

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

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**DISTRICT WEBSITE: [www.11b1lions.org](http://www.11b1lions.org) NOVEMBER 2011**

Dear Lions,

I want to take a moment and thank all the Lions Clubs who participated in the tree program. The response was overwhelming. When I arrived in Seattle to make our pledge for District 11B-1, I pledged we would plant 4,600 trees. We have now exceeded 9,000 trees. For your efforts, every club who participates and plants a tree will receive a patch that is designed specifically for our district and can be sown on your clubs banner. My goal was for 100% participation, however at this time two clubs have not pledged to work on this project. I hope they change their mind and earn their club one of these special designed patches for the clubs banner. At the present, this leaves the district at 95% participation.

I was told that the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, however now is never too late. It is no secret that trees help the environment, but you may be surprised by all the benefits that planting a tree can provide. They are like lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. They also reduce erosion to save the soil, help preserve local water sources, and provide habitat for wildlife living under more and more stress. Planting trees in your neighborhood really is one of the best things you can do for the local environment.

When planting the tree, think of this as new hope and new life. This project has proven to be very beneficial to our clubs and members because it has drawn us all together for a common cause while providing an opportunity to involve youth, community leaders, environmentalists, and club members who may not have participated in a project for some time.

**Please make sure your club secretary reports your plantings on the International website under activities. Newsletter editor VDG Barry has printed the instructions for reporting in this issue of the newsletter.**

Thank you once again for all your support to this worldwide service project. You make all of us proud to be a Lion member.

Dan Shepherd  
District Governor 11B-1

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## DISTRICT 11-B1 Calendar of Events-2011

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

- Nov 1 Governor's Visit - Albion Lions  
Nov 4 **BLIND BOWLING**, Vandercook Lake Lanes, 6 pm  
Nov 5 **LIONESSE Conference**, Houghton Lake  
Nov 8 Governor's Visit - Munith Lions  
Nov 6 Daylight Savings ENDS, Fall Back  
Nov 9 Governor's Visit - Hanover Horton  
Nov 9 **R2Z1 Zone Meeting**, Michigan Center, 6:30 pm.  
Nov 10 **R1Z2 Zone Meeting**, Tecumseh VFW, 6:30 pm.  
Nov 11 - 13 **Lions Leadership Institute, Higgins Lake**  
Nov 12 Marshall Lions "Stuff the Bus"  
Nov 14 Peace Poster due to DG Dan Shepherd  
Nov 15 **DEADLINE IRS 990's**  
Nov 15 Governor's Visit - Clinton Lions  
Nov 17 Peace Poster judging  
Nov 17 - 19 **Lions Senior Leadership Institute, Oakbrook, IL**  
Nov 18 Homer VFW Thanksgiving Bingo  
Nov 21 Governor's Visit - Parma-Spring Arbor Lions
- Dec 1 Leader Dog Kickoff  
Dec 2 - 4 Council of Governors Meeting, Lansing  
Dec 3 Grass Lake Lions Raffle, Splash Universe/Visa Gift Card/Gas Card  
Dec 3 Athens Area Lions, Parade of Lights, 6:00 pm  
Dec 4 YE **Daniel Zander** arrives from Australia, Hosted by the Allens  
Dec 4 Tekonsha Lions Christmas Festival  
Dec 5 Penrickton Christmas Party, 4 - 6 PM

### ZONE Meetings:

- R1Z1 Jan 26 Steak's Eatery combined with R1Z2  
R1Z2 Nov 10, Tecumseh VFW, 427 N. Evans St, 6:30 pm, \$8.00  
R2Z1 Nov 9, Michigan Center, 6:30 pm.  
R3Z1 January 12, 2012

**Roster Changes:** Send corrections to the District Newsletter Editor  
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ZC Jerry & Margie Horsch— Email address: [mhorsch1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhorsch1@sbcglobal.net)  
Mark Robison, President Albion Lions phone: 517-629-6291  
Change club name to: Athens Area Lions  
Daniel Nutt, President Chelsea Lions phone: 734-475-2004 [pdnutt@gmail.com](mailto:pdnutt@gmail.com)  
Hillsdale Treasurer change of address: 620 Juniper Court, Jonesville, MI 49250  
Napoleon Secretary Myrl Clayton email: [myrl@frontierner.net](mailto:myrl@frontierner.net)  
2nd VDG Barry Allen email: [BarryRAllen@aol.com](mailto:BarryRAllen@aol.com)

**LIONS PRIDE Magazine.** These are mailed from the State Office to the address you have listed with Lions Clubs International. If you are not getting your Lions Pride, check with your club Secretary to see what address is on file with International and have it corrected!

## NEW MEMBERS

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Bedford Area Lions	Daniel Swan	Lion Tom Williams
Hanover Horton Area	Bridget Ley	Lion Walt Treichel
Hanover Horton Area	LynnAnn Rinck	Lion Art Holdridge
North Adams Lions	Rev Kimberly Metzger	Lion Pat Dubois
North Adams Lions	Gary Metzger	Lion Pat Dubois
North Jackson Lions	Kimberly Creger	PDG D. Lautzenheiser

## DECEASED

**Homer Lions                  Lion Robert Warner**

Lion Robert F. Warner of Homer passed away Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011 at his residence.

He was born in 1942 in Battle Creek and is survived by his wife Elaine and Son David, many step-children and many grandchildren.

Robert served his country in the Navy for 6 years during the Vietnam era where he specialized in electronics.

He worked for Hayes-Albion, Post Cereal in Battle Creek and later started his own company, Homer Controls Inc. with his son David.

Robert was a member of the Lions Club of Homer and the Homer Historical Society, and also enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a long term member and officer of the Homer Chamber of Commerce and contributed a great deal in support of the community.

As a Lion, Robert participated in practically all fundraisers and service projects, and lent a great deal of personality and humor to our business meetings.

A memorial service was held Sept. 9, with Reverend (Lion) Tim Marvil and Deacon Peter Pohl officiating. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorials be made to the Homer Lions Club.

**November 15th** is the deadline for filing of club 990 tax returns for the Lions fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Most clubs will be under the \$50,000 income limit and need only file an ePostcard report.

It is vitally important that IRS returns be timely filed to prevent your club from losing its tax exempt (501(c)4) status.

If your club has questions have them contact your Zone Chair or CT Walt Treichel for assistance.

***“The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or touched- they must be felt with the heart.”***

**Helen Keller**

## 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](mailto:robertasexton@comcast.net))  
or your **GMT** Coordinator:

**PDG Terry Walters** (734-426-4983 or [twalters02@comcast.net](mailto: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.

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**BLISSFIELD AREA Lions Club.** On October 5th, District Governor installed three new members into the Blissfield Area lions Club.

Pictured L-R are President **Dale Wotring**, **Darrell Polter**, **David Saxton**, **David Walters** and **DG Dan Shepherd**

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](mailto:willi2523@comcast.net)

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On Monday afternoon members of the **Hanover Horton Area Lions** gathered to help unload the bus which was utilized in the STUFF THE BUS project which was a community project. Community residents brought over 2000 items and \$600+ cash during their homecoming events and Saturday athletic events at Hanover Horton Schools. Lions helping **Art & Nancy Winter, Walt & Barb Treichel** and **Sandy Legault** who is always helping the Lions.

We supported our Community Food Pantry by joining with the Hanover Horton Community Service Club, and Hanover Horton Girl Scouts for a "Stuff the Bus" project for the collection of boxed and canned food, and monetary donations last weekend at the Homecoming Game and games also on Saturday. Monday was helping to unload the bus, with all the students from school and the girl scouts. The ladies at the Food Pantry were very happy with the results of this project, and it really filled their shelves, which should last through December.

# 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	
Battle Creek CC	200/4	Battle Creek Host	100/
Bedford Area	175	Bedford Elsa Lioness	
Blissfield	0	Brooklyn	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/	Jackson Host	60/
Jonesville	10/	Manchester	200/100
Marshall	148/	Michigan Center	800/
Michigan Center Leos		Michigan Center Lioness	
Mid Michigan Omega Leos		Munith	100/
Napoleon	50	Napoleon Leos	20/
North Adams	4010/4000	North Jackson	300/
Parma Spring Arbor	100/	Pennfield	130/
Pittsford Area	50/	Quincy	205/
Saline	200/	Tecumseh	200/
Tekonsha	100/	Vandercook Lake	100/
Ypsilanti EMU	0		

TOTAL Pledged 9772 / Planted 4251

Trees Planted Internationally: 3,518,512\* as of Oct 30th

Hello Club Presidents & Secretaries,

There has been much [discussion](#) on HOW to report the trees we are planting to get them credited for the District and for your Club.

There is a section in the **Goals and Objectives** to show how many trees you have PLEDGED, with boxes for how many you have PLANTED, and your percentage of your goal. There is an EDIT box to the right of this section, but it only allows you to change how many trees you have PLEDGED, not planted. The directions below will update this box, and be accumulated by International for credit.

**Here's how to do it...**

Log in to International on your Secretary ID.

Select **ACTIVITIES**

Select the year and month of the report **OCT 2011**

Select **Add New**

If you had previously added Tree Planting as a Signature Activity, select it in the first box and it will add your write up from that activity. Adjust as necessary.

If this is your FIRST TIME and you do NOT have a Signature Activity, in the SECOND box under **Activity Title**, type in **TREE PLANTING**.

Under **Activity Description**, provide your write up for the tree planting activity.

In **ACTIVITY TYPE**, select **TREE PLANTING** from the drop down menu icon on the right, which will give you Assistance to Individuals

Community & Cultural

Disaster Preparedness

Donations

**\*ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES\***

Select **TREE PLANTING**

This will open up the boxes

Number of Lions

Number of Lion Hours

Funds Donated

**\*NUMBER OF TREES PLANTED\***

Funds Raised

Enter the number of trees your club has planted, along with any other supporting information. You may also check the box on the right for Protecting our Environment.

**REMEMBER TO SAVE !!!!!!**

Any questions give me a call or email:

2ndVDG Barry Allen

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**Congratulations to the NAPOLEON Lions** for being selected as the **Club of the Month** in the Lion International magazine for the month of November. The Napoleon club is working hard in the community providing well needed services. Lions **Gary Babcock, David Heckaman**, and President **Jim Montgomery** just finished the tree planting project for the fall season. We will be hosting the 2nd annual "Stuff a Bus" for the Brooklyn food Bank on November 5th at the Borchardt Brother grocery store in Napoleon so if you wish, you can drop off food or cash.

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## **MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO CONTINUE**

### **DISTRICT 11-B1 MEMBERSHIP**

The District membership is slowly increasing in some clubs. As of October 26, 2011, there are 26 new members in the District from 16 different clubs! There are some clubs who have scheduled a membership drive for November and December. Remember that the District 11-B1 Membership Incentive Program is still going on! For any new member in the District, your club will receive a check for \$ 30.00 to cover part of the membership fees for that member. It is important that you bring in new members by January if your club wants to receive the rebate of \$ 30.00. The Club Excellence Process has been explained to clubs at three of the Zone meetings and the District Facilitators are ready to go for any club interested in using this process. Please contact PDG Terry Walters or PDG Roberta Sexton if you need more information or want your club to go through the Club Excellence process.

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**The NORTH ADAMS Lions Club** At our last meeting we had more guest than we did members. Lora Deitz and her Leader Dog mother dog, Willow, was our program and the Gleis had relatives here for the day and brought them. Lora told about raising puppies for the program. Willow is bred by Leader Dog and Lora, a volunteer takes care of the breeding stock dog and raise the puppies until they are weaned (8weeks of age). The puppies are then taken back to Leader Dog where they are sent to a puppy raiser until they are about a year old. They are then returned to Leader dog to start their formal Leader Dog training. Willow is a Yellow Lab. Lora gave a very interesting program. Some of our guest setting with Lion Owen Gleis. They were his relatives. Front two are David and Edie Gleis, Owen's brother & sister in law.

50/50 drawing — \$19.00 was won by George Dannells of Tacoma, Washington. Guest were present from Canada, Washington, California, and Hillsdale, Michigan.

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**The Parma-Spring Arbor Lions Club** would like to thank the spectators and athletes for the success of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Jackson County Volleyball Tournament and the 1st Les Gibbs Memorial Volleyball Tournament held on 9-24-11. The Spring Arbor University staff and the officials were essential to this well-run event. The great sportsmanship demonstrated was exceptional. All of the teams performed well. Our congratulations are given to the Concord Varsity and the Lumen Christi Junior Varsity teams on their victories. All profits will be used in our communities to promote sight services, scholarships, and assist community support agencies.  
– Lion Teri Datte, Secretary

“A good leader inspires others with confidence in him, while a great leader inspires others with confidence in themselves.”

Dr. Wing-Kun Tam

Clubs of 11-B1, your entry for the **2011-12 Peace Poster** Contest, *Children Know Peace*, is due to District Governor Dan Shepherd by Monday, **November 14**. Judging at the district level will occur on Thursday, November 17. Notification of winners and prizes will be published in the December 2011 District Newsletter.

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## Youth Exchange Students

Requesting Financial Help for 2012 Program

District 11 B1 has **THREE** 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

Looking at: Ireland, Italy or Scotland

Cost of trip: \$2,050.00

**Madison Rabbitt**

Chelsea High School

Looking at: Australia

Cost of trip: \$3,000.00

Finland

Cost of trip: \$2,600.00

**Makenna Burnett**

Grass Lake High School

Looking at: Brazil

Cost of trip: \$2,200.00

Chile

Cost of trip: \$2,200.00

Peru

Cost of trip: \$2,000.00

Peggy Allen, District Chair  
MI Youth Exchange Program

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## Albion Lions

While in France, two Albion Lions met with the treasurer of Albion's sister city (Noisy-le-Roi / Bally) Lions Club and worked to develop a joint project for both clubs that will set up recognition of "twinned clubs". They also assisted with tasks necessary for elderly people in the community and provided service to the District Hearing Impaired Education Group and assistance to a local school.

## Parade of Checks

LCIF	\$1770	LOMF	\$2120	Winter Camp	\$3430
District Proj	\$715	Childrens Svc	\$340	Diabetes	\$675
Habitat	\$1605	Hear & Speech	\$835	Intl Understanding	\$220
KidSight	\$1770	Leos	\$445	Peace Poster	\$415
Sight Consv	\$870	Sight Mobile	\$975	Youth Exchange	\$1640
Youth (Quest)	\$375				
		District	TOTAL:		<b>\$18,195</b>
Bear Lake	\$2825	Leader Dog	\$6280	Mich Eye-Bank	\$4560
Welcome Hm	\$655	All-State Band	\$1845	Braille Transcribing	\$295
Paws w/ Cause	\$1705	Penrickton	\$5430	Radio Reading Svc	\$1245
		State Projects	TOTAL:		<b>\$24,840</b>
			GRAND TOTAL:		<b>\$43,035</b>

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](http://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](mailto:lautzevl@gmail.com). Dennis is 11-B1's International Convention Chair.

**LCIF is sponsoring a Commemorative Coin Campaign to help raise millions for LCIF. If Congress passes a commemorative coin bill honoring our centennial in 2017, LCIF could receive 8 million dollars. Congress passes only two commemorative coin bills per year. Lobby your congressional representative to pass the legislation.**

**The INTER-LAKES Lions Club.** Rain, Rain go away- I think we are all tired of the rain but if you think about it, it is better than shoveling snow for some of us that sticks it out for the winter. But for right now watch how beautiful God paints our fall colors. Our year has started out with a bang, Barb delivered our school supplies and they were greatly appreciated. She did an accounting of how much we donated to the schools and if you went by the regular prices we donated between \$900 and \$1,100 worth of supplies. Great job Lions and thanks Barb for sorting and delivering our school supplies.

Our other successful project was the Candy Days, we had 20 Lions that worked. Seven of those Lions worked double shifts. Great job Lions! This year our goal was \$1,000 and with the good leadership of Sue and Ken we went over that. Our grand total as of Monday night was \$1093.99. Come join the fun of Halloween in the parking lot in front of the Township Hall. If you have not participated in this community event, you don't know the fun you are missing. Stock up on candy to pass out – open your car trunk and get ready to see probably the largest parade of costumed kids of all ages come for candy. For Safety concerns please be in place by 5:30 PM. The procession line will begin at 6:00 PM, but the “KIDS” start lining up well before.

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**Somewhere in the world, a person goes blind every 5 seconds and our efforts can help to stop this trend. In October, dedicated Lions provided vision-related services to more than 700,000 people and collected nearly 22,000 eyeglasses. Lions participated in nearly 1,000 projects worldwide, totaling 79,801 volunteer hours. This is only 1 month! Multiply that by 12 and the figures are staggering. So, when people asks “What do Lions do?”, you can tell them.**

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#### **LIONISM IS:**

<b>L Leadership:</b>	To help guide and teach our fellow Lions in Lionism.
<b>I Interest:</b>	Promotes enthusiasm and dedication.
<b>O Orientation:</b>	Gives our members the knowledge of club history and goals.
<b>N Needs:</b>	Helping our community in health, education, youth and senior programs.
<b>I International:</b>	Understanding that Lions all over the world are reaching out.
<b>S Service:</b>	Working together brings comradery and fellowship.
<b>M Membership:</b>	Our strength! Growth in membership will lighten the load for others.

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**The TECUMSEH Lions Club.** Wow, what a weekend!! Pumpkin Bowling was a huge success. After expenses we made over \$200. We also sold a number of trees. The profit margin does not include tree costs. We had to go out Sat. night after we closed to get more prizes. I didn't write down the numbers but I believe we screened over 100 in the sight mobile and Larry France screened another 15 children with Kids Sight. A number of flyers were passed out, hopefully this will lead to many new members. I'm sure I can say thank you for Gregg to everyone who participated to make this a super event. With an excess of trees, they came up with the idea to sell them as “Charlie Brown Christmas Trees” by putting them in a tin can and hanging a small red ornament from them. Lion Gary Naugle assembles a tree package for sale.

## **MARSHALL "STUFF THE BUS" PROVIDES FOOD TO THE COMMUNITY**

America is the richest country in the world, and yet the faces of hunger are as broad as the faces of our country. These aren't people who just lay around looking for a handout and expecting others to take care of them. It may be your child's schoolmate who has difficulty learning on an undernourished stomach. It may be a friend who has to pay for rent or heat before purchasing groceries. It may be an elderly neighbor who has to choose between buying food and filling a prescription.

Who among us have never been sick or cold? Now, add hungry, really hungry, to the mix and you start to get an idea of just how devastating this problem can be. Sometime we don't have to look too far.

This year, the Marshall Lions want to fill a pressing need. We want to fill an entire school bus with non-perishable food items donated by the community and deliver the complete inventory to the Marshall Area Community Services food bank.

We are calling the project the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Stuff the Bus for Hunger" in Marshall.

Marshall Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Randy Davis has generously offered a school bus for our fundraiser. Family Fare manager Todd Gillette has graciously offered a parking spot for the school bus. Marshall Middle School Student Council members, mentored by Mr. Tommy Kawel, have offered to take designated shifts at the school bus and provide some decoration.

The one-day event will take place at the Marshall's Family Fare parking lot, Saturday, November 12, 2011, from 9 a.m. through 7 p.m. with the school bus, collecting donations from our community of canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, canned soups and chili, peanut butter, pasta, rice, macaroni and cheese, pancake mix. Monetary donations and frozen turkeys will also be accepted.

Before you stuff your Thanksgiving Butterball Turkey, please bring your non-perishable food items to the Marshall school bus with food that will be happily accepted by those people and children who are feeling the strains of hunger. Please join the giving spirit of the holiday and help those who are less fortunate.

Our school buses transport hundreds of children to and from school every day. Filling up just one of these school buses could feed hundreds of people. With the economic downturn and rising unemployment, demand for emergency food assistance in the community has increased. Every donation counts.

If you care to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Marshall Lions Club and address it to Lion Mike Dauphinais, 1031 Rose St., Marshall, MI. or call 269-781-6511

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### **The Penrickton Fall Kickoff Dinner**

Eighteen Lions from District 11B1 attended the Penrickton Center for Blind Children Fall Kick Off Dinner fundraiser held at the Sheraton Detroit Metro in Romulus on October 21st. The program featured dinner and a silent auction, with guest speaker Megan Perry, mother of Jalen Perry. She thanked the Penrickton staff and donors for the wonderful service they provide for blind, disabled children. Council Chair Roger LaMothe won a trip for twelve to enjoy a Piston's game in a suite. DG Dan Shepherd joined the parade of checks to present the District's donation of \$4700. IPDG Barb Treichel was presented a desk set and Penrickton coffee cup for her continued support. Total donations for the evening were \$195,990. The evening concluded with an entertaining routine by comic Mike Greene. A special thanks to those who donated for program booklet, Manchester, Clark Lake, Michigan Center Lioness, Battle Creek Host, Vandercook Lake, North Adams and 11B1.

# IRS Filing Requirement

It's short, easy and electronic – it's the new E-Postcard and it's required by the IRS. Don't throw away your tax-exempt status – be sure to file your e-Postcard.

- How do you know if your Lions Club has a filing requirement?

If you are a small tax-exempt organization that normally has annual gross receipts of \$25,000\* or less and does not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, you must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). Please note that this is an IRS requirement.

- When is the e-Postcard due?

It's due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions Clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard will be due by November 15th each year.

- What information does your club need to provide on the e-Postcard?

- o a legal name and mailing address and any other names used,
- o a Web address if one exists,
- o employer identification number (EIN),
- o organization's annual tax period,
- o the name and address of a principal officer, and
- o a statement confirming the organization's annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000\* or less. **\$50,000 for 2011.**

- What happens if you don't file?

You risk losing your tax-exempt status! Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax-exempt status under the new law.

- Why is the IRS calling it an e-Postcard?

Because it's as simple as sending a postcard and it's electronic.

- Need more information?

Go to [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

\* The IRS intends to increase the Form 990-N (e-postcard) filing threshold from \$25,000 in gross receipts to \$50,000 in gross receipts, beginning with the 2010 tax year, filed in 2011.

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**BROOKLYN Lions Pam Jarvis and Richard Mannin** gave out spruce tree seedlings to participants at Pumpkin Quest in downtown Brooklyn. Over 200 seedlings were given out to be planted around the Brooklyn area.

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The **NORTH JACKSON Lions Fruit Sales and Coloring Books Sales have begun.** Lion Duane Roepcke will be chair of the fruit sales. Fruit prices for 2011 are as follows: **40# Grapefruit or Navel Oranges - \$28.00. 20# Navel Oranges, Tangelos and Grapefruit - \$20. The deadline for taking orders will be November 22.** Fruit will arrive (approximately) **December 4th** at Beck's. We received so many favorable comments on last year's fruit and we are all looking forward to another delicious crop! You can get a head start and begin taking orders now for this major fundraiser. Start thinking of those little ones on your list and get your **coloring books at Beck's Flowers.** The cost is **\$5.50 each.** For those who participate in "Toys for Tots", what a good way to help out two organizations.

**The MANCHESTER Lions Club.** When the merry-go-round had to be removed from the [Klager Elementary School](#) playground last year it left not only an empty space but also a lot of disappointed kids behind. A group of enterprising students, led by then third-grader Payton Alexa, started a petition to get the equipment replaced. Sixty-three student signatures were collected and the petition was presented to the Klager Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization.

[The PTO set a goal to provide the funding necessary for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment.](#) Since safe equipment of good quality is very expensive, the PTO knew it would probably take all school year and they would need help.

The PTO requested funds from Kiwanis Crazy Cash Night and was awarded \$3,100. The PTO sold Smencils left over from a previous year's fundraiser and raised an additional \$914. Klager Elementary School Principal Jennifer Mayes dedicated the 2011 magazine fundraiser proceeds to the playground equipment fund, which earned another \$4,000. Lion **Michele Ingalls** knew the Lions could help.

The **Manchester Lions Club** pledged \$500 and then sent out a challenge to other Manchester groups to also support the PTO's endeavors. From this challenge the PTO received a \$500 donation from the Manchester Masonic Lodge #148, \$100 donations from both the Manchester Civic Club and Riverfolk. The Manchester Area Friends provided support by donating \$200 for mats and mulch to go beneath the play equipment.

"The Klager PTO would like to extend our deepest thanks to the children of Klager for their initiative and participation, the generous groups who donated funds, and the parents of Klager for their ongoing fundraising efforts," said Shea Van Vuuren, PTO president. Once a budget was set and sufficient funds had been procured, the fun began. Mayes and the Klager staff reviewed playground equipment and pricing. They came up with three options all within the determined price range.

A box representing each option was decorated with a picture of the equipment and each student at Klager was given a ticket to represent his or her vote. Mayes went to each classroom to describe the three options and allowed each student to cast a vote for the playground equipment they would most like to see on the playground this fall. The winning choice was a combination of a rock wall and a whirligig. The equipment was installed over the summer and the kids of Klager have been enjoying them since the first day of school.

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Michigan Lions State Office has a new Executive Director beginning mid-November. **Mary Brown** is retiring after many years of dedicated service. Our new Director is **Wendy Burns**. She was selected by our Council of Governors in mid-October. We all look forward to working with Wendy and surely will miss Mary!

### **HANOVER HORTON Area Lions Member receives Award.**

Congratulations to Lion **Nancy Winter**. At our Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, **IPDG Barb Treichel** was able to surprise Lion Nancy and present her with a very prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow Award, for her humanitarian services in the our Lions Club. She has donated many hours of her time and compassion for helping others in our community, our Lions Club, and our District 11-B1. She and her husband Art are currently co-chairs of the District's Cultural and Community Affairs Committee.

Our club cooked steak, chicken, and pork chops as a fundraiser Oct.9<sup>th</sup> at Weir's Dairy Farm in Hanover. We served approximately 300 dinners for the annual Jackson County Republican Committee gathering. We also had "Candy Days" on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup> in Hanover, and are starting our annual Holiday Cheese, and Terry Lynn Candy Sales in November.

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### **The DEXTER Lions Apple Daze 2011 Another Success**

The weather was cold in the morning on Saturday, October 1st but it warmed up to make it a great day for the Dexter Lions Apple Daze. There were many activities for children and adults: Hay Rides to the Dexter Cider Mill; a bounce tent; Children's Game tent; over 20 crafters; pony rides; food wagons and tents; music and dance all day long by individuals and various groups; food from Dexter Cider Mill and Grand Traverse Pie Company; a Classic Car Show with over 30 cars and the Dexter Rotary Club Raffle Drawing for a children's playhouse along with the Dexter Kiwanis Club \$10,000.00 raffle.

In the afternoon, a crowd watched 19 participants in the Annual Pie Eating Contest. Prizes for the pie eating contest were donated by Jets Pizza of Dexter and Stucchi's of Dexter. All the apple pies were donated by Busch's of Dexter. Thank you to all the Dexter Lions who helped and worked on this project! We had 22 Dexter Lions involved in this project. There were over 20 businesses who supported Apple Daze or were set up in the park.

Thank you also to the Mill Creek Middle School CS&L Class as well as the Dexter Leos Club for providing help with this project. The Boy Scouts from Troop # 442 helped put up and take down the tents. Again, another successful Dexter Lions event. Thank you to the planning committee for all their work in organizing Dexter Lions Apple Daze!

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**The HOMER Lions** held their annual Pork Loin Sandwich sale at the Homer Summer festival in August. The club sold 350 meals and enjoyed engaging conversation with the festival attendees. The club would like to thank Barton Farms and Nagel Meats for their donation to our fundraiser.

Members volunteered for a day of receiving, sorting and packing materials at the Homer recycling center in late September.

On October 3rd ten members teamed up to pick up trash in our semiannual roadside clean up on M-60 west of the village.

Lions collected about 300 pairs of glasses over the summer months which were processed and will be distributed by Marshall Lion David Begg through his international projects.

The club purchased 100 trees through the District in support of our International Director's project. The trees were donated to the Homer High School FFA group for local planting.

## Grass Lake Lions Club Raffle

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: 2 Night Stay for a Family of 4 to Splash Universe.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: A \$50.00 Visa Gift Card**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: A \$25.00 Gas Card**

The drawing will be held **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Grass Lake Depot.

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each only 400 hundred printed...

If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket please contact:

Paul Lammers 517-206-2647

Jennifer Keener 517-795-4061

John Molnar 517-416-3516

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**“I would rather have a vision without sight, than to have sight without vision.”**

**Helen Keller**

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### **Proposed District REZONING**

Over the years as some clubs leave us and new ones are formed, the Zones in our District become skewed. Some have only 5 clubs, while others are up to 8, not including Lioness and Leos. In one case the Zone Chair needs to cover a club 60 miles away from his area. To alleviate some of these anomalies and provide a more logical and efficient operation, it is proposed the District rezone a number of Lions Clubs.

The charts below show the present zoning distribution, and the one under that shows the proposed rezoned District. Proposed changes include:

1. Move Manchester to R1Z2
2. Move Inter-Lakes, North Adams, & Pittsford to R3Z2
3. Move Brooklyn to R1Z2
4. Move North Jackson & Munith to R2Z2
5. Move Vandercook Lake, Concord, & Hanover-Horton to R2Z1
6. Move Marshall & Tekonsha to R2Z2
7. Move Albion to R2Z2