

District 11-A2 Roaring News

May 2016



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Greetings, Fellow Lions!

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Ghandi

I came across this quotation recently and it spoke to me. I came to Lionism later in life than I wish that I had. The satisfaction that I get from helping others is indescribable, as is the fellowship that I have found with like-minded people who give freely of themselves for their communities. Introduce someone that you know to Lionism and encourage them to experience the joy of finding themselves!

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!

First of all, I would like to wish everyone out there who is fortunate enough to be a mother, Happy Mother's Day, I hope you had a great day as you all deserve it.

April was a great month. We had our Convention and it seemed like everyone who was there had a great time. I need to congratulate District Governor-Elect Patti, you are going to be a great leader for this District, taking us even higher than we are and to so many great things.



Also, congratulations to 1st Vice District Governor-Elect John and 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Jack, you two will do a fantastic job this year. I was very honored to have International Director Kembra Smith as our guest for the Convention. She is an amazing Lion and was pleasant to talk to and listen to as she had some great stories and information to pass on. I need to also congratulate Lioness Lynn Voisich, Kim Thiede and Jack Patton for receiving Presidential Appreciation Certificates. All three of you are so deserving of this award and much more. Also, congratulations to Past District Governor Rich Pfeiffer on receiving the Distinguished Service Award for all of his hard work in the District and for the District. I couldn't end this paragraph without saying congratulations to First Lady Kim on getting her Melvin Jones Fellowship. Your "Other Dad" would have been so proud!! I want to thank everyone who was at the Convention, it meant a lot to me to have all of you there.

Also in April we had our last Cabinet meeting which was very well attended. It was good to hear what was going on and what is coming up with all of our projects. The Center Line Lions Club held their 53rd Past District Governors Dinner. What a great evening to be able to spend time with many of our past leaders and to listen to some of their stories. The annual Madonna Dinner was also held, a very nice evening for a very worthy cause. The Lioness' District meeting was next. What a great group! They are such a wonderful addition to our Lions' family. On top of that, their fall project was First Lady Kim's Coin for Camp. They raised over \$1,200!

When Kim presents the check to Dennis in September, it will really be something that we can all be proud of.

I need to thank all of you Lions and Clubs who donated to the generator for Lion Phillip's son. He is home and doing physical therapy so he can get strong enough for the heart transplant operation. Lion Larry and his crew of Hazel Park, Center Line and Clawson Lions did an amazing job on the ramp and did it so quickly. I really, really need to thank Lion Jim Lykins for taking over the whole generator end of this. He knew what was needed, got it ordered, delivered it to the house and installed it. Some great assistance came in the form of Zone Chair Bob Erickson. I also need to thank Lion Joe from the Shelby Township Lions who installed the gas line. I am sure that there are people that I have forgot to mention who had part in this great project and I want to thank you too and apologize for not calling you out personally as well.

Upcoming in May is the Multiple District Convention on May 13th & 14th, right here in our District being held at the Wyndham Gardens Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. Should be a great time. The Bear Lake Golf outing will be on Sunday, May 15th and the Penrickton Spring Picnic is on Friday, May 20th.

So, this year is getting close to being done, but we still have time to make sure that our communities are taken care of. White Cane Week is finishing up and many clubs have fundraisers and projects coming up to raise money to see that they are taken care of. Let's finish up the year strong making sure we did our best and did everything we could.

Thank you for all you do and all you serve.

Talk to you next month.

Governor Jim



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

District Governor– Elect Patti Barr

“RAISING THE BARR!!!”

What a great District Convention! Thank you, Gov Jim, PDG Rich and the Convention Committee.

I encourage more Lions to attend a District Convention in the future. It's a great time to let your hair down, enjoy fellowship and learn more about Lionism. Perrysburg Holiday Inn was a great location, offers a great atmosphere with lots of connections for many of us. Gov Jim and his Dad had a connection to Perrysburg; Doc and I were both elected District Governor in Perrysburg. Thank you for putting your trust in me and electing me your District Governor. Please know I am here for you, your club and our District. I look forward to our year together.

I am working on my committee assignments. If you have not had an opportunity to submit a form to request a committee, just send me an email ppbarr@aol.com and let me know your interest.

Club Secretaries! Please be sure to send me your PU 101 electronically or by snail mail so I will have your officers and club information in the 2016-2017 District Roster Book. Accuracy is important!

Madonna University Kick-Off Dinner was held last month. A question was asked by an 11-A2 Lion regarding Sign Language which prompted a very interesting presentation on the different forms of sign language. Who Knew? I also didn't know that Michigan is 7th in the country with deaf population.

Hope to see you around the District somewhere, maybe at the Beaumont Silent Children Dinner, or the Penrickton Picnic, the Bear Lake Work Bee, or maybe the Multiple District Convention being held right here in our District – Sterling Heights.

I have my gold ribbon! Thank you for all that brought one to me. I had some offers to pull the gold ribbon off their own Lions pin. P.S. My Club President came through.

So as I always ask ... have you turned your purple ribbon gold?



1VDGE John Bingham, Jr.'s Travel Corner



First of all, I would like to express my thanks to each of you who voted for me as the upcoming 1VDG.

It has been a quick couple of years and I am looking forward to the upcoming year and my becoming the Centennial Governor in 2017.

I will be starting to look for my Cabinet and Zone Chairs for my year as Governor. Anyone who might be interested, please let me know.

I am excited to work with Governor Patti this coming year and for the additional training I will attend to become the best Governor that I can be.

Remember the Beaumont Silent Child Dinner on May 18th at the San Marino Club. Thank-you to all clubs in the District for your past contributions. Also, please remember the Billboard Campaign and their request for \$100 towards this statewide project.

1VDGE John Bingham, Jr.



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

Happy Spring!

Hopefully the weather has turned itself around and we are headed for warm temps and sunny skies!! It always seems to brighten the mood and the day when we have beautiful weather to bask in!!

I know that some of you attended the District 11-A2 Convention in Perrysburg, Ohio a couple weeks ago, and I think it is safe to assume that a great time was had by all!! FYI ~ Next year's convention will be in Holland, MI, March 31, 2017 thru April 1, 2017.

Important Dates to Remember:

Beaumont Silent Children Dinner Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Bear Lake Work Day Saturday, May 21, 2016

Bear Lake Open House Sunday, July 3, 2016

JDRF Walk Sunday, September 25, 2016

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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lvoisich@yahoo.com



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



Save the Date



Celebrate the Armada Lions Club 75th Anniversary!

The Event will be held on July 30, 2016 at the Creek Center Banquet Hall in Armada. A cocktail reception will begin at 5:30, with dinner served at 6:15. The cost to attend is \$25 per person and early reservations are encouraged.

Past International Director John Walker of Arizona will be the guest speaker, taking the podium at 7:30.

For reservations, please contact PDG Robert Wylin by telephone at 586-212-1301, or by email at finandfeather@hotmail.com. You can also contact Lion Gary Pompaleous at 586-612-1597, or by email at pompi54@hotmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MACOMB TWP LIONESSES!



From L to R: Governor Jim Leach, Jr., Terry Webster, Judy Kukuk, District Lioness Liaison Ginnie Nizol, Fran Black, Bev Nagengast, Joyce Horner and Karen Brewer.

FOR BEING SELECTED LIONESSES CLUB OF THE YEAR FOR 2014-2015!



Welcome

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

The Center Line Lions Club welcomes John Hanselman, sponsored by Robert Binson.

The Center Line Lions Club welcomes Dennis Champine, sponsored by Robert Binson.

The Romeo Lions Club welcomes Mike Fillbrook, sponsored by Gary Schocke.

The Romeo Lions Club welcomes Ruth Fillbrook, sponsored by Gary Schocke.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Porscha Pennington, sponsored by Karon Cummings.

The Pontiac Lions Club welcomes Craig Jefferson, sponsored by Laurie Bishop.

The Eastpointe Lions Club welcomes Benedict Bommarito, sponsored by Paul Hemeryck.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Amy Cummings, sponsored by James Vantine.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Lee Riddle, sponsored by Debbie Riddle.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Susan Hollingshead, no sponsor listed.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Cathy Patton, no sponsor listed.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Jeff McBride, no sponsor listed.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Shane McBride, no sponsor listed.

The Wixom/Walled Lake Lions Club welcomes Scott Nauman, sponsored by David Nauman.
The Wixom/Walled Lake Lions Club welcomes Jack Bonenberger, sponsored by Don Kuechle.
The Wixom/Walled lake Lions Club welcomes Darlene Bonenberger, sponsored by Don Kuechle.

Special thanks goes to Membership Statistician Lion Larry Cole for providing this membership report.

This is what we do....



When Governor Leach brought it to the District's attention that one of our own was in need of some help, Lions Clubs sprang into action. PRC Phil Maniaci's son Joey, due home from the hospital after battling a serious heart infection, required a generator and a ramp to be installed at his home. Joey awaits a donated heart and must have uninterrupted electrical service to operate life-saving equipment. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of Lions from throughout the District, his needs have been met.

CONVENTION!!!

The Parade of Banners!





2nd VDG-elect Jack Patton is shown here receiving a Lifetime Member Award from Governor Jim Leach.

International Director Kembra Smith brought her infectious spirit to the convention while bringing everyone up to speed with what is happening on the international level.



ID Kembra Smith enjoyed presenting several awards to deserving recipients, including a Presidential Appreciation Award for Lioness Liaison Lynn Voisich.



A tearful CS Kimberly Thiede receives her Presidential Appreciation Award from ID Kembra Smith.



A highlight of the evening occurred when Governor Leach presented First Lady Kim Leach with a Melvin Jones Award. Many thanks go to the First Lady for her years of service, both as a Lion and as a dedicated supporter of Lionism and of District 11-A2



PDG Tom "Too Tall" Hill presented PDG Rich Pfeiffer with a Distinguished Service Award commemorating his many years of Service to the community through Lionism.



ID Kembra Smith was given the honor of installing Lion Scotty Nauman, son of PCST David Nauman, as the newest member of the Wixom/Walled Lake Lions Club. Lion Scotty, shown here with PDG Connie Shelton and his proud father, could barely contain his excitement as he joined the tradition of service in District 11-A2!

Convention Shenanigans!!



DGE Patti Barr and PDG Doc Barr show off their post-convention apparel... Doc's shirt proudly bears his name, HOG (Husband of Governor) while hers proclaims, "I love my HOG"!



No Convention would be complete without our beloved District Tail Twister, Joe Hildebrand!!



Boy, SOMETHING sure was funny!!! But I guess what happens at Convention, stays at Convention, right?



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.



Where to mail your donations:

BEAR LAKE (LIONS VISUALLY IMPAIRED
YOUTH CAMP

CHM Jim Pettinato PDG

3400 Ashley Drive

Lake Orion, MI 48359

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

CHM Frank Cunningham PCC

Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 S. Rochester Rd.

Rochester Hills, MI. 48307

BEAUMONT SILENT CHILDRENS FUND

Beaumont Hospital – RO Speech and
Language Pathology

3535 W 13 Mile Rd, Suite 102

Royal Oak MI 48073

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

CHM PDG Tony Capozzo

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Department 4547

Carol Stream, IL 60122

All checks should have the Club ID number
or the Member ID number in the memo
section.

District 11-A2 Hearing Aid Program

Paul Ostby

35745 Pound Road

Richmond, MI 48062

LIONS HEARING CENTER OF MICHIGAN

CHM Phil Wells

41153 OakHill Drive

Clinton Twp, MI 48038

District 11-A2 Project KidSight, Inc.

Paul Hemeryck PCC

25509 Kelly Rd.

Roseville, MI. 48066

LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND
CHM David McKenzie PRC
271 Reitman Ct.
Rochester, MI 48307

PENRICKTON CENTER FOR BLIND CHILDREN
CHM Richard Maxwell PRC
18701 Walmer Lane
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION
Robert Bobee, PDG
39711 Warren
Canton, MI 48187

SIGHT CONSERVATION/DIABETES
CHM Roger Blackwell PZC
4555 Windswept Drive
Milford, MI 48380

MADONNA UNIVERSITY-LIONS HEARING PROGRAM
CHM Chuck Spadafore PRC
180 S Telegraph Rd Ste A
Waterford, MI 48328

Eversight Michigan (formerly MICHIGAN EYE BANK)
CHM Patti Barr
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4889 Venture Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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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!

