

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

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Lessons from Geese

'Individual Empowerment Results From Quality Honking'

Lessons from Geese provides a perfect example of the importance of team work and how it can have a profound and powerful effect on any form of personal or business endeavor. When we use these five principles in our personal and business life it will help us to foster and encourage a level of passion and energy in ourselves, as well as those who are our friends, associates or team members. It is essential to remember that teamwork happens inside and outside of business life when it is continually nurtured and encouraged.

Lesson 1 - The Importance of Achieving Goals As each goose flaps its wings it creates an UPLIFT for the birds that follow. By flying in a 'V' formation the whole flock adds 71 percent extra to the flying range. **Outcome:** When we have a sense of community and focus, we create trust and can help each other to achieve our goals.

Lesson 2 - The Importance of Team Work When a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back to take advantage of the lifting power of the birds in front. **Outcome:** If we had as much sense as geese we would stay in formation with those headed where we want to go. We are willing to accept their help and give our help to others.

Lesson 3 - The Importance of Sharing When a goose tires of flying up front it drops back into formation and another goose flies to the point position. **Outcome:** It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks. We should respect and protect each other's unique arrangement of skills, capabilities, talents and resources.

Lesson 4 - The Importance of Empathy and Understanding When a goose gets sick, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to the ground to help and protect it. **Outcome:** If we have as much sense as geese we will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong.

Lesson 5 - The Importance of Encouragement Geese flying in formation 'HONK' to encourage those up front to keep up with their speed. **Outcome:** We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups and teams where there is encouragement, production is much greater. 'Individual empowerment results from quality honking'

Merry Christmas to all and may we learn many lessons from the geese as we go into the New Year.

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)

- 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 3 YE **Daniel Zander** arrives from Australia, Hosted by the Allens
- Dec 4 Tekonsha Lions Christmas Festival
- Dec 5 **Penrickton Christmas Party**, 6:30 pm
- Dec 7 Webinar, “Club Rebuilding” 9:30 - 10:30 pm
- Dec 12 North Adams Lions, Christmas Dinner meeting
- Dec 14 Battle Creek Cereal City Christmas party
- Dec 16 Hanover-Horton Area Lions, Christmas Party, Heritage Park Event Center, 6:30 pm
- Dec 18 Vandercook Lake Lions, Pancake Breakfast, 8 - 12
- Dec 22 Manchester Lions Christmas social, in conjunction with Luminaria Sales
- Jan 11 YE **Daniel Zander** departs for LAX
- Jan 12 R3Z1 Zone Meeting
- Jan 26 Combined R1Z1 & R1Z2 Zone Meeting, Steak’s Eatery, 6 pm
- Feb 3 - 5 Winter Camp for the Blind, Battle Creek Outdoor Recreation Center, Dowling
- Feb 18 Michigan Forum, Lansing
- Mar 1 Lion/Lioness/Leo of the Year nominations due to DG
- Mar 23 & 24 Combined District Convention, 11B1 & 11C2, Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing

ZONE Meetings:

- R1Z1 Jan 26 Steak’s Eatery combined with R1Z2
- R1Z2 Jan 26 Steak’s Eatery combined with R1Z1
- R2Z1 February combined with R2Z2
- R2Z2 February combined with R2Z1
- R3Z1 January 12, 2012
- R3Z2 TBD

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

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

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!

FROM THE EDITOR
PLEASE NOTE:

I get back “undelivable” e-mails. This occurs, sometimes, because you do not have my e-mail address in your contacts and your computer picks it up as “spam”. Please make sure to add my e-mail address to your contacts list. Thanks!!!

NEW MEMBERS

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Dexter Lions	Timothy Dorwin	Lion Dick Ulrich
Hanover-Horton	Raymond Hubbard	Lion Art Winter
Jackson Host	Bob Davidsen	Lion David DesNoyer
Manchester	Maryann Davis	Lion Peggy Allen
Manchester	Richard Davis	Lion Peggy Allen
Tekonsha	Linda Hammontree	Lion Lorraine Lindsey

DECEASED

Jackson Host	Honorary Lion Bill McConkey
Michigan Center	Lion Ed Grinnell
Michigan Center	Lion Danny Pickering

Juno Jane Alamdari was born Monday morning at 5:45 am. She weighs 6 pounds 8 oz, and is 20 inches long. Mom **Jessica** is a Manchester Lion and Quality Control at the Michigan Eye-Bank.

If you were not at the **Blind Bowling tournament** on Friday, November 4th, you missed the event of the year. Lions, Leo's and Lioness had a ball, not just a bowling ball. You can tell by the smile on these Leo's faces that there was fun to be had. We had 12 lanes of bowlers eating pizza and enjoying beverages of their choice trying to win the coveted trophy for high game and high series. The bowlers bowled a game with a blind fold on the first ball and then shot the remaining pins without the blind fold. The second game was with a blind fold for both the first and second ball. We had enough certificates and gifts donated by the businesses in Brooklyn, Manchester, and Vandercook Lake to give every bowler at least two prizes. We had three new bowling balls, clocks, pictures, candles, gift certificates for restaurants, hair cuts, and many surprise bagged gifts donated by 2nd VDG Barry and State Youth Exchange chair Peggy. The tournament brought awareness to the challenges individuals face when they lose their eyesight. Special thanks goes out to Lion **Gene Willi**, he worked very hard to make this fund raiser a great success, and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

The MANCHESTER Lions once again held their Halloween Pumpkin Bowling. All participants were given a glow stick necklace, and those knocking down all the pins were entered into the drawing for "Ribet", the huge green stuffed frog. On the left Lion **Barry Allen** coaches a five year old fairy. The winner was **Ashley** (age 10) from Grass Lake, MI.

Lions **Carl Curtis** and **Barry Allen** assist the Manchester Chamber of Commerce in decorating the Main Street bridge with garland, wreaths and strings of Christmas lights. If you pass through Manchester take a look.

Additionally, the Manchester Lions provided over half a ton of salt, flour and sugar for the Family Services Thanksgiving Basket program. Enough for 75 families.

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 NAPOLEON Lions Club recently held its Second Annual Stuff the Bus campaign. The event was held on Saturday, 11/5/11 at Borchardt Brothers Food Center in Napoleon, MI. The Lions Club was attempting to fill a school bus with donated non-perishable food items. This project was able to raise \$182.03 in cash donations and over 1,320 pounds of non-perishable food items and paper products. All of this will be donated to the Brooklyn Food Pantry. Pictured in photo from left to right: **Linda Babcock, Chris West, Joel Messenger** and District Governor **Dan Shepherd**.

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: **6,043,627*** as of Nov 30th

It's a little known tidbit that inventor Thomas Edison had a live in Indian maid named "Minnie Hands". While working on perfecting the light bulb, Mr. Edison asked her to assist him by throwing the switch to light the bulb. It worked and he commented "*Minnie Hands make light work.*" Note: The Editor cannot confirm nor deny the validity of this story.

The NAPOLEON Lions participated in the Warm the Children program. This program provides for warm winter clothing for children of low income families. This is a service project that we have participated in the past. The Warm the Children program is sponsored by Meijer, The Junior Welfare League and The Jackson Citizen Patriot newspaper. Private citizens and businesses provide donations to this program to provide warm winter clothing to the children in Jackson, Michigan.

This year our Lions Club was assigned 18 families with 59 children to shop for. This represented approximately \$4,720 spent on clothing purchases for children. This project involved 9 Lions members and 40 hours of community service work.

The Napoleon Lions Club recently participated in the annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Giving. This was a cooperative effort involving the Napoleon Middle School students, Napoleon United Methodist Church and the Napoleon Lions Club. The students collect food canned goods from September to November each year preparing for the annual food basket program. The Napoleon Lions Club provided the frozen turkeys, butter, bread, milk, eggs and potatoes so that each recipient has all of the necessary items for the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The Napoleon Lions Club members pick up the items at the local grocery store and deliver the items to the Middle School on the day of delivery. Students with driver's licenses then delivered the food baskets to the assigned homes. On November 22, 2011 we were able to help with 33 food baskets. Helping this year were Lions **Don Anderson, Dick Tallman, Mike Berzkalns, Jerry Davis and Jim Montgomery.**

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO CONTINUE

DISTRICT 11-B1 MEMBERSHIP

The District membership is slowly increasing in some clubs. As of November 30th, 2011, there are **34** new members in the District. 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.

The Clarklake Lions Club gave all their Christmas decorations to the **Vandercook Lake Lions Club** so they have enough to decorate the entire town.

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:		\$18,195
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:		\$24,840
			GRAND TOTAL:		\$43,035

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.

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.

Grass Lake Lions Club Raffle

1st prize: 2 Night Stay for a Family of 4 to Splash Universe.

2nd Prize: A \$50.00 Visa Gift Card

3rd Prize: A \$25.00 Gas Card

The drawing will be held **December 3rd** 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

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

Helen Keller

Think outside the box, or rather, inside the OUTHOUSE. **QUINCY Lion’s Jim Russell** came up with the idea of having an Outhouse race down Main Street. His team built their own Outhouse and handpainted the Lion on the side and Lion logo at the peak. Team members are shown displaying their winning trophy... aptly formed from rolls of toilet paper. There was no mention of the rider’s duties inside the structure.

Munith Lion President **Joan Iverson** awarding new Lion **Patsy Swierczek** the Munith Lion of the Year.

The INTER-LAKES Lions Club Another year of **Trunk or Treat** is completed and the weather held out for us. It was an enjoyable night. The count was down on the vehicles, there were only 23, and not as many children this year. Dave Luke from the Somerset Beach and Campground said they gave away around 500 hot dogs compared to 700 last year. We believe it was because every one was having their Halloween celebration the same night. Thanks to our fellow Lions who participated this year. Thanks to Lions **Connie Bay, Trudy George, Alberta** and **Art Pendley, Edna** and **Jim Souder** and our President **Joann** and **Clinton Sneary** for helping to fill the candy bags and baskets of many children. Because the number of kids was down the adults got to socialize a little more.

Inter-Lakes Lions members dug deep as they always have to provide Thanksgiving items to Domestic Harmony.

“A good leader inspires others with confidence in him, while a great leader inspires others with confidence in themselves.”
Dr. Wing-Kun Tam

The MANCHESTER Lion's club, with the help of Manchester middle school's art teacher **Carrie Resh**, recently selected the finalists in the annual Lion's Club Peace Poster contest. This is the fourth year the Manchester Lion's club has submitted an entry for the next level of judging.

This year's theme was "*Children Know Peace.*" The poster created by **Andrew Schultz** was chosen for the top prize and will be submitted to the district level for further judging. For his efforts, Andrew received a check from the Manchester Lion's club, other finalist **Dee Covey** and **Lillian St Charles** received gift certificates for their artistic ability. Pictured in front from left are second place winner **Dee Covey**, winner **Andrew Schultz**, and third place winner **Lillian St. Charles**. Also in back are Lions Club Peace Poster chairperson **Julie Manders** and teacher **Carrie Resh**.

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 forthcoming 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/Chile/Peru

Cost of trip: \$2,200.00

Peggy Allen, District Chair, MI Youth Exchange Program

JACKSON HOST Lions The club's main fund raiser, Fruit, Nut & Candy Sales, was kicked off on September 12th and will run through Christmas. Delivery of orders will be the first part of December. Sales at the Crossing start the Friday after Thanksgiving and continue every weekend through the weekend preceding Christmas.

Our family Christmas party is scheduled for December 19th at the Manor House at noon.

\$180 was collected at the 11/14 meeting and given to the speaker to support the Bone Marrow registry.

The Board approved charitable donations totaling \$9,085 for FY 2011-12. This includes donations to Lions District projects already paid. Additionally the budget for Direct S&H aid approved is \$14,500.

We provided direct sight aid to 15 individuals and maintained 28 eye glass collection sites and collected an estimated 200 pair.

“There are those who think they can, and think they can't, both are right” Henry Ford

VANDERCOOK LAKE LIONS TRUNK AND TREAT NIGHT at the Jackson Free Methodist Church was again a great event for the community. The weather was cool and cloudy but the rain held off for a great night for the kids. Our Lions Club cooked and served over 1200 hot dogs. Special thanks to Lions **Jim Mason, Ron MacDonald, John Wheaton, Rod Brundage, Ron Ranney, Ron Kapuga, Kathy Kapuga, Callie Clark, Kathy Emerson, Irv Handloser and Wendy Morgan.**

LION MONUMENTS FOR OUR CLUB - Ron Kapuga was authorized funds to purchase 2 concrete lions from the scratch and dent pile on Spring Arbor Rd at \$70 for the pair and \$200 for rubber mulch as ground cover for the corner of Francis and McDevitt (the areas for the flag pole, fire plug and mailbox). The Lions will be repaired and painted this winter and installed in the spring. Areas to place the lions will be decided at a later date.

THE CASH -O-RAMA was a great success. Profits were \$8,411.81. Club winners were **Mark Stadel** who won \$463 and donated \$100 back to the club, and Lion **Kathy Emerson** won the “last Lion out.”

The BROOKLYN Lions screened 35 children at a Kidsight screening in Brooklyn on Halloween. The screening was a very successful event with 35 children screened and two were referred for follow up exams by their care provider. Brooklyn Lions **Pam** and **Jim Jarvis** were assisted by PDG's **Clem** and **Vicki Ruiz** and District Governor **Dan Shepherd.**

On November 14 and 15 the **BLISSFIELD AREA Lions Club**, through guidance by Lion **Larry France**, screened **64** preschool children in three preschool centers within the Kid Sight project. The two day screening was deemed a great success by both the recipients and the Blissfield Lions Club members. We have reserved both the Sight Mobile and the Kidsight equipment for both adult and preschool screening during the River Raisin Festival in July 2012. Thank you Larry. your expertise .

The HANOVER-HORTON AREA Lions Club honored the participants from the Hanover Horton Elementary Schools for their participation in the Lions Clubs International's annual Peace Poster contest. Awarded as a result of the judging of the school's entries by the Lions Club, \$50 was awarded to **Madison Woods** for first place and \$25 was given for the second place entry of **Alexis Lafollette**. Honorable Mention certificates were given to **Emily Watkins** and **Brinna Melling**. The entry of club's winning entry proceeded to a Lions of Michigan District competition where it received a Honorable Mention and a check of \$25. Pictured are the four participants in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster contest. Hanover Elementary students **Emily Watkins, Madison Woods, Alexis Lafollette** and **Brinnia Melling**. Lions member **Walter Treichel**, Hanover Horton Elementary Principle **Cindy Casad** and Lions club President **Jim Legault.**

2011-2012 – International Peace Poster Contest

“Children Know Peace”

Judging for District 11 B-1’s annual Lions International Peace Poster contest was held on Thursday, November 17. This year we had 11 clubs participating, with a first time for a couple of clubs. It is always a difficult task to pick just one poster to go on to the state competition which will occur the weekend of December 2 and 3. The committee is made up of PDG Craig Bishop, Lion Jerry Mackey and Lion Vicki Lautzenheiser (chair).

A huge thank you to all clubs that engage their schools in this project. It is obvious from the drawings that children have a wide and varied idea of what peace means to them. As chair, I personally am so pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of the Peace Poster Contest. This year’s winning poster was created by **Madelyn Miller**, 11 years old and in the sixth grade at R.W. Kidder Middle School. Her art teacher is Jason Khon and her poster was sponsored by the North Jackson Lions Club. Madelyn’s quote for her art work is, “Children Know Peace means that our minds and hearts have not had time to become tainted with stress and thoughts of war, so our idea of peace is the most pure of all.” Madelyn will receive a \$100 prize from the District for her winning poster.

First runner-up was **McKenzie Williams**, Pittsford Area Schools and her host club was Pittsford Lions Club. She will receive a \$75 prize for her contribution.

Second runner-up was **Megan Bittinger** of Mill Creek Middle School submitted by the Dexter Lions. Megan will receive a prize of \$50.

Honorable mentions and prizes of \$25 each will be presented to each of the following students: **Michael Smedley**, Napoleon Middle School, Napoleon Lions Club; **Arra Scott**, Keicher Elementary, Michigan Center Lions; **Matea Nunez**, North Adams/Jerome Schools, North Adams Lions; **Madison Woods**, Hanover-Horton Middle School, Hanover –Horton Area Lions; **Andrew Schultz**, Manchester Middle School, Manchester Lions; **Raneshia Davis**, Sharp Park Academy, Jackson Eyeopeners; **Desteni Betts**, Quincy Middle School, Quincy Lions Club and **Charde Madaula-Bey**, Forsythe Middle School, Ann Arbor Host Club.

Congratulations again to all the students. Kudos to the clubs for taking the time to engage in this worthwhile project within their communities.

The posters from this year’s contest will be on display at the 11 B-1 Convention in March. Please be sure to stop by our display and pick up your winning poster so it may be returned to the students.

Peace Poster kits go on sale in January 2012 for the fall of 2012-13 competition.

Yours in Lionism,
Peace Poster Committee

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 perfect Christmas gift for your Lion friends.

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

WHITE CANE COMMITTEE:

The White Cane Committee will be awarding three, \$3,000 scholarships to individuals who are legally blind. Scholarships will be awarded during the Michigan Lions Forum on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

Completed applications and accompanying documentation must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2011.

To read the criteria and complete the application, visit:

http://lionsofmi.com/pages/white_cane_scholarship

(there are underscores between "white and cane" and "cane and scholarship")

The VANDERCOOK LAKE Lions Club holds a pancake breakfast every month on the third Sunday from 8 – 12 noon. Lion president **Jim Mason** said the club originally was hold pancake breakfast during Lent. Someone came up with the idea of holding a breakfast monthly and they found the community was very supportive so they have continued for several years. This breakfast has turned into a very successful fund raiser for the Vandercook community because not only are they receiving a great breakfast, but are giving back to their own neighbors in need.

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

The BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY and HOST Lions collaborated on a KidSight screening project. The screening was held at Trinity Lutheran Church on October 28th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The screening was a collaborative project by Cereal City Lions and the Battle Creek Host Club organized by Lions **Pat Stiff** and **Roger Seymour**, club KidSight chairpersons. Lions from both clubs were available to assist at what was a preliminary run through practice to gain experience using the PediaVision Screening equipment, as well as check registration and output procedures that are part of the process. Host Lion **Roger Seymour** spoke on the local radio station WBCK informing the public of the KidSight Program availability. The clubs felt the project was a successful trial run and were confident they would be ready for the upcoming screening of a preschool.

Host Lions President Craig Bishop holds a youngster who is about to be screened by Cereal City Lion Pat Stiff. Lions **Roger Seymour, Claudea Templeton, Pat Stiff, Dick Jung** and **John Dammers** familiarize themselves with the PediaVision equipment.

Marshall Lions “Stuff the Bus” for Hunger

Mike Dauphinais

A silver Dodge Durango SUV slowly approached the yellow school bus in the Family Fare parking lot, stopping at the tent assemblage of middle school students, energetic young volunteers for the “Stuff the Bus for Hunger” project sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club.

The driver pulled the latch that opened the back of the vehicle, loaded with plastic bags filled with non-perishable foods: canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, jams, jellies, cranberry sauce, pancake mixes, and various pastas and soups.

“Everything goes”, announced the passenger, as students grabbed the sacks and separated the new inventory to itemized boxes that, when filled, would be carried onto the bus.

Before continuing their journey, the passenger shook the hand of a Marshall Lion and thanked him for helping the community.

“What’s SPAM?” asked a 12-year old girl who had been participating throughout the day. “What box does it go in?”

Her friends were distributing fliers as customers entered the store, and dancing until more patrons arrived. Some had commandeered the public address system, reminding people already in the store that they should purchase an extra item or two for the “Stuff the Bus” program.

Two young children, shadowed by swift young mother, raced to a standing Lion and donated a folded ten dollar bill. They were rewarded with a couple of donut holes provided by Sweetwaters Donut Mill in Battle Creek, and a hot chocolate.

The final tally for eight hours of work was **5.5 tons of food and \$340 cash donations**. **Mike Walback**, the school bus driver, had to inspect the bus prior to delivering the food because he feared the bus wouldn’t move.

“**We Serve**” is the Lion motto. With this project, everyone benefited. Marshall Area Community Services were able to fill their food pantry; local financially strapped families were able to eat during the holidays; **Todd Gillette**, manager of Family Fare, announced that he had received multiple letters and emails, thanking him and asking that the event be held annually; **Tom Kavel** and the Marshall Middle School students had an exercise that will be remembered for years and could aid the school when funding requests are submitted; and the Marshall Lions got to serve the community in an outstanding and memorable way.

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.

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 Zones:

R3Z1	R3Z2	R2Z1	R2Z2	R1Z1	R1Z2
Athens-Union C	Quincy	Napoleon	Munith	AA Evening	Adrian Bfst
BC CC	Jonesville	Mich Center	Jackson Host	AA Host	Adrian Eve
BC Host	North Adams	Clark Lake	Jackson Casc.	Huron Valley	Blissfield
Bedford	Inter-Lakes	Grass Lake	Jackson EO	Chelsea	Clinton
Pennfield	Hillsdale	Hanover-Horton	North Jackson	Dexter	Tecumseh
Marshall	Pittsford	Concord	Parma/SA	Manchester*	Brooklyn
Tekonsha	Homer	Vandercook L.	Albion	Saline	