

# District 11-A2 Roaring News

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Greetings, Fellow Lions!

Perhaps I jinxed us last month when I welcomed in Spring! As I write this it is snowing, sleeting and raining in turns! The forecast calls for temps in the high 60's next week, so let's hang on until then. I am going to try something a little different this month. In an effort to fix some of the email problems that I am encountering due to large file sizes. I will send the event fliers out separately. Therefore, look for two emails from me each month..

Remember, submissions for the newsletter should be sent to **jboomer1965@att.net** no later than the 20th of the month preceding the publication of the next edition.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Jim Boomer

# District Governor Jim Leach, Jr

Together We Can, Together We Will!

April already? Wow, where has all the time gone? A lot of the Past District Governors said to me be careful because the year goes by quickly, now I know what they were talking about! We are less than two weeks away from our District Convention. It really should be a great time and hopefully, a lot of fun with some great memories.



I want to let everyone know what some Lions and the Cabinet already know, and I am just telling you this as a FYI. In the beginning of March, I spent a day in the hospital due to what they thought at the time was a heart attack or stroke. After a day and a half worth of tests, everything came back normal. So, after many doctor visits, they are attributing it to stress and the fact that my diabetes was out of whack and I hadn't been doing a very good job with my medication. So, I have taken a couple of weeks off to rest, watch what I am eating and taking my shots and pills like I am supposed to. I want to make sure that I am there for all of you when I need to be heading into these last three months of what is shaping up to be a great year.

We had a good turnout for the Bear Lake dinner and on a great note, they received \$50,000 in donations that night!

In April, we have a lot going on, along with the Convention, we also have the last Cabinet meeting for the year on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Fraser, on April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Madonna Kick-off dinner and on April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Lioness Region Meeting, so, as usual, another busy month in the District! On the horizon in May, is the Beaumont Silent Child Dinner and the MD-11 Convention in Sterling Heights.

Coins for Camp update: Project is going great! Many of you have generously donated to First Lady Kim's special project. Not many opportunities to collect more money in March so right now it is over \$1,200 and growing. The big jar is making its way to Ohio and will be at the District Convention so if you have any change that is looking for a good home, please make sure to bring it with you! Remember, it is money

camp can desperately use. Thank you so much for your generosity! This is definitely another example of "Together We Can, Together We Will." I mean really, who has \$1,200 to just give? Not too many people I know, but ask them to throw in 35 cents or 81 cents, they have that and don't even think about it. That is why this project works, it's simple and it's easy. We can all be proud of this and what we have done together.

Thank you for all you do and all you serve.

Talk to you next month.

Governor Jim

Don't  Forget!

The District 11-A2 Cabinet Meeting, hosted by 1VDG Patti Barr and the Novi Lions Club will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at the Fraser Lions Club. RSVP to CT Jim Pettinato by April 12 at

[jamespettinato@att.net](mailto:jamespettinato@att.net).



The Bear Lake Camp Spring

Clean-up Work Bee will be

held on Saturday, May 21 beginning at 8:30 a.m. RSVP by May 15 to the Bear Lake Camp 3409 N. Five Lake Road Lapeer, MI 48446

# First Vice-District Governor Patti Barr

“RAISING THE BARR!!!”

I can't believe how fast this Lionistic year is going. Our District Convention is this month. As things normally go the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor – ME - will leave there as the District Governor Elect. After elections on Sunday, I will have the opportunity to introduce the District Cabinet for 2016-2017. Plans are in the works for Leadership Training for my Cabinet so they will be able to serve the District to the best of their ability.

Let's not forget that District Governor Jim is still our head honcho and has a couple of more months to lead the greatest District in Michigan.

One more official Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

I hope you were able to attend the Lions Hearing Center dinner last month. A fascinating speaker used sign language with an interpreter of course, to speak to us of her challenges to further her education. She is a brilliant lady and it was very interesting. Later in the month the Bear Lake Dinner was held. The speaker there was an amusing young man that spoke of his experiences at the camp.

Please remember to send me a copy of your Membership Report so I can get the officers listed in the 2016-2017 District Roster Book. It is extremely important that the report is legible and accurate.

I have turned my purple ribbon gold, but I am still waiting for a gold ribbon. Can anyone help me out there?



# 2VDG John Bingham, Jr.'s Travel Corner



Greetings Fellow Lions and Lionesses from your WannaBe 1st Vice District Governor.

This has been an exciting last two years; first as a candidate for 2nd VDG and now looking forward to the convention and hopefully being elected as 1VDG.

I have been privileged to have served with great past governors such as John Kontos, Tom "Too Tall" Hill and now, Gov. Jim Leach, Jr. I really have a great working relationship with Gov. Elect Patti Barr and I am humbled by the prospect of being the 11-A2 Governor during the 100th Anniversary of Lionism with my installation in Chicago, IL, where it all started.

I have visited several of the clubs in the District and hope to have time to visit those that I have missed. The Council of Governors has had the 2VDG's attend their meeting where I have been able to meet all of my counter parts who will be Governor's with me for all of the districts in both the 11th as well as in the single district 10. This has been a huge asset in my learning curve and I look forward to the upcoming two years.

Don't forget the upcoming State Convention which will be held in Sterling Heights on May 13th and 14<sup>th</sup>. Let's make a "Big Splash" with strong attendance from our district.

A reminder that the Madonna Dinner is April 21<sup>st</sup> at a cost of \$15.00. The Beaumont Silent Children's Dinner is on May 18th at the San Marino Club on Big Beaver Road in Troy. The cost remains the same at \$25.00 a ticket. This is their Annual Parade of Checks.

Lion John



[Hello Lioness of District 11-A2!!](#)

Happy Spring!!!

Sunny days and warm spring winds are right around the corner, right??? Well, we can hope, can't we!!!

Important Dates to Remember:

**District Convention April 14-17, 2016 in Perrysburg Ohio**

This event is a great way to meet Lions and Lioness from around our district! Not to mention the fun we have there....

**Lioness Joint Meeting Monday, April 25, 2016 at Leader Dog**

This will be our last joint meeting this year and I can't wait to hear what all of you have coming up in the next few months. We will have a couple guest speakers, so I know you won't want to miss it! Also.....**Don't forget to bring your COINS for CAMP money!!!** Let me know if you have any questions! Stay tuned.....I will let you know what kind of format they need to be in....

As I have said before, please let all of us know what you have going on in your clubs! We cannot help you or attend if we don't know about it so SHARE! SHARE! SHARE! Make sure you send all of your flyers and event info to Lion Frank Cunningham so he can pass it on! Also, take pictures at your events and send them to Lion Jim Boomer so that he can submit them to the Lion's Magazine that comes out every month. Make sure you label who is in the picture and what is going on. Let's show the rest of the state what the Lioness of District 11-A2 are all about!

I look forward to seeing all of you around the district!

Sincerely,

Lioness Lynn M. Voisich

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To all Clubs of District 11-A2:

We will again collect all used eye glasses at Cabinet and Region meetings. Please bring glasses in a sealed box and without cases. We also welcome any used hearing aids that you might have.

Lion Leo and Lion Dave





# Welcome

New members are the life-blood of our organization.. Take time to welcome them and include them in your activities!

The Hazel Park Lions Club welcomes Morgan Webb, sponsored by Robbie Webb.

The Rochester Lions Club welcomes Dale Johnston, sponsored by Chris De Villing.

The Birmingham Lions Club welcomes Ronald Dickerson, sponsored by William Willard.

The Clawson Lions Club welcomes Raymond Krokos, sponsored by Howie Airriess.

The Fraser Lions Club welcomes Dana Freers, sponsored by Kimberly Thiede.

The Fraser Lions Club welcomes Patrick O'Dell, sponsored by Kimberly Thiede.

The Richmond Lions Club welcomes Brian Walmsley, sponsored by Dennis Bolen.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Michelle Kellogg, sponsored by Karol Leach.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Barbara English, sponsored by Pam Kline.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Louis Kirby, sponsored by Nicholas Coccia.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Joe Walker, sponsored by Leland Uhl.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Rudy Waluch, sponsored by Roger Brodeur.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Larry Wil, sponsored by Bob Erickson.

# Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner

To Benefit the Lions Bear Lake Camp



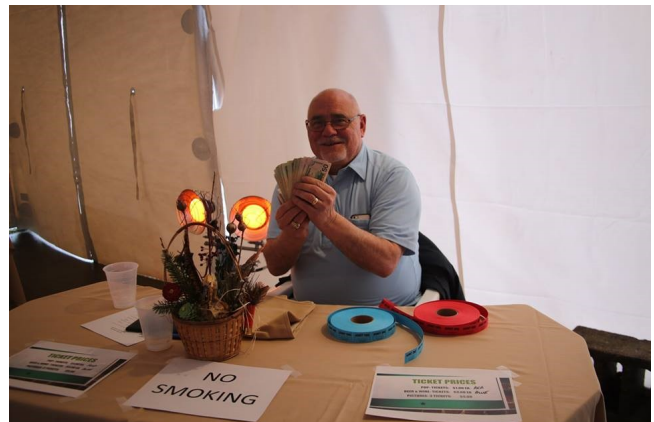
A remarkable array of food was served at the event, held on April 2 at the Bear lake Camp. Guests could choose from wild boar, turkey, bison or pheasant.



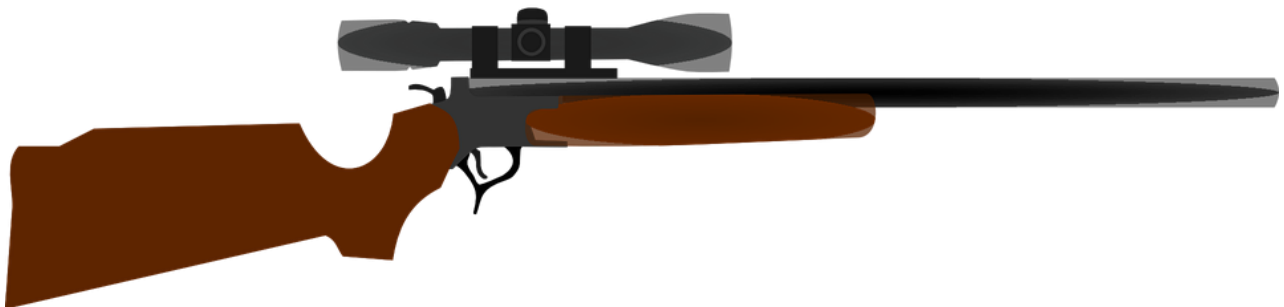
A remarkable selection of prizes were offered for raffle including gift certificates, gift baskets, tools and crafts. There was certainly something for everyone!



Volunteers from the Hunter's Den in Lapeer were on-hand to raffle off several firearms and cross-bows.



PDG and Current CT Jim Pettinato helped with drink ticket sales.





# Bear Lake Dinner and Parade of Checks

Sponsored by the Shelby Twp Lions and Held at the Fraser Lions Den



Bear Lake Camp Director Dennis Tomkins and DG Jim Leach, Jr. were on hand to accept the Parade of Checks.

Former Camper and Camp Staff Member Tristan Collins spoke to the gathering about the impact that the Lions Bear Lake Camp has had upon his life.



Among the attendees at the dinner were PDG Tom “Too Tall” Hill, RC Scott Berry, ZC Scott Voisich and Lioness Liaison Lynn Voisich.





PDG Bob Wylin of Armada has been diagnosed with End-Stage Kidney Disease. He is looking for a type O Positive kidney donor. He has been approved as a candidate for kidney replacement through Beaumont Hospital. However, the wait for a kidney can be from 3 to 5 years.

Bob has had a 70# weight loss during the last 3 years, and his failing 71 year-old body cannot afford the wait. We are asking for prayers in our search for a donor. Bob has a long and active history in Lionism, with nearly 40 years of service. Please keep Bob in your thoughts and prayers and do what you can to spread the word about his search for a kidney donor.

Social media has proven to be a very effective way to reach thousands of people. Please be sure to mention Bob in a post to your friends and family. Recently in northern Michigan, a donor and a recipient were united through Facebook and a successful transplant took place at U of M hospital in Ann Arbor.



Hello my name is Clarence Randall. I am 62 years old. I've been married for 35 years and I have three children, two of which still live at home. One is 30 years old. The other is 20 years old. My 30 year old suffers with cerebral palsy and has been blind since birth. My 20 year old suffers with Asperger's which was diagnosed at 18 months. The two of them might live at home as long as my wife and I are alive. I was forced to retire from my former job 2 1/2 years ago because I was diagnosed with stage four kidney failure. My wife only works part time at a non-profit organization (Penrickton Center) and is not in the best of health either.



The reason I need the funds for a kidney transplant is because my doctor is trying to push the transplant team into doing my transplant as soon as possible. At the present time, I'm at stage five kidney failure. My kidneys are only functioning at 11%. The goal was to have the transplant before I go on dialysis.

The kidney transplant team at Beaumont Hospital suggested we start fundraising to deficit the cost of my transplant. Also for the medications I will be on for the rest of my life, of which my medical insurance does not cover. There is an alternative reason too. I am in need of extensive dental care and cannot receive my transplant until I am able to get my teeth taken care of.

I do not have the funds to do this because we are still paying for three hospital stays from my wife who had two surgeries within 10 months time in the past two years. She was diagnosed with diverticulosis, hiatal hernia, and an ulcer the first hospital round. She had a gall bladder attack and had emergency surgery to remove the gall bladder the second hospital stay. The third stay was for a total hip replacement, of which we are also still paying the surgeons bill.

I am concerned about the burden this is putting on my entire family. I don't like asking for help, but sometimes situations that are out of your control make you swallow your pride and ask for help. So if there is anyone who can sympathize with me and are able and willing to help me, please find it in your heart to help me reach my goal. I would be eternally grateful for any assistance you could deposit in my account. Thank you for reading my story and please share this with anyone whom you might think would be willing to lend a helping hand, too.

[www.gofundme.com/u98mdgbg](http://www.gofundme.com/u98mdgbg)





## **Leader Dogs for the Blind is Accepting Applications for their 2016 Summer Experience Camp**

Do you know any teenagers who could use a week of fun, outdoor activity and friendship this summer? Do you think they would enjoy kayaking, rock wall climbing and tandem biking? How about the challenge of developing new travel skills and stretching their independence? If so, the Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience Camp was designed with them in mind.

The program combines outdoor activities with things exclusively Leader Dog—GPS training and the opportunity to spend time with Leader Dogs in training and guide dog mobility instructors. The combination will help them increase the skills they need to live independently!

Summer Experience Camp is for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind. The program is completely free including airfare to Michigan—and everyone receives a free HumanWare Trekker Breeze+ GPS device to keep. Summer Experience Camp is scheduled for June 25—July 2, 2016. Applications are due by April 1, 2016. For more information and to download an application, go to [www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp](http://www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp) or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at [888-777-5332](tel:888-777-5332).



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are Clinton Valley Lion's Day!!!!



Selling begins at 5:30 pm, with BINGO beginning at 6:30 pm.

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Join the Clinton Valley Lions for FUN and Friendship!

Spread the word to all BINGO players!

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