

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

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Upcoming Events in the District

Our team is working on some new fun promotions for the District 11B-1 Lions over the next three months. The Lions Bear Lake Camp committee is planning a Casino Bus Trip to Soaring Eagle in Mount Pleasant for late October. Keep your eyes open for upcoming information. The District cabinet will be sponsoring an Individual Blind Bowling Tournament at 6pm on Nov. 4th, at Summit Lanes in Vandercook Lake (Jackson). This tournament will have trophies, door prizes, cash drawings, and pizza for all bowlers, and don't forget a lot of fun.

We have been working with the membership team and developed a membership challenge. We will be presenting a new traveling "**Net Membership**" plaque to the club that has the greatest "NET INCREASE" in membership between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. The club will be honored at a picnic where the winners will be served dinner and presented the plaque. **To assist your club, the district will refund \$30** back to the club treasurer for each new member. If your club has been declining in membership, this is a great time to begin to make a difference.

Don't forget the Hearing Impaired Picnic at the Bedford Lions Den on September 17th, from 10 to 3 pm, with lunch at 1:00 pm. Increased District participation is greatly appreciated.

The Fall Conference and Parade of Checks will be held on October 1, 2011 at the Sandstone Church, 250 Sandstone Rd, Jackson, Michigan. The Parma-Spring Arbor Lions club will once again be the sponsoring club. Plan to arrive between 8 – 9am for coffee, juice, and rolls. The Conference is scheduled 9-noon followed by lunch. There will be a full cabinet meeting starting at 12:45pm. All Lions are welcome to attend the cabinet meeting.

Has anyone ever asked you when you stopped renting your Lions pin? I mean, when you had that personal experience that convinced you to be a Lion forever. Was it when you delivered a basket to a neighbor in the community who was running short on food at the holidays, providing glasses to a child who was discovered at a Kidsight screening, or like in my case, being able to help a child who was losing his sight get a new computer for school.

Remember, you can make a difference in someone's life by only "SERVING".

Dan Shepherd
District Governor

DISTRICT 11-B1 Calendar of Events-2011
 [Get your clubs activities on this list so all will know when it is)

- Sept 3 - 5 Tekonsha Labor Day **Yard Sale**/Habitat Book Sale
- Sept 6 Governor's Visit, Bedford Lions
- Sept 7 Governor's Visit, Ann Arbor Host
- Sept 9 Battle Creek Cereal City, Golf Outing
- Sept 10 Bedford Lions, **Chicken BBQ**, 11:00 am, \$7.50
- Sept 11 Saline Lions, Ice Cream at Zippy's Car Wash, noon to 6 pm
- Sept 12 Governor's Visit, Quincy Lions
- Sept 13 Governor's Visit, Marshall Lions
- Sept 15 Governor's Visit, Dexter Lions
- Sept 17 Hearing Impaired Picnic, Bedford Lions Den, 10 to 3 pm
- Sept 18 **DG BARB**, Appreciation Dinner, Heritage Park Comm Bldg, Hanover, 2 pm
- Sept 19 Governor's Visit, Tekonsha Lions
- Sept 22 - 24 **US/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM**, Anchorage, AK
- Sept 23 - 25 Clinton Fall Festival, Sight Mobile, Parade, Run
- Sept 24 Bedford Lions, Annual Indoor Garage Sale, 9 - 2 pm
- Sept 29 Michigan Eye-Bank, Donate Life Capitol Celebration, 10 - 2 pm, Lansing
- Oct 1 **Fall Conference/Parade of Checks**/Cabinet Meeting, Sandstone, 9 am
- Oct 1 DEADLINE, to Order PEACE POSTER kits
- Oct 3 Honorary Committee Meeting, Michigan Center, 1 - 3 pm
- Oct 3 Governor's Visit, Blissfield Lions
- Oct 4 Governor's Visit, Tecumseh Lions
- Oct 5 Governor's Visit, Brooklyn Lions
- Oct 6 **R2Z2 Zone Meeting**, Vandercook Lake, TBD
- Oct 9 Michigan Eye-Bank, Big House Big Heart Walk/Run
- Oct 7 - 9 Council of Governors, Mackinaw City/St. Ignace
- Oct 7 - 8 Tecumseh, **Appleumpkin Days**, Sight Mobile/Pumpkin Bowling
- Oct 10 Governor's Visit, Homer Lions
- Oct 11 Governor's Visit, Ann Arbor Evening Lions
- Oct 12 Governor's Visit, Battle Creek Cereal City Lions
- Oct 13 **R3Z2 Zone Meeting**, Bedford Lions Den
- Oct 15 Executive Director interviews, State Office, Lansing
- Oct 17 Governor's Visit, Grass Lake Lions
- Oct 17 **R1Z1 Zone Meeting**, Manchester Lions
- Oct 18 Governor's Visit, Chelsea Lions
- Oct 19 Governor's Visit, Pennfield Lions
- Oct 21 **PENRICKTON** Center, Fall Kick-Off Banquet, 6 pm.
- Oct 25 Governor's Visit, Jackson Cascades Lions
- Oct 27 **CASINO TRIP**, Soaring Eagle Casino, Benefits Bear Lake Camp
- Oct 31 Manchester Lions, Pumpkin Bowling
- Nov 4 **BLIND BOWLING**, Vandercook Lake Lanes, 6 pm

Roster Changes: Send corrections to the District Newsletter Editor
 Lion Barry Allen, newsletter11b1@aol.com

NEW MEMBERS

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Ann Arbor Host	Terry Soave	Lion John Krienke
Blissfield Lions	Darrell W. Polter	Lion Robert Ford
Blissfield Lions	David R. Saxton	Lion Robert Ford
Blissfield Lions	David W. Walters	Lion Robert Ford
Clark Lake Lions	Mike Bullinger	Lion Walt Shuberg
Jonesville Lions	Timothy M. McLean	Lion Donald Germann
Manchester Lions	Ron Kohmescher	Lion Bruce Bates
Manchester Lions	Pat Kohmescher	Lion Bruce Bates
Marshall Lions	Liz Garcia	Lion Mike Dauphinais
Marshall Lions	Comfort Mbamala	Lion Mike Dauphinais

DECEASED

Lion John Michael Armstrong	Hanover-Horton	Charter Member
PID Chuck Weir	Bretton Woods Lions	District 11C2

DJ Barb Treichel's

APPRECIATION PARTY

Sunday Sept 18, 2011 2:00pm - 4:00pm

HERITAGE PARK EVENT CENTER

121 Teft Street Hanover, Mi 49246

Dinner at 2:00 PM
Beef, Chicken, Ham
Cost: \$20 per person

RSVP

Hanover Horton Area Lions Club
Treasurer Walt Treichel
9100 Dew Rd
Horton, MI 49246-9529

For more information call President Jim Legault 517-688-4398

LIONS,

We have sent out an appeal to all the clubs in District 11B-1 asking that they participate in the **TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE** for the coming year. We want all clubs to have the opportunity to participate realizing that not all clubs have the funds available to purchase pricey trees. The leadership team has had discussions on the best way to present and move forward with the program, bearing in mind that clubs are free to purchase and plant any size or variety of tree they choose. When your club plants a tree, the club Secretary must report it on the Activity report at the end of the month so your club gets credit and is on the list of clubs to receive their tree planting patch for their banner. We want to make available to all Lions the opportunity to buy as many of the seedling trees they wish by filling out the order form and including a check at the time of order. Please come and join us by planting trees and make a difference in our environment. Thank you, District 11B1 Leadership Team, Environmental Chair Jerry Horsch, DG Dan, VDG's Dick & Barry.

The Jackson County Conservation District will provide white spruce seedlings, 3 years, 8 - 12 inches tall, for the cost of \$250 per 1000. Orders for the fall sale will continue through September 23rd, trees may be picked up on Friday, October 7th, or Saturday the 8th at the Conservation District office.

Order Form for 3 year old trees

Mail your order and check to: Jerry Horsch, 172 S. State St., Michigan Center, MI.
49204

Club Name _____ Number of Trees _____

Contact
person _____ Phone _____

Please send a check with your order made payable to District 11B-1 Check
Amt. _____

Direct questions to Jerry Horsch 517-596-2826 - marger1@sbcglobal.net
or Dan Shepherd 17-764-2216 rdshep@comcast.net

Order Deadline is September 19th!

The **Athens-Union City Lions Club** was originally named the **Athens Area Lions Club**. Union City was added many years ago as we extended our area of service. The Union City Rotary Club will now collaborate with us to provide many of the services we provided in the past.

The Soup'R Bowl food collection project, now in it's 17th year, will be a joint project that assists Food Pantries in both communities. The **Athens Area Lions Club** will still provide assistance to the needy for eyeglasses and hearing aids.

CLUB EXCELLENCE PROCESS (CEP)

As a District , it is important to us as to how we can better serve the needs of each of our clubs . This year we have been provided the materials and training to help build our clubs in membership and to better serve our communities. The Club Excellence Process is a well developed program that will provide Lions Clubs with the resources needed to build club membership and strengthen each club within their communities.

The District GLT (Global Leadership Team) and the District GMT (Global Membership Team) hope to help build better Clubs by using the **Club Excellence Process**. We hope to train, educate, mentor, and motivate District and Club leaders to maximize their effectiveness through this process. Clubs who have already used this process have found it to be very effective in increasing their visibility in the community and to draw new members to their club.

This is a four step facilitator led process that takes 1-2 one hour or less sessions depending on which part you want your club to focus on. The District provides the facilitators and the materials are provided by Lions Clubs International . One part is a Community Needs Assessment that gives your club good information on how you can better serve your community and what are the present needs of your community. The other part is a Membership Survey to help provide for club improvement. This would also reflect on how the club can better retain members as well as what steps the club can use to gain members.

We are presently looking for clubs to volunteer to use the Club Excellence Process and have a facilitator come to your club to go through the process. In some cases, if there are two or three clubs in the same community, you may want to join forces and save some time an effort in doing your Community Assessment together!! There will be additional information provided at the upcoming Zone meetings. If you want additional information or want a presentation at a club meeting, please contact your District **GLT** Coordinator:

PDG Roberta Sexton (517-748-3097 or robertasexton@comcast.net)
or your **GMT** Coordinator:

PDG Terry Walters (734-426-4983 or twalters02@comcast.net).

The Club Excellence Process can be very instrumental in strengthening both your club membership and the service you provide within your community. We do hope that District 11-B1 clubs will consider this process as a step in moving their club forward.

The TECUMSEH Lions and VFW Saturday, Aug.20th the Tecumseh Lions presented the Tecumseh VFW with a plaque and donation for their continued support of the Lions. Pictured from left to right is Lions President **Gary Fox**, VFW and Lion member **Don Geiger**, VFW Judge Advocate **Larry Gillies**, VFW Commander **Sonny Pulsipher** and Lion Director **Gary Naugle**.

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 news letter 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	10/
Albion	12/	Ann Arbor Evening	100/
Ann Arbor Host	53/	Athens Area Lions	
Battle Creek CC	35/4	Battle Creek Host	
Bedford Area		Bedford Elsa Lioness	
Blissfield		Brooklyn	
Chelsea		Clark Lake	50/
Clinton		Concord	
Dexter	10/	Dexter Leos	
Grass Lake		Grass Lake Leos	
Hanover-Horton		Hillsdale	10/
Homer		Huron Valley Sunrise	
Inter-Lakes	10/10	Jackson Cascades	
Jackson Eye Openers	5/	Jackson Host	20/
Jonesville	10/	Manchester	196/35
Marshall	10	Michigan Center	10/
Michigan Center Leos		Michigan Center Lioness	
Mid Michigan Omega Leos		Munith	
Napoleon	50	Napoleon Leos	5/
North Adams	4010/	North Jackson	
Parma Spring Arbor		Pennfield	
Pittsford Area		Quincy	
Saline		Tecumseh	200/
Tekonsha	100/	Vandercook Lake	
Ypsilanti EMU			

TOTAL Pledged 4866 / Planted 49

This is a district wide project so let's have fun..

District 11B1 Hearing Impaired Picnic

September 17th - 10am-3pm

Bedford Lions Den
22116 Bedford Rd. Bedford, MI

If you or someone you know is deaf or has impaired hearing, please plan to attend. We are encouraging all clubs in District 11B-1 to help us make this a successful event. Please help us spread the word.

For information contact:

Claudea Templeton

269-967-1710

ctempleton0464@yahoo.com

BRIEF HISTORY OF HEARING IMPAIRED PICNIC

The first HIP was held on Saturday, September 10th 1983 at Bedford Park. Local Lions and Lioness Clubs contributed \$600 for the event and spent \$412.26 for food and entertainment. Lion Lyle Squires, Pennfield Lions President was the event Chairman.

Three years later in 1986 the event was a chicken Bar-BQ (105 halves) with contributions of \$575.00 and expenses of \$260.63 allowing \$314.37 to be donated for Davids Ear -- a fundraiser for a local boy needing a cochlear ear transplant.

The 5th annual HIP was held at Willard beach on 29 August 1988. The next few years the event was held at Binder Park Zoo grounds.

The 9th HIP was held at Bedford Lions Den on Saturday, Aug 10th.

On October 1st, 1993 the 12th HIP program featured Dr. Il King Jordan, Pres. Gallaudet College (national deaf college) as the main speaker. Dr Jordan was brought to Battle Creek through the Kellogg Foundation as an "Expert in Residence". 150 guests were present to greet Dr. Jordan.

Sponsorship of the Hearing Impaired Picnic rotates every two years through six Lions Clubs in Region III, Athens, Battle Creek Host, Battle Creek Cereal City, Bedford (and Lioness's), Marshall and Pennfield (current sponsor). The sponsoring club provides a Chairperson for the event and \$100 in door prizes, and each of the other clubs provide volunteers. Expected attendance is around 100 persons.

The HIP needs your help! Though over the past 28 years the HIP has been limited to the far corner of the District, the finances have been absorbed by the Hearing and Speech Fund and the picnic is expanding to encompass the entire District. If you know of anyone who is hearing impaired, invite them to the picnic to meet new friends and socialize. The next picnic will be held **September 17th, from 10 am to 3 pm**, at the Bedford Lions Den, with lunch starting at 1:00 pm. If you are available to volunteer, they would love to see some new faces. Future plans look to having an West and an East Hearing Impaired Picnic, to include those in Jackson, Ann Arbor and the Adrian area. For further information, contact Lion Claudea Templeton at 269-967-1710 or ctempleton0464@yahoo.com

The SALINE LIONS Customer Appreciation Days at Zippy Carwash was the inspiration of carwash owner Corey Weaver, who is not a member of the Saline Lions Club. His idea was to pay the Saline Lions to serve ice cold water and delicious Stroh's ice cream to his carwash patrons as they arrived to the carwash on SUNDAY afternoons in the month of August, which is his slowest business month. So he pays the Saline Lions to scoop, and Lions want to take advantage of every opportunity to get their message of service advocacy back out to the community, and last year the carwash netted \$4000 for the charitable activities in Saline community:

Vision screening of over 110 local pre-K children through Project Kidsight
Scholarships for college bound high school students
Sending kids in need to summer camp
Financial Support for Vision and Hearing Exams, Eyeglasses, and Hearing Aids
Eyeglass recycling
Holiday meals for families through Saline Social Services
Michigan Eye Bank, and Crisis Support of Lions Club International

The Saline Lions Club will be serving their delicious ice cream at the Saline Community Fair on the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds from August 29th to September 5th. District Governor **Dan Shepherd** was the celebrity scooper on Tuesday night, August 30th from 6 to 9 pm.

Message from the District White Cane Committee

White Cane Scholarship

Each year the White Cane Committee awards a \$3000 scholarship to one visually impaired individual. *Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.

The committee reviews applications and selects winners in January. Scholarship checks are presented during the Michigan Lions Forum on February 18th, 2012 in Lansing.

We would like to see at least one person from District 11B1 submit an application for this year. Presidents and/or Secretaries please bring this information to your White Cane Chair and to your club. There may be a deserving individual in your area that could use these funds.

Information may be obtained by going to:

http://www.lionsofmi.com/pages/white_cane_scholarship

The new Mid Michigan OMEGA Leos Club is chartered

PDG Bob Sturgis inducted the charter members and inducted the officers. The Omega club bridges the gap between a Leo and becoming old enough to become regular Lions members.

The INTER-LAKES Lions pledged to the Somerset Township Parks and Recreation Dept. \$1,000 for the purchase and planting of 10 trees in the Somerset Park. The trees were purchased locally and several Lions assisted the Parks and Recreation Department in planting the trees. The 8 to 10 foot tall trees were much needed to help shade a sunny park around a ball diamond. We know we could have purchased more trees, but the need for established trees was more urgent. The project was completed prior to the announcement from the International President.

On July 19th, I attended a **Project Kidsight** introduction/training session at the **Battle Creek Host Lions** meeting room. Lion **Larry France** gave the presentation. He displayed the equipment, explained the hook up and how it all works together. We were each given folders with the schematics of the equipment (i.e. scanner, monitor, printer, keyboard and mouse).

It is suggested that we refer to taking the scan of children as "scanning" them rather than "shooting" them. Two Calhoun County Health Department employees were present. One is a BC Host Lions member **Kristy Roux**. The other CCHD employee is **Heidi Fast**, a former BC Host Lions Club member. President **Tom Morris** was in attendance. Lion **Dick Young** from BC Host Club and Lion **Roger Seymour**, the Chair for Kidsight were also present.

I anticipate a lot of cooperation among the various Lions Clubs in our zones. The following week end, on Saturday, Lion **Claudea Templeton** and I attended the Tekonsha Festival to visit and get some hands on training from **Larry France** at the SightMobile. The Kidsight and Sight Mobile were set up so sight testing could be done for adults and children. We did testing on adults and on two children, a one year old and an almost two year old. It was a very rewarding experience.

We are looking forward to the Urbandale Days as the SightMobile will be on site for the event. Project Kidsight will be set up as in **Tekonsha** for adults and for children.

Lion **Pat Stiff**, **Battle Creek Cereal City Lions**

The CLARK LAKE Lions held their annual chicken BBQ on the same day as the Raft-O-Rama on Clark Lake. Each summer there is a month long series of events which start with the Great American Crab races and ends with the Tri-Athlon. It was a great day and the club sold 1,000 dinners and also sold ears of grilled corn that was dipped in butter. The club wants to thank the Kennedy family who own Polly's and Country Market for donating all the corn. Next year we are hoping to have many more Lions from the district come and visit Clark Lake and enjoy the Raft-o-Rama and Lobsterfest

SIGHT MOBILE schedule for 2011

Sept 16 - 17 Albion
Sept 23 - 25 Clinton Fall Festival
Sept 24 Chelsea (Screener only)
Oct 7 - 9 Tecumseh

Sight Mobile Coordinator

PDG Bob Chrisman 517-596-2215 Chrism39@frontier.COM

The District **SIGHT MOBILE** is available to any Lions Club in the District *free of charge & free delivery* for your festival or event, pancake breakfast, or community fair. Training to operate the adult eye screeners takes only minutes. Don't have a space for the trailer? The eye screening machines may be checked out to be used in an indoor setting. One year we used all the eye screening machines to screen the entire ninth grade class at Albion High School. Whatever your event, lets make use of this valuable District asset and huge billboard to promote Lionism.

Come one, Come All

To The 1st Individual

District Wide

Blind Bowling Tournament

November 4, 2011 at 6 pm

Summit Lanes Bowling Center
1256 E. Mc Devitt Ave (M-50), Jackson, MI

Sponsored by Lions District 11B1

\$20 per person, includes Shoes & Pizza

Door Prizes, 50/50's, and more

Contact Lion Gene Willi
517-592-9836, willi2523@comcast.net

The MICHIGAN EYE-BANK invited Lions leaders and guests to their inaugural Summer Celebration at Dow Diamond in Midland, Michigan in recognition of their support of the Eye Banks mission to restore sight. After an afternoon of presentations about the Eye Bank and Donor Registration, an Awards Dinner was held under the ballpark pavilion, which featured the usual baseball fare of hot dogs and hamburgers. The evening recreation was the Great Lakes Loons versus the Bowling Green Hotrods. After a mediocre performance throughout the game, the Loons came back in the ninth inning to win 6 to 5. Fireworks highlighted the evening.

Midwest Eye-Banks is pleased to announce that longtime volunteer and Board of Directors member **John Krienke** is the recipient of the organization's prestigious Founder's Award. Krienke, a devoted member of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club, currently sits on the Board of Midwest's subsidiary, the Michigan Eye-Bank.

The Founder's Award is the Eye-Bank's highest honor, given to an employee or volunteer based on the individual's contribution to the success of the organization.

"Thousands of lives have been touched as a result of the work John has done, and continues to do, on behalf of the Eye-Bank and Lions Clubs International," says Kevin Ross, President and CEO of Midwest Eye-Banks. "There are no words big enough to say 'thank you' on behalf of all those people, but it's clearly time to recognize John Krienke among those few special leaders who can truly consider themselves pillars of the Michigan Eye-Bank's mission."

Krienke received his award at the Michigan Eye-Bank's Summer Celebration in Midland on August 20.

The Michigan Eye-Bank is a charitable, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the restoration of sight. It recovers, evaluates and distributes human eye tissue for transplantation. It also supports research into the causes and cures of blinding eye conditions, promotes donation awareness through public and professional education, and provides humanitarian aid to people in need of corneal transplantation throughout the world. For more information, visit the Michigan Eye-Bank online at www.michiganeyebank.org or call (800) 247-7250.

The MANCHESTER Lions hosted two sets of Youth Exchange students this summer. **Anni** and **Assi** are shown with their Certificates of Appreciation for them and their Hosting Lions Clubs in Finland. Japanese YE **Daisuke** and **Shuhei** are shown presenting Club banners to Jackson Eye-Opener President **Margie Horsch** at a recent visit. Below **DG Dan Shepherd** completes the induction of new Manchester Club members **Kay Webb** and **Ron Kohmescher** while their sponsors Lion **Cindy Kelley** and **Bruce Bates** stand ready to educate our new arrivals.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Last year was a banner year for Project Kidsight in our District. We screened 961 children and found 67 referrals (up from 313 children and 8 referrals in 2009-2010) Through the generosity of our clubs and a grant for the Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund we were able to purchase and put into service the new Pedivision Digital Camera. Fourteen clubs held at least one screening and already this Lions year 3 clubs have held their first ever screening.

The money donated to Project Kidsight in the Parade of Checks is kept in the District to operate the program. This money is used for supplies, maintenance of equipment, training and training materials, postage, and printing. We hope to screen 1500 children this year, and the expected expenditure is going to be just under \$2,000. This is why we are asking each club to donate **\$50.00** to Project Kidsight in the Parade of Checks.

The Project Kidsight state office also needs our support. The PKS state office compiles data, does follow-up on referrals, and acts as the liaison with the Council of Governors, the Michigan Department of Community Health, and our medical sponsors and supporters among other things.

Checks for the PKS state office should be made out to "Project Kidsight" and mailed to 11690 Earl St. Pinckney, MI 48169. All clubs that donate at least \$100.00 will receive acknowledgement and a banner patch at the District Convention next spring.

You can contact me, **Larry France**, if you have any questions about the project, or to schedule a screening. My phone number is (734) 718-3371 or e-mail me at kidsight11b1@yahoo.com.

Lions International Peace Poster Contest 2011

"Children Know Peace"

1. Appoint a Peace Poster Chairperson for your club.
2. ORDER a Peace Poster kit NOW from International (October 1 deadline)
3. Notify District Governor Dan Shepherd.
4. Arrange for contest judging. Winning entry to DG by November 14th.
District judging is November 17th
Council of Governors judging is December 2nd
5. Award prizes.
6. Publicize Peace Poster winners.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact District 11-B1's Peace Poster Committee:

Vicki Lautzenheiser, Chair, 517-569-2677, lautzevl@gmail.com
Jerry Mackey, 269-963-4047, geraldmackey@hotmail.com
Craig Bishop, 269-963-4982, cjrbishop@sbcglobal.net

DEADLINE for ordering Peace Poster kits is October 1st!

The MICHIGAN ALL-STATE BAND

Application DEADLINE is October 23rd, with auditions on October 30th. The musicians have two band rehearsals and then participate in a band camp prior to leaving for the International Convention next June 2012. Band members are eligible from grades 9 through 12. The band includes traditional woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments in a broad range of performance levels.

Cost this year is \$3795 per student which pays for band rehearsals, band camp, and the International Convention in BUSAN, Korea.

Any of your District All-State Band Committee members would make a presentation at a club meeting or zone meeting. The members of your committee are:

Lion **Dale Babcock**, Napoleon Lions Club, 517-536-8202 or daleababcock@hotmail.com)

Lion **Lorraine Lindsey**, Tekonsha Lions Club, 269-251-0537 or lal32222@yahoo.com)

Lion **Vicki Lautzenheiser** (Chair), North Jackson Lions Club, 517-569-2677 lautzevl@gmail.com).

The Executive Director of the All-State Band is Caro Uhlemann-Short, North Jackson Lions Club (517-783-2267 or cuhlema@yahoo.com).

The NORTH ADAMS Heritage Day

Pictured are Lions **Butch Brunelle, Linda Brunelle, Nancy Ruder, Shirley Fowler, Fred Fowler, Harry Schilling, Owen Gleib, and Al Rounds**. Note baskets of Lions Mints on front of wagon ready to hand out along the parade route.

Petting Zoo set up & run by Lions **Cindy Morris & Harold Hauck**. They furnished everything for the petting Zoo which included animals, pens & canopy.

CLUBS IN DISTRICT 11-B1 EARN DISTRICT SPARK PLUG AWARD

Again for the 2010-2011 Lions Year, there were 13 clubs who showed a 5% membership growth from July,1,2010 to June 30,2011. These clubs will be recognized at the District 11-B1 Banner Night for reaching this Goal . Congratulations and great work in membership growth to the following clubs:

Battle Creek Cereal City	Bedford	Clarklake	Grass Lake
Jackson Eye Openers	Hillsdale	Marshall	North Jackson
Huron Valley Sunrise	Quincy	Saline	Manchester
Vandercook Lake			

The Membership committee hopes to continue this recognition and hopefully we will see more clubs reach this goal in the coming year! Again Congratulations to these Spark Plug Recipients!

Dear District B1 Lions,

Over the course of the last few months, I have been counseled by many Lions in Michigan to once again seek the office of International Director, following Dr. Gary Anderson. The feeling is that I hold all of the qualifications to be a director and have an excellent relationship with LCI and current and former International Directors and officers.

Based on this premise, the Novi Lions Club in District 11-A2, invited me to join their club and be their endorsed candidate. I have accepted their invitation. I have transferred my membership to the Novi Lions Club and will seek A2's endorsement at its district convention in the spring and then at the MD convention in May, 2012 in Grand Rapids. A successful endorsement is good for 2 years. I will travel to the International Convention in Busan, Korea in 2012 at my own expense but will most likely be asked to return in Germany in 2013 to be seated on the board.

This decision was not taken lightly. I sought advice from my mentors and family. I sought counsel from LCI's leaders and legal staff and was encouraged to go forth with the transfer and the bid to be an ID.

I am humbled by the support I am receiving throughout Michigan and the International family.

I am not abandoning the Jackson Eyeopeners and B1. Constitutionally, I can not serve as an officer of the Eyeopeners but have volunteered to be the newsletter editor and will participate in club meetings, fundraising and events as a guest. Roger **is not** transferring his membership. I also cannot serve on or chair a committee in B1 but again, I am here to offer help and support anyway I can. I will continue to mentor Lions in this district and participate in district functions as a fellow Lion.

When I ran for ID in 2006, District B1 supported me. After I lost, the 1250 membership rule from LCI was enacted and B1 fell below that number. I was not able to run again until this opportunity was presented. I hope my fellow Lions will continue to offer their help and support as I undertake this new venture.

Yours in Lionism, **Esther LaMothe, PCC**