

District 11-A2 Roaring News

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Greetings, Fellow Lions!

The winds of change are blowing throughout the District as we see many Lions stepping into new leadership roles, both at the Club and at the District level. We can look back on the past year under the leadership of Governor Leach with pride because of all that we have accomplished. And we can look ahead to the coming year with all of the hopes and challenges that it will bring under the leadership of Governor-elect Patti Barr. It is an exciting time to be a part of the greatest District in Lionism!

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!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
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Well this is it, my last article as your Governor. I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting me throughout this year and the previous two years as I made my way up to being Governor of this great District.

We still have a few weeks left until the year is over. Let's all try and make sure that we finish strong!. It is my hope everyone's

White Cane collections went well. I know that there are a bunch of club projects and fundraisers going on or coming up soon, and hopefully they are all successful and help to ensure that you can support your community.

This is the final month of this Lionistic year. It has been so great being with all of you and growing as a Lion. There have definitely been some challenges, both personally and in Lionism, but I think that we got through all of it okay together. I am really looking forward to next year, not just because I will be a Past District Governor, but because I think we have a fantastic Governor's team coming in. With Governor Patti taking over and VDG's John and Jack right behind her, we are in good hands in terms of Leadership. Also, don't forget that we have a 2nd VDG Candidate already in the wings. He will be a great addition to the team, as well. Governor Patti picked a lot of great Lions to be on her Cabinet, so it should really be a great year coming up.

Well, I think I am going to end it here. You have had to listen to me all year so I think I will just keep it short this time.

I would really like to see you on Saturday, September 10th, if you can make it. It will be my last time to thank all of you again for all that you have done for me.

Thank you for all you have done and for all you serve.

Governor Jim



First Vice-District Governor Patti Barr

“RAISING THE BARR!!!”

I hope everyone had an opportunity to spend some time with your mother on Mother's Day or at least kept her in your thoughts and prayers. Father's Day is coming up please don't forget to honor your father.

The weather has been outstanding. Novi Lions just participated in the Novi Memorial Day Parade with a lot of help from the Lions Air Force. The 5 bi-winged airplanes and 1 tri-winged airplane was brought to us by the Stockbridge Lions Club. Have you ever seen the planes? They are amazing! There are 3 red planes indicating danger – the bad guys, Cataracts, Diabetes and Glaucoma. The others are 3 yellow planes – the good guys named Leader Dog, Michigan Eye Bank and Michigan Lions Service Foundation. The Squadron engages in “dog fights” using their machine guns which fires water at each other and anyone in the parade audience they chose. They also engage in “formation flying”. The planes are always a big hit in Novi's parade and we are able to get them every other year.



I will be heading to Fukuoka, Japan on June 19th for Governor's School and the International Lions Convention with the President of my Lions Club and incoming Zone Chair Mary Barbosa. Unfortunately, Lion Doc will be staying home. Many of you knew we left the MD 11 Convention just before the banquet because Doc was feeling ill. Turns out he had a slower than normal heart rate. I guess you could say Doc was feeling REALLY laid back. But he approved Lion Mary and I to travel together. I feel like saying, look out Japan, here we come. No, I will behave myself and represent our District well.

In May we instated a Zone Chair Training recommended by Lions Clubs International with the help of GLT Kimberly Thiede and PCC Paul Hemeryck. Regions Chairs were invited so they were aware of what the ZC's worked on. I have to admit a great deal was covered in an online Governors training. This was a great refresher course for me. Other Cabinet Members have their own training so we left them out, sorry.

Thank you to all the clubs that have invited me to Install your Officers for 2016-2017. Enjoy the beautiful June weather and activities your club participates in.



2VDG John Bingham, Jr.'s Travel Corner

My big year starts soon and will be looking for cabinet members. It starts in August with the council of governor's meeting and trying to learn all the responsibilities I'll be involved with.

Thanks to all those who have offered their support for the upcoming year as First Vice and good luck to DG Patti on her trip to Japan.





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 Heather Shortway, sponsored by Marilyn Moore.

The Centerline Lions Club welcomes Lewis Moeller, no specified sponsor.

The Pontiac Lions Club welcomes Virginia Emanuel, sponsored by Laurie Bishop.

The Pontiac Lions Club welcomes Mark Holland, sponsored by Laurie Bishop.

The Pontiac Lions Club welcomes Lisa Holland sponsored by Laurie Bishop.

The Clawson Lions Club welcomes Tim Brown, sponsored by Howie Airriess.

The Eastpointe Lions Club welcomes Kim Fretter, sponsored by Rhonda Furby-Johnstone.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Virginia Ciaramitaro, sponsored by John Begin.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Mike Pikelis, sponsored by Jack Patton.

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

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Gary Caldwell, sponsored by Jay Caldwell.

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Christopher Hines, sponsored by Dan Bailey.

What's Going On Around the District?



The Madison Heights Lions participated in their
Memorial Day Parade on May 28th.





A Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to help a Hazel Park family in great need was recently sponsored by local firefighters at their station. This family had their van, which was specially outfitted for their young son who has Down's Syndrome, stolen. Although many sources of funds have been received for this family, they have a ways to go to replace this special van. Lion Jan Parisi, Lion Dorothy Bell, Lion Linda Brenizer and Lion Harold Brenizer were in attendance.



In attendance at a recent meeting of the Hazel Park Lions Club was Cindy Truba Hutchinson, the very first woman to join the 11A2 District Lion Clubs in 1987. Cindy, along with husband Henry Hutchinson presented an idea for Green Acres Park, an outside all weather gym area. Giving back to the community is certainly Cindy's mission!

The MD11 Convention and Picnic Hosted by the Sterling Heights Lions





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.





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 or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at [888-777-5332](tel:888-777-5332).



BINGO is back at Rosemack and Tuesdays
are Clinton Valley Lion's Day!!!!



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

\$2500 up for grabs every Tuesday!

Join the Clinton Valley Lions for FUN and Friendship!

Spread the word to all BINGO players!

Rosemack Hall is newly re-modeled and is bright and beautiful!

