; and a boy from France that is staying in the Tipton/Irish Hills area through August.

GRASS LAKE Lions Club partnership with “Copper Nail” a success story!

The Copper Nail in Grass Lake Michigan is a resale shop in business to support people in the community who are in need and occasionally they select a nonprofit organization who agree to help run the sale on a specific day and they present them with a percentage of the profit made on that sale day.

The Grass Lake Lions Club helped to run the shop on sat June 10, 2010 and was therefore presented with a check in the amount of \$1,420.00. We are pleased with the support that we got from our club and all of the people in the Grass lake community who stopped in and made purchases on that day. The entire amount was used to off set the cost of surgery for an individual in need.

The enclosed picture is of **Judy Teft** representing the “Copper Nail” as she presents the check for \$1,420.00 dollars to members of the Grass Lake Lions Club. Left to right; **Lucille Charlton, Verna Rehan and Jack Charlton.**

Robert W. Wolfe President Grass Lake Lions Club

The **MANCHESTER LIONS Club** selected **Barbara Ryan Fuller** as their Lion of the Year for 2010. She is a Charter Member and has been the club Treasurer for three years. Despite her extremely busy schedule, she lends a hand whenever possible. Her financial spreadsheets are the envy of the District and make understanding of the financial report as easy as 1, 2, 3.

Lions Peggy and Barry Allen were presented Lions of Michigan Foundation Ken E. Lautzenheiser Fellow awards by PID Lautzenheiser in recognition of unselfish and dedicated service to mankind. The PID took the opportunity to inform and entertain the members and guests about the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

The attached pictures are from our last **CHELSEA LIONS CLUB** meeting. The first pictures are Lion club president **Dan Nutt** presenting \$1000 Service awards to **Kate Menge** and **Kyle Whitley** for their active community service. Kate and Kyle plan on attending Michigan State University this fall. The next picture is **Lindsay Bacon** the director of the Chelsea Senior Center, she was our guest speaker for the night and the last picture was our tale twister Lion **Phil Radant** congratulating Lion **Paul Weber** for making the meeting on time.

The **Manchester** Community Fair **PARADE** was a successful showing of Lions from around the District including DG Barb and Walt Treichel, VDG Dan Shepherd, PDG Bob

Chrisman; the Napoleon Community Band, the Napoleon LEOs and members of the Napoleon Lions. VDG Dan drove the 1931 Roadster with Frankee Ingalls dressed in a lion's cub suit and Lion Jerry Davis in the rumble seat while Lion Barry Allen drove his 1930 Tudor with the District Governor and Walt as passengers. All went well until the Tudor overheated and finally died in front of the funeral home. The backfiring could be heard from two blocks away.

Here are some pictures of the **CHELSEA LIONS CLUB** restaining the Timbertown picnic shelter on the 19th of June. This is our first project of being a "Lion for a Day". We will be planning more projects under this program. The Lions from our club who participated were **Chuck Armstrong, Paul Weber, Norm Colbry, Pat Engel, Mike Long, and Dan Nutt**. Lion **Keith Bloomensaar** cooked the hot dogs and lion **Dave Jachalke** was the camera guy.

Peace Poster Contest 2011, "Vision of Peace"

The Peace Poster contest encompasses children ages 11-13 (children 13, must be the age of 13 prior to 11/15/2010). Participating groups may be schools, churches, and other youth groups/organizations.

To order the Peace Poster Kit – PPK1EN - \$9.95 plus s/h. One kit is required for each group or organization. The kit is ordered through International Club Supplies. All instructions for both the group and the Club are provided in the kit.

The deadlines for the 2010 Peace Poster Contest are indicated below:

Posters delivered to District Governor – November 15, 2010

Judging at District Level – November 18, 2010

State Judging is at the Council of Governors Meeting 12/2-3/2010

Many clubs who currently participate in the Peace Poster contest provide savings bonds for winner and/or runner ups and a party of some sort (pizza, cider/donuts) for the kids who participated. Some clubs also invite the winner and parents to a meeting (a great time to inform folks of your clubs doings – potential new members).

The Peace Poster contest is a great avenue to engage children in Lionism and encourages their thoughts on peace through art!

For more information contact the Peace Poster Committee:

Gerald Mackey – geraldmackey@hotmail.com

Craig Bishop – cajkbishop@sbscglobal.net

Vicki Lautzenheiser – Chair, lautzevl@gmail.com