



District 11-A2 Roaring News



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*Life is like a box of
chocolates, savor every
moment you have.*



Happy Valentine's Day

DG Robert Bobee



I Believe

Happy New Year Everyone. The Lions Year is almost 1/2 over with, but we have a huge amount of things to accomplish yet. The one new member per club is doable. The chartering of new Leo clubs in our District, for those clubs that are going to bring in new Leo's clubs call me if you need help 1-586-863-6880.

I want to congratulate PRC Ray Babin of the Romeo Lions Club as becoming a life member. Thank you Lion Ray for all the hard work you do.

Just a reminder of the Michigan Forum coming up in February, the Region Meetings February 7, 8, & 9, and the upcoming convention in March 30-April 1, 2012.

We also have much work in front of us, as redistricting our District, and the State. I believe, we as a District, can accomplish our goal to bring in one new member per club to make each club a plus one for the year.

Thank you, Everyone in the District.



The Novi Lions Club proudly presents

Past Council Chairperson Esther LaMothe
for
International Director



Lion Esther joined our association in 1995 and has held MD offices as Council Chairperson and Leadership Development Chairperson. She was District Governor in 2001-2002. She has been a District Governor, Region Chairperson and Zone Chairperson plus chaired numerous district committees .

On the Club level, she has been 100% Club President, Secretary, Tailtwister and on the Board of Directors for many years. She currently participates in Novi's activities and acts as the newsletter editor for her former club.

She has participated in 3 Eye glass missions to Latvia and has sponsored 7 members.

She serves on the faculty for Lions Clubs International Leadership Institutes as well as Michigan's Leadership Institutes. She conducts Webinars for LCI and has been a presenter at numerous US/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, LCI conventions, MI Forums and MD Conventions.

Lion Esther is married to Council Chairperson, Roger, and has 2 sons and 1 daughter-in-law. She is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and an SA Dodge recipient.

Please support Lion Esther by endorsing her candidacy at the A2 District Convention in Grand Rapids the weekend of March 30th. She will then seek endorsement at the MD convention, also in Grand Rapids, the weekend of May 18.

Tail Twister Tales



Thanks to all of you for your response to the needs of Penrickton at the January Cabinet Meeting. Penrickton still needs the following list plus Kroger Cards or CASH to buy fresh foods.

#1 Item is LAUNDRY DETERGENT, Paper goods, Pledge furniture polish, Scrubbing Bubbles, trash bags all sizes, Bleach, 409 Cleaner, liquid hand soap, and Disinfecting cleaning wipes.

February is the Month for lovers so we will celebrate Valentines Day by wearing red socks to all three Region meetings. Tail Twister will be checking!

DTT Lion Willie

Comments From: 1st VDG Jim Pettinato

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU



We all work hard in our clubs without any thought about what is in it for oneself.

It is amazing what we do receive for our efforts including:

Feeling good about helping someone in need

Being with friends when working on the project or service performed

Ability to see how those less fortunate live

Satisfaction of a job well done

Enjoying a meal or beverage after the project is complete

None of these are material things because we do what we do to serve others and that is the bottom line for our association.

Well there are some things our district and state offer to our members that can enhance their well being and provide them some great tools to make them a better person.

We are talking about the Lions Leadership Institute and the Lions of Michigan Forum. Both of these programs offer sessions that improve many of one's skills in areas such as team building, listening skills, conflict resolution and many others.

So this is what's in it for you if you take the opportunity to attend and become even a better person than you are today.

In another light there are two items we will be voting on at the District Convention March 30, 31 and April 1. The first is a dues increase over the next two years at \$.50 per billing cycle. This equates to a \$2.00 increase and you cannot even get a beverage for that anymore. I encourage you to attend the convention and approve this very modest increase in your district dues. The second item is the proposal to reduce the number of Regions from four to three by combining the current Region I and Region II with the Washington club moving to the new Region III. This aligns the regions with almost the same number of members. Region one would have three zones with the others having 2 zones each.

If you have any questions on these proposals please contact any cabinet member and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Kalamazoo. It is interesting that the election for your next Governor will be on April fool's Day - Could not happen to a nicer guy.

In accordance with the Cabinet decision at its January 10, 2012 meeting the following proposed amendments shall be voted upon at the District 11-A2 Annual Convention Mar 30-Apr 1, 2012, in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Proposal 1: Change the District 11-A2 By Laws, Article III, Section 2(a) as follows:

Delete the sentence: "The district shall be divided into four regions with two zones in each region and with each zone having no more than eight (8) and no less than four (4) Lions clubs."

And replace with: "The district shall be divided into three regions with no more than three zones in each region and with each zone having no more than eight (8) and no less than four (4) Lions clubs."

PROPOSAL 2: Change the District 11-A2 By Laws, Article VI, Section 1 as follows:

Delete the first sentence of said section and replace with the following:

"Section I. DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the district, an annual district administrative fund per capita tax of \$10.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$5.00 per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$5.00 per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based on the roster of each club as of July 1 and January 1, respectively."

Lioness District Liaison's Report

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone,

We had a fairly good turn out at our District Lioness Meeting at Leader Dog on January 30, 2012 even with our unusual January weather. We decided on our Winter Project. Our project will be fundraising and donating money to Madonna University.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the District's next round of Region Meetings on February 7, 8, & 9 and at DG Bob Bobee's convention in March 30 - April 1, 2012.

Please remember to send me your monthly reports and/or club newsletters. I have only received reports from the Sterling Heights and Macomb Township Lioness clubs, as of right now. If you don't send me anything, then I have no way of knowing what's going on in your club. Plus I can't pass it on to other clubs or visit your events if I don't know what's going on. Thank you!

Lioness Amy Rang



Youth Exchange



Our District has 2 students participating this year. Nick Kowalski and Clay Connely. Nick will be going to Peru and Clay will be placed in Europe. We need your assistance in obtaining the costs for Nick. We tried last year for him but were unable to make the deadline. If you can spare any money to help assist him it would be appreciated. He is the oldest of 8 kids and is paying his way through college so family assistance is minimal. Please contact me for information on how to send in your donation. We need this by Feb. 20. Thank you, PZC Shawn Blaszczyk.

ROSTER BOOK CORRECTIONS

- * Effective January 11, 2012, The Beverly Hills Lions Club new Meeting location is as follows: Second & Fourth Thursday 7:00 PM (Same), Oxford Inn (New), 1214 S. Main St. Royal Oak, MI 48067, 248-543-5619
- * Effective January 11, 2012, Beverly Hills Lions Secretary Bill Donnelly, due to health reasons, has relinquished duties and is replaced by Clem Nowak who can be reached at: 16931 Kinross Ave. Beverly Hills, Mi 48025-4128, 248-647-7475, cnowak@prodigy.net



WELCOME HOMES VISION SERVICES CLOSING AFTER 60 YEARS

For 60 years, Welcome Homes for the Blind has served the visually impaired of Michigan thanks to the generosity of the Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs of Michigan, as well as public and private donations, bequests and grants. Because of your generosity, we have been able to serve many individuals living with visual impairment throughout the State.

For over 50 years, Welcome Homes owned and operated a Home for the Aged in Grand Rapids. In 2005, the Board of Directors closed the home and began working in conjunction with retirement communities statewide serving visually impaired residents. In 2008, Welcome Homes expanded services to include individuals in their own home to assist them with independent living.

It is with deep regret that the Board of Directors announces Welcome Homes for the Blind, Inc. dba Welcome Homes Vision Services will be closing its doors effective February 17, 2012. The Board cited the reason to close was due to declining revenue during these tough economic times. "We made a valiant effort to expand services and reach out to more individuals across the state," said a board representative, "but it just isn't working out the way we had originally hoped. This was a very tough decision for us to make, as we all believed in what we were doing and in the lives that we touched."

The Board of Directors announced that once all of their legal liabilities are taken care of, all remaining funds of the organization will be divided equally between Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Eye Bank, Lions of Michigan Foundation and Lions Bear Lake Camp. All of these projects meet our legal responsibilities as a nonprofit organization and have similar missions in helping those with vision loss.

Welcome Homes wishes to thank all of the wonderful people who so generously donated their time and/or money to allow Welcome Homes to serve the visually impaired community for so many years.

The 11-A2 Hearing Bank Hearing loss? Do I have to live this way?

The past year has been an exciting one for those of us involved in the 11-A2 Hearing Aid Bank Program. In our first eighteen months, we have successfully dispensed 211 hearing aids in our district.

This progress is the direct efforts of you and your individual clubs and the enthusiasm of our field representative: Lion Peggy Burleson, Lion Liz Rheaume, Lion Paul Ostby and Lion Rich Guzowski. Those of us on the team feel that we have only begun to scratch the surface. The surface is enormous and it costs us very little for the value we receive. Slowly but surely, our networking efforts are beginning to work in the low-income areas.

Our goal for the next calendar year is requesting each club to produce at least two (2) candidates per month, which would more than double our performance of this year. (REMEMBER THAT MOST OF THESE HEARING AIDS COST US NEXT TO NOTHING.) Therefore, most clubs will spend very little out of their budgets. Last calendar year the total average cost to most clubs was approximately \$480.00.

I would like to suggest, "THAT WE NEED YOU". We need you to be our soldiers on the front lines talking about THE LIONS 11-A2 HEARING AID BANK PROGRAM and just how it helps people in our communities with hearing impairments.

I would like to further suggest "THAT YOU NEED US, THE LIONS 11-A2 HEARING AID BANK PROGRAM" to demonstrate just how much the LIONS do for those in our communities.

REMEMBER OUR MOTTO "WE SERVE"

Thanking you again for your cooperation and support for this wonderful program.

Lion James Johnston, Chairman



UPCOMING

EVENTS

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February 4, 2012

Sterling Heights Lions Club's
Sock Hop

with DJ Rockin' "Rodger Ram Jet"
Sterling Heights Lions Hall

For More Information and Reservations Contact:
586-776-9844

February 11, 2012

Center Line Lions Club's
1st Annual European Pheasant Hunt
Rooster Ranch Ubly, MI

Limited to the first 75 Hunters
For More Information Contact:
Tom Salyers @ 586-801-5350 or
The Rooster Ranch @ 989-658-2332

February 22, 2012

Shelby Township Lions
invite you to the
Bear Lake Kick Off Dinner
Cocktails @ 6:00 ~ Dinner @ 7:00
K of C Hall

44425 Utica Rd, Utica, MI 48317

\$18 per ticket - Open Bar
RSVP by February 17, 2012

For More Information Contact:

Dave Ebling @ 313-909-7776

Send Checks to:

Jeff Sass 49249 Alma Court

Shelby Twp., MI 48315

Cell: 248- 802-4693



February 10, 2012

Euchre Tournament

Sponsored by Clinton Valley Lions Club
K of C # 5460

33320 Kelly Rd, Clinton Township

For More Information Contact:

Pauline Dettloff @ 586-219-4230,

pdett111@comcast.net or

Darlene Farrugia @ 586-486-8180,

darlenzf@wowway.com

February 17, 2012

Eastpointe Lions

Steak & Shrimp Extravaganza

The L.F.A Hall 16140 Aurora

Ticket Donation \$35.00

For More Information and Tickets Contact:

Lion Dave Ricken @ 586-777-6160 or

Lion Mike Seger @ 586-498-9097

February 25, 2012

Lathrup Village Lions Club Presents

8th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Benefiting Penrickton Center for Blind Children

Free vision screening by Lions Project Kindsight

Lathrup Village Municipal Building

For More Information Contact:

Lion Dick Maxwell @ 248-642-9561 or

email: ndmaxwell@comcast.net



February 26, 2012

District Euchre Tournament

Co-hosted by Armada and Fraser Lions

Fraser Lions Den

For More Information and Registration Contact:

Lion Ed Hill @ 586-563-0138

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March 16, 2012

Selfridge North Macomb Lions

Clothing Drive

Support the Community Connection Day

held by the Macomb Homeless Coalition

Donations for all ages/sizes are welcome.

Children's clothing is greatly needed.

For More Information Contact:

Selfridge North Macomb

Lion Vikki Gray @ 586-557-2708 or

vikkigray@comcast.net





District 11-A2 Meetings

Social - 6:00 PM - Dinner 6:45 PM
(Cash Bar)

Meal Cost: Lions, Lioness, Leo's, Guests, PDG's \$12.00
Cabinet Members \$10.00

**All Reservations must be paid in advance to secure a meal
Sorry NO Phone Reservations**

Region III

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

HOSTED BY: The Madison Heights Lions Club

Location: Madison Place
876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI

One Block South of 13 Mile, 1st Street East of I75
Please R.S.V.P. No later Than
January 30, 2012

Make checks payable to Madison Heights Area Lions
and mail to:
RC Dan Jones
4212 Cooper
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Region I & II

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

HOSTED BY: The Rochester Lions Club &
Pontiac Lions Club

Location: River Crest
900 West Avon Road

Rochester Hills, MI 48306
Please R.S.V.P. No later Than
January 30, 2012

Make checks payable to Rochester Lions Club
and mail to:
ZC Celia Domalewski
1321 Potomac Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Region IV

Thursday, February 9, 2012

HOSTED BY: The Mt Clemens Lions Club

Location: Zuccaro's
46601 Gratiot
Chesterfield, MI 48051
Please R.S.V.P. No later Than
January 30, 2012

Make checks payable to Mt. Clemens Lions Club
and mail to:
RC Philip Maniaci
37195 Jordan
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Please complete and include with your check

Name (s): _____

Club Name: _____

Number _____ **@ \$10.00 ea. = \$** _____

Number _____ **@ \$12.00 ea. = \$** _____

Total \$ _____



District 11-A2
District Governor
Robert Bobee
39711 Warren
Canton, MI 48187



District Governor's Travels



Welcome New Lions Members

Washington ~ David Kelsey ~ Randy Alward
Clarkston Area ~ Bob Jamison
Shelby Twp. ~ Robert Leman ~ John Peterson
Sterling Heights ~ Gustav Malmberg ~ Mary
Malmberg ~ Christopher Papa

Deceased Members

