

**Lions of Michigan
District 11-B1 Newsletter
District Governor - Dan Shepherd**

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Happy New Year

First lady Kathy and I would like to take a moment and wish all a very Happy New Year. The first six months of the new Lion Year has been a very busy one with the many great accomplishments and activities going on within the district. Beginning in June with a trip to Seattle where we attended the Lions International Convention. The convention was exciting, colorful, and very inspirational so when I returned home, I had a new vision for our district this year. I have worked hard to try to keep members informed and involved with the many projects and activities going on in the district.

In July, we had a bus filled with Lions and their family members who wanted to visit the Michigan Eye bank and attend a Tiger game. This trip was organized by **PDG Craig Bishop**, so we started in Battle Creek and then made our way down I-94 to Ann Arbor picking up passengers along the way. We had a great tour of the Eye Bank, had drinks and snacks and then continued to Detroit.

August was the month we held our Banner exchange and picnic. It was a great summer night in Michigan and we had over 120 people attend. The members of the **Napoleon Lions club** were willing to be the chefs for the event and the food was abundant. It was also the charter night for the **new Omega Leo Club**, which is the first in the state of Michigan.

September hundreds of Lion members visited Anchorage, Alaska and attended the USA/Canada Forum. I traveled with **VDG's Dick Dettling** and **Barry Allen** where we attended a special session on the Lion Quest program as well as many other breakout sessions. Upon our return, we visited Marshall Middle School to see the Quest program in action. Marshall has done a great job with the Quest program and is receiving rewards for their efforts. September was also the month that the 5,500 trees which were sold by **Lion Jerry Horsch** were delivered and distributed. We have had 100% participation from all the clubs in our district, **THANK YOU**. In September, we held a very successful **Hearing Impaired Picnic** which was chaired by **Pat Stiff** and **Claudea Templeton**, hosted by the **Bedford Lions** and **Lioness** clubs.

October was more than the beginning of our fall season, but the month we held our **Fall Conference** which was hosted by the **Parma-Spring Arbor Lions club**. The conference was very successful with over one hundred people attending and sharing knowledge and information with other Lion club members. The Youth Academy from Battle Creek was the highlight of the day.

November was when we took a trip to the Soaring eagle Casino to raise money for Bear Lake Camp. This trip was organized by district chair **Lion Dick Tallman** and his wife **Karmen** and I must say, it was a lot of fun and we raised nearly \$900 for the camp. Lion Dick is planning another trip after the first of the year so plan to come along with us. We also held our **Blind Bowling Tournament** in **Vandercook Lake** and we had over 50 bowlers come and show us their skills. This tournament was organized by **Lion Gene Willi** and many other individuals. Thank you to all who attended and helped. The district also held three **Stuff a Bus** food drives. **Hanover Horton, Napoleon, and Marshall** were the clubs who helped the food banks in their communities. If any other clubs want to hold a Stuff a Bus food drive in your community, please call me and I will help you with some ideas.

Let's make 2012 even more successful and fun than 2011.....

Lion Dan Shepherd, District Governor

DISTRICT 11-B1 Calendar of Events-2012

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

- Jan 11 YE **Daniel Zander** (Australia) departs for LAX
Jan 11 Webinar, *How to Recruit New Members*, 8 pm
Jan 12 R3Z1 Zone Meeting, 6 pm, TBD
Jan 13 Melvin Jones birthday
Jan 15 YE **Kelly** arrives from Peru
Jan 16 YE **Diana Perez & Jacqueline** arrive from Peru
Jan 17 Webinar, *How to Recruit New Members*, 11 am
Jan 20 Webinar, *How to Recruit New Members*, 8 pm
Jan 26 Combined R1Z1 & R1Z2 Zone Meeting, Steak's Eatery, 6 pm
Jan 28 **Full Cabinet Meeting**, VCL, 9:00 am
- Feb 3 - 5 **Winter Camp for the Blind**, Battle Creek Outdoor Recreation Center, Dowling
Feb 4 Blissfield Reverse Raffle
Feb 11 North Adams reverse raffle & dinner, Ramada, Montpelier, OH, 3 pm
Feb 11 Chelsea Lions, Charity Bowl fundraiser, Chelsea Lanes, 1:00 pm
Feb 18 Michigan Forum, Lansing
Feb 26 YE from Peru leave.
Feb 29 Deadline - Convention Delegate Form to Lion Diane Schweda
Feb 29 Webinar, *Managing a Service Project*, 8 pm
- Mar 1 Deadline - Lion/Lioness/Leo of the Year nominations due to DG
Mar 6 Webinar, *Managing a Service Project*, 11 am
Mar 9 Webinar, *Managing a Service Project*, 8 pm
Mar 10 KidSight, Adrian Breakfast Lions, Leapin' for Lenawee
Mar 10 Grass Lake bus trip to Leader Dog in Rochester, 8 AM, \$17 RT
Mar 21 Governor's Visit - North Jackson
Mar 23 & 24 Combined District Convention, 11B1 & 11C2, Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing

ZONE Meetings:

- R1Z1 January 26 Steak's Eatery combined with R1Z2, 6 pm social/6:30 dinner
R1Z2 January 26 Steak's Eatery combined with R1Z1
R2Z1 February combined with R2Z2
R2Z2 February combined with R2Z1
R3Z1 January 12, 2012, Brinks Self Storage, 6 pm, (No meal, snacks only)
R3Z2 TBD

Roster Changes: Send corrections to the District Newsletter Editor

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Battle Creek Cereal City now meets at Riverside Country Club, 2nd & 4th Wed at 6:30

Chelsea President **Dan Nutt**, email: pdnutt@gmail.com phone: 734-475-2004

Quincy now only meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, 6 pm, United Methodist Church

Brooklyn President **Pam Jarvis** phone is 517-592-9612

Hillsdale Treasurer **Sarah Bell** 620 Juniper Court, Jonesville, MI 49250

Napoleon Secretary **Myrl Clayton** email: myrl@frontiernet.net

Quincy President **Margaret Howard** cell #: 734-645-4013

North Jackson meets at Denny's on the 1st Wed, at Marino's on the 3rd Wed, 7 pm

NEW MEMBERS

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Blissfield	Randal Weeber	Lion Dale Wotring
Brooklyn	Judy Mannen	Lion Dick Mannen
Dexter	Jamie Bronson	Lion Dick Ulrich
Dexter	Craig Lennon	Lion Tony Godin
Dexter	Joe Lukowski	Lion Dick Ulrich
Dexter	Michael Scott, Jr.	Lion Russ Gould
North Jackson	Bob Griggs	Lion Vicki Lautzenheiser
North Jackson	Peg Griggs	Lion Vicki Lautzenheiser
Parma-Spring Arbor	Jim Wellman	Lion Ned Philpott
Tecumseh	Wendy Brys	Lion Jan Fox
Tecumseh	Patti Malmquist	Lion Wendy Brys

DECEASED

Ann Arbor Host

PDG Don Kiel (DG 1993 - 1994)

PDG Donald Franklin Kiel

On December 14, 2011, at age 85, passed away in Ann Arbor. Born in 1926, he lived through the Great Depression and went on to receive several college degrees and then served in the Navy. He was also a former District Governor of the Lions Club. One of his many interests included acting. Donald enjoyed lighting up the stage in small theaters in minor and major roles. He was also a radio disc-jockey for several years. This devoted husband's wife, Mary Kiel, passed away in January of 2011. He is survived by his daughter, Cathy (Randy) Pangborn; granddaughters, Corinna Gonzalez and Danielle Willsie; as well as his great-granddaughter, Camryn Gonzalez. Although no funeral is in place, the family asks that expressions of sympathy and remembrance be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Congratulations to the new District **Habitat for Humanity** Chair, Lion **Bruce Bates** from the Manchester Lions Club. He can be reached at srggwb@aol.com or 734-428-9616.

Lion/Lioness/Leo of the Year Award form is available on the District web site at:
<http://lblLions.org/DistrictAwardsForms.html>

Deadline for submission is **March 1st** to the District Governor.

Quote: **“Luck is a combination of preparation and opportunity”**

Who said it?

- A. Audry Hepburn B. Steve Jobs
C. Buddha C. Oprah Winfrey

See pages 3, 7, 10, & 15

Answers: 3 C, 7 B, 10 A, 15 C

TREE PLANTING PLEDGE

Lions,

The new Lion year is underway, International President Wing-Kun TAM has asked for a pledge from each District Governor for the next year to help plant 1,000,000 trees by Lions Clubs throughout the world. In Seattle at the International Convention I signed a banner pledging we would plant 4,800 trees. Below you will find the pledges of all the clubs in the district. Please send me your pledge numbers. After you plant a tree, make a record of this on your MMR report so your club and our district gets credit and ensure the newsletter editor has it to update this page

HOW MANY TREES WILL YOUR CLUB PLANT THIS LION YEAR?

	Pledge/Planted	-	Pledge/Planted
Adrian Breakfast	10/	Adrian Evening	100/
Albion	100/	Ann Arbor Evening	100/
Ann Arbor Host	50/	Athens Area Lions	4/
Battle Creek CC	200/174	Battle Creek Host	1600/1600
Bedford Area	175/	Bedford Elsa Lioness	
Blissfield	1/	Brooklyn	200/200
Chelsea	84/	Clark Lake	50/
Clinton	500/	Concord	175/
Dexter	10/10	Dexter Leos	
Grass Lake	200/21	Grass Lake Leos	
Hanover-Horton	20/6	Hillsdale	10/
Homer	100/100	Huron Valley Sunrise	130/
Inter-Lakes	80/10	Jackson Cascades	41/
Jackson Eye Openers	150/100	Jackson Host	60/
Jonesville	10/	Manchester	200/200
Marshall	148/	Michigan Center	800/
Michigan Center Leos		Michigan Center Lioness	
Mid Michigan Omega Leos		Munith	100/
Napoleon	50/50	Napoleon Leos	20/20
North Adams	4012/4012	North Jackson	300/
Parma Spring Arbor	100/	Pennfield	130/
Pittsford Area	50/	Quincy	205/
Saline	200/	Tecumseh	200/200
Tekonsha	100/	Vandercook Lake	100/

Please help **update** our listing. Send your email to the newsletter editor.

TOTAL Pledged 9774 / Planted 6803 100% Participation!

Trees Planted Internationally: 6,644,475* as of Jan 1st, 2012

Clayton Sherwood was recently honored by **TEKONSHA Lions** for his years of service as a Lions member. Clayton brought awareness to the issue of macular degeneration, helped collect eyeglasses, and canvassed the community for several years to benefit the birthday calendar fundraiser. Fundraisers help Lions clubs provide eyeglasses for needy individuals, food for food banks, and meet other humanitarian needs. As an LCIF Honor Roll recipient, Clayton received an Honor Roll certificate and his name was added to the Honor Roll at Lions International Headquarters. Clayton was also awarded the gold Contributing Member lapel pin to signify the Tekonsha Lions Club's contributions on his behalf. President Lorraine Lindsey was pleased to convey the club's thanks to Clayton by presenting the awards.

IMAGINE PEACE

Peace poster kits for the 25th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest are available from January 15 to October 1, 2012. The contest is open to children who are 11, 12 or 13 on 15 November. Twenty four finalists are chosen from the 350,000 participants from around the world. This year's theme is "IMAGINE PEACE" Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. Winners advance through several judging levels, local, district, multi-district and international.

WEBINAR How to Recruit New Members

- [Wednesday, January 11, 2012: 7:00 PM CST](#)
(Chicago) 8 PM Eastern
- [Tuesday, January 17, 2012: 10:00 AM CST](#)
(Chicago) 11 AM Eastern
- [Friday, January 20, 2012: 7:00 PM CST](#) (Chicago)
8 PM Eastern

How to recruit new members and market club activities

Intended Audience:
Club officers, membership committee and club members who plan to recruit new members

DISTRICT 11-B1 MEMBERSHIP

The Clubs in the District really had a good start in the first three months on membership growth. Over the past three months, the membership has not grown but has declined. The District is presently at a -44. We have added 44 new members but have had a lost of 88 members. The GMT team is committed to help clubs with membership growth and we look forward to being called or invited to your meetings. We are also encouraging clubs who have not grown in membership to look at the CEP as a way to improve membership growth. Please contact any members of the GMT Team: **Terry Walters**, chairman(734-474-6914); **Bob Sexton**(517-748-3097); **Paul Frederick** (269-729-4238); **Dick Tallman** 9 517-536-4476); **Chuck Eddlemon** (734-426-7996); **Jim Sexton**(517-782-0185) or **Clem Ruiz** (517-529-9689). We can certainly grow in membership in District 11-B1 as we continue to commit to improving our service to our communities!

CLUB EXCELLENCE PROGRAM (CEP)

We assume by now that every club has heard about the Club Excellence Program and are talking about the positive benefits for the club to go through the process. We are happy to have the Chelsea Lions and the Napoleon Lions to be the first two clubs to implement the program. The Manchester Lions and the Athens Lions have indicated that they are also interested and would like to have a presentation at their club meeting. The District goal is to have 4-6 Clubs complete the process this year by June 30,2012. If you are interested to have your club take part, or get more information contact GMT Coordinator Terry Walters (734-474-6914) or GLT Coordinator Bert Sexton (517-748-3097).

INTERNATIONAL TWINNING - COSTA RICA Our goal is to help Costa Rica develop a system much like we have here in the United States...a donor registry that supports eye, organ and tissue donation so that Costa Ricans can help fellow Costa Ricans. Until that occurs, the Michigan Eye-Bank has offered to send corneal tissue, when we can, to help decrease the list of 3,000 people waiting for a cornea transplant there. The purpose of sending tissue to countries like Costa Rica is to help them become self sufficient in giving the gifts of life, sight and mobility. These are countries who have reached out to us asking for help. It is important to note that the corneas we send on these "international missions" have been donated by families who support the idea of international tissue sharing. We ask them at the time of their loved ones death if they would be opposed to us sharing the tissue internationally and they agreed to allow us to do this as needed.

Lion Lisa Langley

Congratulations to the **MUNITH Lions** for being mentioned in **LION** magazine, page 5 of the January 2012 edition for their Weather Alert Sirens which they help maintain and repair.

At the Munith Lions Christmas party President **Char Chrisman** presented awards of appreciation to **Dr. Donald Fay** who took care of 15 Leader Dog pups, **Larry Williams** who is a Lion for a Day anytime we asked him to help, and **Pastor Bob Castle** who helped with Christmas decorations and the Family Festival. These three are not Lions, but are a great help to us.

"Your time is limited, don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma, which is living the result of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinion drowned your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition, they somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."

Who said it? See page 3

Michael Dauphinais and the Lions: Agents of Change

Anyone who has spent any more than two or three years in Marshall knows this is a place where people step up to make things better for others. We see it everywhere here, all the time: the outpouring of food, clothing, and money for families affected by a house fire: The Women's Philanthropic Circle: generous church congregations: The Success Fund: MACS: Floral Hall: Houston School and Old Maple Grove Church: the Marshall United Way and donations to charitable foundations. In addition to these, of course, are many acts of kindness and compassion that are never made public.

Recently, however, something amazing happened in Marshall due to the inspirational leadership of **Mike Dauphinais** of the Marshall Lions Club. An article appeared recently about the **Stuff a Bus** event that was held on Nov. 12 at the Family Fare parking lot in Marshall which resulted in donations of 5.5 tons of food and \$324 in cash donations for MACs food bank. Some details were missing in the recap, however, since Dauphinais was unavailable to interview because of a minor stroke he suffered that day. On his first day out and about this week, he had some interesting information to share.

Dauphinais brought the idea of Stuff a Bus to Marshall as a result of a similar food drive event held in Napoleon, Mi. sponsored by Lion members. He drove down to see how the event was organized and was amazed at the amount of food collected in that small community.

He took the idea further and met with school Supt. **Randy Davis** of the Marshall Public Schools who supported the idea of making a MPS school bus available for the food drive here. Following that, he established a dynamic working relationship with **Tommy Kawel**, eighth grade teacher and Student Council advisor at the Middle School, turning this into a service learning event for students.

"**Tommy Kawel** kept all those kids energized and active, both during the week before when food was collected by classrooms at school, as well as during the day on the 12th. The kids collected 1,600 items at school the previous week.

"We put up a tent in the Family Fare lot and tables with boxes set up underneath to sort things as they were collected. One girl asked, "What's Spam"? As the boxes were filled, they were put into the bus. The 25 kids from the Middle School had a wonderful time and the energy rubbed off. Some of the kids handed out fliers to Family Fare shoppers. They got on the public address system in the store to encourage shoppers to buy an additional can of something to donate that day.

"An SUV pulled up filled with food, and I mean filled. We opened the back hatch and there was food all the way to the front. The weather was terrific and 200 Donut holes were donated by Sweetwater Donuts when they heard about the project. I was so proud of our 10-12 Lion members. We had at least two Lions covering each two hour shift. We're talking with other Lions clubs to see if there's a possibility of getting all our clubs in the Region to do a coordinated **Stuff the Bus** on the same day next year.

Mike goes on to say, "When the school bus driver arrived to return the bus back to Trinity Episcopal Church's food pantry, he was concerned about all the weight. He got under the bus to check the suspension. He drove away very slowly to Trinity."

When I saw the store manager of Family Fare the next week, he showed me a stack of mail an inch thick he had received from people encouraging Family Fare to do this again next year.

"The project was fun for me personally. We do some boring things but this was something the whole community got behind. Everyone wins, the food pantry, the Marshall Public Schools, and most of all, the Lions and the students who gave back to the community. This event has been my favorite moment as a Lion member and I have been a member of 25 years".

Our Lions District 11B1 is conducting a **DISTRICT RAFFLE** to supplement the Administrative Account which helps to fund the New Member Incentive rebate and other internal expenses. In the past a raffle was held for a weeks stay in Las Vegas. This year the raffle is a five piece Adirondack furniture set, including two Adirondack chairs, a bench, and two planters. All pieces are finished cedar handcrafted by our own VDG **Dick Dettling**. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 from any District cabinet officer or your club President/Secretary. Drawing to be held at the District Convention in Lansing on March 24th at 7:00 PM. You need NOT be present to win, and free delivery is available (within reason).

Youth Exchange Students

Requesting Financial Help for 2012 Program

District 11 B1 has **TWO** students looking for financial help for their summer 2012 adventure! Requesting financial help from District 11 B1 letters will be forth coming from these young ladies:

Alexa Ramson, Dexter High School student Good news/Bad news... Alexa has been accepted to attend college at a University in Florida, but she must begin in the summer term which starts in June 2012, so she must forfeit her Youth Exchange trip. All donated funds will be returned to clubs and individuals from the state office. **We would suggest you roll these funds to the other two students.**

Madison Rabbitt

Chelsea High School

Australia

Cost of trip: \$3,000.00

Raised so far: \$1170

Makenna Burnett

Grass Lake High School

Brazil/Chile/Peru

Cost of trip: \$2,200.00

Raised so far: \$1170

Peggy Allen, District Chair
MI Youth Exchange Program

Zone Chairperson and **JACKSON EYEOPENER Connie Neese** presents our club President, **Margie Horsch**, with the **Lions Clubs International Club Excellence Award**.

The Jackson Eyeopeners and our club president received Lions Clubs International Club Excellence Award for the 2010-2011 Lions year. This award replaces the 100% Club President's Excellence Award. Great job Margie and her fellow club members. Achieving this award is a very high honor.

Lions Margie, Carole and Roger On Monday, Dec. 19, Lions Margie, Carole, Roger and Esther volunteered at the Interfaith Shelter at lunch time. This is a new community service project for the Eyeopeners. Club members will be serving lunch once a month. Perhaps, we could adopt these outfits as our official club uniform?

Christmas Giving Lions **Connie Hollmann** and **Diane** headed up our annual Christmas giving project. Instead of adopting an agency this year, we adopted 2 families. After many hours of shopping and wrapping plus additional donations from club members, Diane and Connie delivered the packages. Both families were very grateful to receive so much from the Lions. Kudos to Lions Diane and Connie H plus all club members who pitched in with paper products, canned goods and other items.

Shown are pictures of the **CHELSEA Lions** collecting donations for our annual candy cane drive. this year the club received over \$1500 for our collections. Pictured are Lion Chuck Murphy, future Lion Ken Grudzinski, Lions Norm Colbry and Chuck Armstrong.

Lions of District 11-B1 – would you like to have this patch? It can be yours by attending the 95th **Lions International Convention in Busan, South Korea**. The convention runs from Friday, June 22, 2012 through Tuesday, June 26.

The annual highlights include the International Parade on Saturday morning, June 23, the International Night Show that same evening and Humanitarian Year Award as well as other internationally known speakers and presenters.

This year the convention returned to a traditional format being hosted over a weekend stay. This helps make a pre or post-convention stops of a few days to catch up on jet lag and yet not take more time from busy schedules.

Michigan Night will be a little less formal as it will include a dinner gathering at a local Korean restaurant on Sunday evening.

Michigan's delegation hotel is the Haeundae Centum. We are pleased to announce that it is next to the convention center. The per night cost is a very comfortable \$137 tax included. We will be in this hotel with delegations from 10 other delegations from the U.S. plus Canada and New Zealand.

1st Vice District Governor **Dick Dettling** will be installed as our new governor for the 2012-13 Lions' year.

Reservations for the convention can be made on-line by using www.lionsclubs.org. Also, you may register by using the registration form in the October Lion Magazine found on page 30. Register for December 31 and the fee is \$100 per registrant.

If you have any questions, please contact **PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser** at 517-569-2677 or lautzevl@gmail.com. Dennis is 11-B1's International Convention Chair.

Lions Club of Ypsilanti at Eastern Michigan University

Here are the pictures of those in the EMU Club who attended the last meeting of the Club as it turns in its charter in December and closes down. They are the ones who decided to which projects they would use the last of the EMU funds for a donation. The three projects to receive funds are the Bear Lake Camp, the Penrickton Center, and the Michigan Eye-Bank. In the pictures left to right are Secretary Jessica Amey, Lion Donna Makela, Immediate Past President Calley McCloskey, President Stephen Vela, and Lion Samantha Hastings.

John Krienke Guiding Lion of the Lions Club of Ypsilanti at Eastern Michigan University

“Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm ... As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”

Who Said it? See page 3

**North Adams Lions Club
And The
North Adams/Jerome Athletic Boosters**

Annual Reverse Raffle

Saturday, February 11th, 2012
Buffet begins at 3:00 PM
Drawing starts at 4:00 PM
Dance to Follow - Ya'll Come

Location:
Ramada Inn
Montpelier, OH - Exit 13 (Ohio Turnpike)

Prize:
\$9000.00
plus 12 other cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$600.00

Cost: Donation of \$100.00
Includes your Ticket, Food and Drinks (during drawing)

Need not be present to win.

Special Room Rates are available to Ticket Holders
For Reservations Call 1-800-851-8300

Contact a North Adams Lions Club Member to purchase a ticket

Ad Submitted by North Adams Lions Club Secretary, Lion Glen Ruder.
517-523-2266 or gdruder@frontiernet.net

The **GRASS LAKE Lions Club** will be sponsoring a trip to see the Leader Dogs for the Blind Training Facility in Rochester, Michigan. The trip is slated for Saturday, March 10th. We plan to leave the Grass Lake Lions Club at 8:00 AM. Grass Lake Lions is looking to charter a bus for this trip. The bus can hold 47 persons. Cost will be \$17 RT, providing the bus is full. We are planning to arrange lunch at the Leader Dog facility and the cost of lunch will be determined by the caterer selected. We believe that all Lions should take the opportunity to see this wonderful facility. As such we would like to invite you and or your club to join us on this trip. It promises to be a fun and informative trip. (Some fun activities are being planned on the way to and from the facility for your enjoyment!) We are requesting that reservations along with a check for \$17.00 per person be sent to Grass Lake Lion Club President, Cal Holser, by Monday, January 30th, so that we can make the reservations with the bus company. Checks can be made out to the Grass Lake Lions Club and mailed to: Grass Lake Lions Club, PO Box 24, Grass Lake, Mi. 49240, Attn. Leader Dog Trip. Good luck being one of the first 47 to submit your reservation!!
Lion President, Cal Holser Grass Lake Lions PS: Questions? : 517-522-8665

"A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered.

Carve your name on hearts, not on marble."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS DISTRICT CONVENTION

The District of 11-B1 cordially invites you to join us at our Joint 11-B1/11C-2 District Convention on March 23 – 25, 2012. The Convention will be held at:

Causeway Bay Hotel
6820 S. Cedar Street
Lansing, MI 48911
Ph. (517) 694-8123

We invite you to have a display that represents your project or committee. Registration begins on Friday, March 23 at 3:00 pm, at which time project tables will be available for set up. The first scheduled event of the Convention will be 11-B1's Memorial Service at 6:00 p.m.

Please return the attached Registration Form **no later than February 29**, and indicate in the space available how many tables you will need. **Please note:** Additionally, if you are registering for the convention and meal selections through your club, please indicate so on the form, but still list the name(s) of those registering. The Committee requests that no raffle tickets be sold other than our own district raffle.

In addition, if room reservations are required, please make them directly with the Causeway Bay Hotel. The convention rate is \$84.50 per night plus tax. Rooms will be held until February 24, 2012, at which time those not reserved will be released for general sale. Reservations will continue to be accepted at this rate after February 24 but on a space available basis.

We look forward to seeing you at the Convention.
Sincerely,

PDG Gary Babcock
District 11-B1 Convention Chairperson

DEXTER Lions Penrickton Center For Blind Children Visit There were 21 Dexter Lions, spouses, and guests who attended the planned trip to Penrickton Center for Blind Children on December 22, 2011. This was a great turnout and the tour was very informative. The tour was given by **Kurt Sebaly**, the Director. At the end of the tour, the family of **Bill Marshall** presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Penrickton from the Memorial fund that had been set up after Bill had passed away last spring. Representing the family were wife, **Audrey, Scott and Denise**, and **Earlene Marshall**. Dexter Lion President, **Russ Gould**, also presented a check on behalf of the Dexter Lions. There was also a check presented from the Eastern Michigan University Lions Club to Penrickton. It was a joy to see the children at the Center and the Activities they were involved in. Thank you to all those who were in attendance.

"A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and sings it back to you when you have forgotten how it goes."

International Lions Eye Bank Week

The Michigan Eye-Bank Benefactor Pin was created as a symbol for those who support sight restoration, as a way to share with others their personal commitment to the gift of sight. For a contribution of \$20 or more, you will receive this limited edition Benefactor Pin. All proceeds will benefit the Michigan Eye-Bank's humanitarian aid program, public and professional donation education, and research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions.

To learn more about the Michigan Eye-Bank Benefactor Pin or other ways you can give your support, call (800) 247-7250.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Fellow Lions

I have a concern about maintaining adequate funds in our Administrative Account. In the past we had to borrow Funds from our Activity Account, which I do not think is good practice in clean bookkeeping. We currently maintain a \$2000.00 Fund Balance but that is not enough. So I have recommended an amendment to our Constitution & By-Laws. I would like your support.

Let it be known that the Hanover Horton Area Lions club are submitting a proposed amendment to the Constitution & By-Laws of the District 11-B1. There was unanimous consent of its Board of Directors at the Regular Board of Directors meeting of October 19, 2011 to submit the following:

Article V

District Administrative Fund

Section #: To ensure adequate funds are available to conduct the financial affairs of District within the Administrative Account. The District shall maintain an Administrative Fund Balance of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) at the conclusion of each fiscal year.

Thank You for Your Consideration

Lion Walter A Treichel, District Treasurer

Life is like a mirror. Smile at it, and it smiles back at you.

New LIONS PINS Available Women in Lionism 25 year anniversary pins featuring Helen Keller are available for \$4.00 in blue or red coloring. The 2012 Korea Michigan pin is available for \$2.50. Contact District Pin Chair Walt Treichel to order. 517-524-6429 wtreichel@frontiernet.net

The DEXTER Lions are proud to welcome four new members joining the club. We welcome them and hope that they get involved in the club and community. The new members are: **Craig Lennon** is a principal engineer for Visotek. His wife is Nathasha and they reside at 6978 Wilson Drive in Dexter. Craig also helps with the Dexter Lacrosse team, and was sponsored by Lion **Tony Godin**. **Michael Scott** is an IT manager for Midwest Memorial Group and he resides with his wife Sharon at 3468 Huron View Court in Dexter. Michael's sponsor was Lion **Russ Gould**. **Jami Bronson** is the Principal at Mill Creek Middle School. She resides at 7395 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road. Her grandfather was also a Lion. Jami was sponsored by Lion **Rich Ulrich**. **Raymond (Joe) Lukowski** is retired and resides at 1252 Marcus in Ypsilanti. His sponsor is Lion **Rich Ulrich**. Lion **Chuck Eddlemon** inducted three of these new members into the club at the December 15th meeting, along with **Tim Dorwin** (whose information appeared was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting. We welcome all these new members to the Dexter Lions and wish each new member the best. We hope that they will find the club fun and will find various activities to get involved in.

District 11B-1 Membership Initiative
The first 100 new members will receive the
\$30 discount on their dues for this year.
The club with the largest percentage of
“net increase” in membership will be the
first to have their club name on the new
traveling plaque.

This contest runs July 1 , 2011 until June 30, 2012.

Bonus for membership.....
The club who wins this prestigious award
will receive an invitation to a dinner picnic
at the Napoleon Lions clubhouse
next summer. All you and your guest will
bring is your appetite.

CHELSEA Lions Don Enderby and **Paul Weber** donating turkeys to Faith In Action for the holidays.

“Neither fire nor wind, birth or death can erase our good deeds.”

Who Said it? See page 3

The PARMA-SPRING ARBOR Lions Club Christmas Basket project brought together different groups from the Parma and Spring Arbor communities on Saturday, December 17, 2011. Hutch's Food Center and Parma Elementary students arranged and collected canned goods. Spring Arbor University Women's Basketball Team had a canned food admission game on 12-8-11. A mint sale on 11-5 & 11-6 at locations in Parma and Spring Arbor, and anonymous donors added to our monetary donations. As a result of this community effort, 34 families received a Christmas basket and 100 children received new gifts. Thank you for your support. – Lion Teri Datte, Secretary

TEKONSHA Lions Nineteen Lions and family members attended the annual Christmas party at M&M Kakes & Katering on Monday December 19th. After a delicious potluck meal with prime rib provided by **Mike Vozar** (and cooked to perfection by Margo), we had our white elephant gift exchange. **Chris Vreeland** definitely got the most unique gift of the night - a Christmas apron made from some oversize men's briefs. Chris was game enough to model it for us and no one else could have pulled it off so well. Lions President **Lorraine Lindsey** presented a special LCIF gold pin to **Margo Knapp** for donating her expertise to so many of our food events, for opening her hall to our events, and for her faithful attendance at club meetings. Margo lives the mission of LIONS Clubs: "We serve." A holiday game was played and everyone enjoyed a fun and casual evening.

Lions desiring to run for office shall submit their nominations with endorsements to the Nominations Committee Chair PDG Clem Ruiz at least sixty days prior to the election. DEADLINE is a postmark or hand delivery prior to midnight on January 23rd. Late submissions will NOT be accepted. Additionally, submit copies of the nomination to the District Governor and District Secretary. Send to: PDG Clem Ruiz

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ARTICLE I

District Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The District Governor shall appoint, by written notification received at least sixty (60) days prior to the District Convention, a Nominating Committee of not more than five (5) and not less than three (3) members, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions Club in good standing in the District, and shall not at the time of their appointment hold any District or International office. The names and address of Lions so appointed shall be sent to all clubs in the District at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening day of the District Convention.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee of the District shall receive the written nomination of any qualified member in good standing for District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Region Chairman and Trustees of the Lions of Michigan Foundation, provided that the nomination is endorsed by a majority of the members in good standing in his or her club. Such nominations must be filed at least sixty days prior to the opening session of the District Convention, with a copy to the Cabinet Secretary. The Nominating Committee shall nominate and report to the respective District meeting or Regional meeting at the Convention the names of such nominees as have been qualified. In the event no nominations are received as hereinbefore provided, nominations of Lions in good standing may be made from the floor of the Convention. Nomination speeches shall be limited to one of not over five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of not over three (3) minutes duration for each candidate.

Section 3.

The District Governor election shall be conducted by a secret written ballot, with the District Governor candidate required to receive a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast by the delegates present and voting in order to be declared elected. The results of each District Governor election shall be reported to the International office by the current District Governor.

If the District shall fail to so elect a qualified District Governor or if the District Governor-Elect of the District shall die or refuse or be found by the International Board of Directors to be unable by reason of illness or other disability to take such office prior to the day his/her term would otherwise begin, or if a vacancy will exist as a result of a District Governor election protest or legal action, then in any such event the District may have a District Governor appointed by the International Board of Directors.

The election for First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and Region Chairpersons shall be by secret ballot and the candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast on any ballot shall be declared elected. In the event there are three (3) or more candidates for First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor or for Regional Chairpersons, the candidate receiving the least number of votes on the second ballot shall be dropped from succeeding ballots. On each successive ballot the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped from succeeding ballots until there are two (2) remaining candidates. Provided, however, that in the event that there is but one candidate for any office, this rule may be suspended to allow a unanimous vote to be cast in favor of the said single candidate. It will not be necessary that printed ballots be made when only one candidate is running for said office. In the case of a tie, balloting shall continue until one candidate is elected.

ARTICLE IV

REQUIREMENTS TO RUN FOR OFFICE

District Organization

Section 1. Cabinet and Officers

A. The District shall have a District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, who shall be the presiding officer, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term), the Zone Chairpersons, a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer. The members of the District Cabinet shall be the officers of the District. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in the District.

B. Election of District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors and Region Chairpersons. The District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors and Region Chairpersons shall be elected at the annual convention of the district. The District Governor shall appoint by the time he/she takes office, the Cabinet Secretary, the Cabinet Treasurer, and one Zone Chairperson for each zone, in the district,

C. 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 this District;

(b) Secure the endorsement of his club or a majority of the clubs in this District;

(c) Currently be serving as the First Vice District Governor within the District.

(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 First Vice District Governor as set forth in Section 1, Paragraph C, of this article IV 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.

No incumbent District Governor, elected or appointed and serving a full term, may stand for election or be appointed to succeed himself/herself from the same district. He/she may hold the same office, after the passing of at least one association year, for one additional term only, and only for special, urgent or serious circumstances as approved by the International Board of Directors.

D. A candidate for the office of **First Vice District Governor** shall:

(a) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in this District;

(b) Secure the endorsement of his or her club or the majority of the clubs in this District;

(c) Have served or will have served at the time he or she takes office as First Vice District Governor;

(1) As President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and as a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years; and

(2) As Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson, Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

(3) Currently be serving as the Second Vice District Governor within the District.

(4) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

E. A candidate for the office of **Second Vice District Governor** shall:

(a) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in this District;

(b) Secure the endorsement of his or her club or the majority of the clubs in this District;

(c) Have served or will have served at the time he or she takes office as Second Vice District Governor,

(1) As President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof and as a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years: and

(2) As a Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson, Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

(3) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.
