

District 11-A2

November 2016

Roaring News

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As we approach the Thanksgiving season and reflect what we are thankful for, let's not forget being thankful for our Lion-istic families. It is incredible how we make such lasting friendships serving those in need together. When we gather at Club, Region or Cabinet Meetings and even Conventions it feels like we're family. We have just completed two of our three Region Meetings during our second round and what great attendance and great reports. I am thankful for District 11-A2 Lions Clubs dedication to "We Serve". Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Congratulations to:

- Hazel Park Lions Club for receiving the 2015-2016 Club Excellence Award
- Alan Kideckel, Berkley Lions Club President for receiving a 2 Membership Key
- Troy Community Lions Club for participating in the Peace Poster Contest. I have a winning poster to take to the next level
- Dave Nauman, Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club for finding a low vision reader for a stroke victim; giving him the gift of sight and the ability to read.
- Lion Peggy Burleson, Hazel Park Lions Club for receiving the stuffed Lion that is going around the District in place of the full size mannequin, Manny, that has disappeared. You will have to ask Lion Peggy why 2VDG Jack thought she deserved "Lionel".

Upcoming Events:

- Don't forget Leader Dog Kick-off Dinner Thursday, December 1st at Palazzo Grande. Seating is limited to the first 300 people. This includes, District 11-A1, 11-A2 and A-1. Top Dog Clubs will be recognized.
- Penrickton Adopt-A-Child Christmas is Monday, December 5th.



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Everyone is invited to the District Christmas Party on Friday, December 9 held at the Sterling Heights Lions Clubhouse.

Way to go, membership is up in our district so you are turning your purple ribbons platinum!

The Hazel Park Lions Club hosted the Region II Meeting on November 14, 2016. I had the pleasure of installing Lion Danny Gjelij as their newest member. Lion Danny was sponsored by Lion Dorothy Bell. **We Serve** is well known by Lion Danny already who has served as their caterer at club meetings for the past two years. We look forward to Lion Danny bringing his caring heart to the Hazel park Lions Club in service.



Join Us in Celebrating — 100 YEARS —

The Lions of District 11-A2 will come together to celebrate 100 years of Lionism!!

The event will take place on June 3, 2017 at DeCarlo's Banquet facility in Warren. The cost is \$75.00 per couple/\$40 per person and will include dinner, dancing, an anniversary pin and a short program.

Keep the date open and watch for a flyer to come out in the near future!



Congratulations to Shelby Twp Lion Ray Confer for receiving a Special Tribute Award for lifetime achievement from Michigan's Governor Rick Snyder. The award was presented at Shelby's Wine Tasting event by our State Representative Pete Lucido and was given in recognition of all Lion Ray does, not only for Shelby Lions Club but other organizations in the community. This is truly a well deserved award for Lion Ray. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

And as always....



1VDG John Bingham, Jr



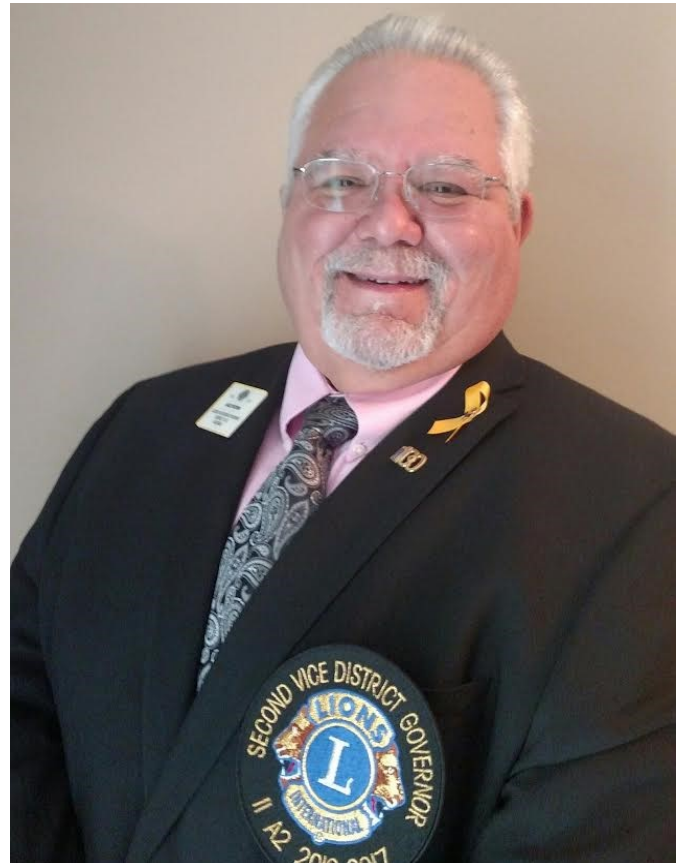
What a great past few weeks! At the Leadership Institute I had a wonderful time in the Master's Program with Lions Jim Boomer, Roger Blackwell and Wally Stamper. Over 26% of those in attendance across all three levels (Leadership, Graduate and Masters) were from District 11-A2! Congratulations to one and all! Through a contribution from a friend of Lion Dick Wolff from my Pontiac Lions Club, 19,260 new eyeglass frames were boxed for shipment to Grand Rapids by Dick, myself, Jerry Sedick, Leo Schaefer and Dave Rinke. I continue to visit clubs and meet all of the Great Lions from our District!



2VDG Jack Patton

Well, October is gone and November is here. I visited seven clubs and attended the Penrickton kick off dinner, and all of it was great fun. As 2VDG I inducted a new board for the Utica Lions and inducted two new members in my own club. Speaking of new members, my hat is off to you all who brought in the District's twelve new members this past month; two at Lake Orion, one at Hazel Park, three at Center Line, three at Fraser, and three at Ortonville!! Great job!!

Sponsors, please remember that it is your duty to keep them active and to keep them informed about what is going on in your club. Call your new members and ask them to participate!! This is just another way in which we we climb the mountain of success together.



I have been appointed by the Governor to pass out Monarch Chevrons to the clubs in Region II. This gives me an opportunity to meet some of the longtime community servers in the clubs. If I have visited your club already and you didn't get the Chevrons for your club members, I will pass them along to your Club President at the next upcoming Region II meetings.

I was personally bummed that I could only make **ONE** of the **FIVE** club/district/state fund raiser projects on November 4th. Like all clubs, I know these people count on attendees at their fund raisers. Something should change in communication so this does not happen. Maybe someone from the District should receive, well ahead of time, the schedule of District/Club event dates, so Lion members are aware of all of the events. Most of the events have annual calendar dates of their events, so maybe this communication can be funneled to one person at the District. It's all about communication within our own District. (I am talking about big money makers, not the monthly fundraiser.) I don't know, just food for thought. Well, that's it for now, so you all have a safe and great Thanksgiving, and we will see you at the next Region meeting or Club visit. As usual, if you need anything from our District leaders please contact me.

Yours in Lionism,

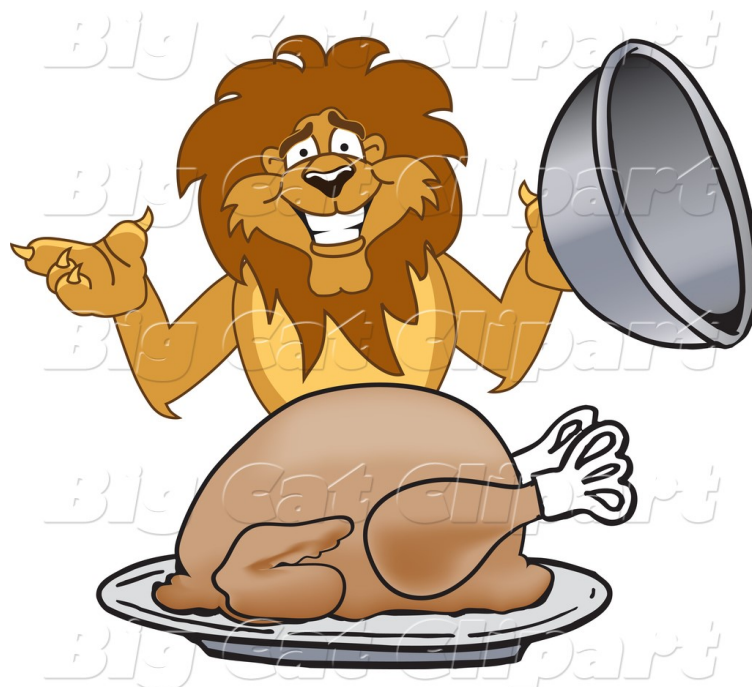
Lion Jack Patton

Lioness Liaison Lorie Papa

Christmas will soon be here. So much shopping, wrapping presents, and decorate Christmas tree. It is a very busy time of the year. Sometimes we forget the people around us! But please remember those in need of food, and clothing or cards and packages for the military, and all the people who do you a service like policemen, firemen, doctors, nurses and even the Mailman. They all need respect and kindness. Merry Christmas to all



Lioness Liaison Lorie



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The District is required to submit a report by December 15 on clubs activities related to the Centennial Service Challenge and Legacy Project activities.

Please send information regarding the activities that your club is participating in related to the above items to the following email address: jamespettinato@att.net

To learn more about the Service Challenge and Legacy project you can go to www.LCICentennial@lionsclubs.org

Lion Jim Pettinato, District Centennial Coordinator



Reminder...

Lion Leo and Lion Dave will be at all Region Meetings to collect used eye glasses. Please bring your glasses in sealed boxes and without cases. They also will collect any used hearing aids.

MD 11 Media Campaign Unveils Preliminary Mockup Club Contributions Still Needed!



The MD 11 PR Committee has recently unveiled the preliminary mock up for the Centennial Media Campaign advertisements. We've come a long way in our fundraising efforts with over 100 clubs from around the state participating so far, and \$13,000 in total club contributions!

With a goal of \$20,000 from club support by the end of the calendar year, we have a ways to go yet. Has YOUR club contributed? We've asked each club to contribute \$100 (though all amounts are gratefully accepted). Any contribution of \$200 or more will earn an exclusive banner patch your club can display with pride! This is a once-in-our-lifetime opportunity to celebrate 100 Years of Service, and to come together with clubs from all corners of Michigan. With a relatively small contribution from each club, we can have a HUGE impact on awareness of who we are and what we do, and potentially on membership and donations as well.

This campaign will encompass digital media, radio ads, freeway & surface street billboards, and a customizable poster for each club to use in local businesses, schools, churches, etc. There is also a possibility of some TV advertising; the more resources we have to work with, the more extensive (and effective!) the campaign can be.

If your club is on the list below, we thank you for your support! If not, please consider joining this historic campaign. (Please note this list is current through 7/31/16) Checks can be made payable to "Lions of Michigan" and sent to the State Office at 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911. Please note 'Media Campaign' on the memo line.

Please feel free to contact MD 11 PR Chair Lion Laura Hunt at 248-766-7268 or laurahunt1027@gmail.com with any questions.

Notes From the Editor...

Hello, Everyone!

It has been a very busy month for yours truly! But then again, aren't we all busy this time of year?? I had the good fortune to attend the Michigan Lions Leadership Conference in Higgins Lake on November 11-13. If you have not yet made it to the conference, then you really must make it a priority! I would wager that you will not find a better organized and executed Leadership



Conference anywhere else. The instructors are dedicated to making certain that you get the most out of your experience and they are truly masters of the material that they teach! There is information presented on a variety of topics such as communication, time management, team building, personality types, along with the dreaded public speaking exercises! I have attended three years running now, surviving the Tinker Toy exercise, the two-minute speech and the ten-minute speech! The Leadership Team certainly encourages you to move outside of your comfort zone, and once the experience is behind you then you realize just how much growth you are capable of!

Now don't tell anyone, but a great deal of fun is had at the Conference, as well! Perhaps that goes without saying; it is rather expected that fun will be had when over 100 Lions get together, isn't it? Each evening the students and faculty gather together in the lodge for entertainment, story and joke telling, music and laughter. Several times throughout the evening you can hear, "What happens in Higgins Lake, stays in Higgins Lake!".

Perhaps one of the most valuable aspects of the Leadership Conference lies in the relationships that develop between Lions from different Districts and walks of life. Ideas and experiences are shared and friendships are discovered. Surprisingly we often find that in our differences we realize just how similar we are!

When the sign-up sheet for the Leadership Conference comes around at your Club next year, please give it some thought and step outside of your comfort zone. You won't be sorry that you did!



A room full of proud Leadership Institute graduates, including our beloved District Tail Twister, Bob Blanchette!



Pictured here are Instructor Jack Pyle, PID Bill Hansen, Fraser Lions Club President Kim Thiede, ID Jennifer Ware and PCC Paul Hemeryck are shown here at the closing ceremonies properly recognizing an International Director's birthday!



Shown here are the Armada Lions alongside of their sister club, the Strathmore Lions from Strathmore, Ontario, Canada. They have been sister-clubs since 1976!

This is the beautiful bench that was presented to the Armada Lions in honor of the Club's 75th anniversary.



Brothers in Lionism!!



Does anyone know who these two lazy Lions are??? They were spotted recently at the JDRF walk, held on the beautiful Detroit Riverfront in late September. This shameful behavior should catch the attention of our Tail Twister.. Oh, wait.... Mr. Blanchette, is that you?

JDRF | ONE™
WALK
FOR A WORLD WITHOUT TYPE 1 DIABETES **T1D**

Many thanks to
Lion Larry Cole,
Membership
Statistician, for
providing this
information..



I WANT YOU

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Phillip Steele, sponsored by Wendy Siegle

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Rob Robinson III, sponsored by Daniel Hartwell.

The Hazel Park Lions Club welcomes Amy Kruppe, sponsored by Rachel Noth.

The Center Line Lions Club welcomes Andrew Rafaidus, sponsored by George Rafaidus

The Center Line Lions Club welcomes Patrick Minnick, sponsored by Jerry Brzezicki

The Center Line Lions Club welcomes Daniel Snyder, sponsored by Andrew McKinnon

The Fraser Lions Club welcomes Stanley Russell, sponsored by Walter Stamper

The Fraser Lions Club welcomes Marilyn Russell, sponsored by Walter Stamper

The Fraser Lions Club welcomes Patrick Russell, sponsored by Walter Stamper

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Thomas Sharpe, unspecified sponsor.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Frances Sharpe, unspecified sponsor.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Leslie Baker, sponsored by Kimberly Bishop



ATTENTION ALL PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

THE 2016-2017 WHO'S WHO IN MICHIGAN LIONISM

WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE.

**TO OBTAIN YOUR COPY PLEASE SEND A \$10.00 CHECK
PAYALBE TO THE PDG ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN**

TO

**PCC BOB JENKINS, PRESIDENT
PDG ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN
14282 VENICE DRIVE
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48313-4341
RWJ045@GMAIL.COM
QUESTIONS 586-532-7385**

YOUR \$10 PAYS YOUR 2016-2017 PDG ASSOC. OF MI DUES

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THE WHO'S WHO WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT EITHER THE

CABINET, REGION, ZONE MEETINGS OR MAILED.

**PDG's
(Providing Direction & Guidance)**

KICK-OFF

Thursday, December 1, 2016

at the **Palazzo Grande** located at:
54660 Van Dyke Avenue • Shelby Twp, MI 48315

Come celebrate Leader Dogs for the Blind and Lions clubs of 11-A-2, 11-A-1 and A-1

Bring a donation that is at least 10% more than the donation your club contributed to the 2015 kick-off parade of checks last year and earn a special kick-off patch for your club banner.



EVENT ACTIVITIES

- 6 p.m. Cash Bar and Gift Shop Booth opens
- 7 p.m. Dinner
- 8 p.m. Parade of Checks and Program

Tickets \$25 or buy a table of 8 for \$175

SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 300 PEOPLE!



PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 21, 2016

888/777.5332 ext. 2074

Please fill out and return with check made **payable to:** Leader Dogs for the Blind
Mail to: 1039 S. Rochester Road • Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307

Club Name: _____ Number Attending: _____ X \$25 = _____

OR Tables of 8: _____ X \$175 = _____

Names of Attendees (please print): _____

Please use other side for additional names of attendees →

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

* Please note any special dietary requirements (i.e. gluten free, vegetarian, etc.) on other side

dine^{paw}with dogs

Supporting Leader Dogs for the Blind



JOIN US

**Thursday
December 1st
ALL DAY**

**@
The Lodge Grill & Bar
2812 Orchard Lake Rd
Keego Harbor**



*Thank you for your support.
- Savannah Rose (Born 7/6/16)*

20% of your check donated to:
Dine-in or carry-out.
Must show or mention this flyer.



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND

Not valid with any other coupon, discount or special. Flyers may not be distributed at The Lodge on the day of the event, if this occurs the event will be canceled.

Merry Christmas



DISTRICT 11-A2

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Every Lion/Guest in the District is Welcome!

Friday, December 9, 2016

Sterling Heights Lions Clubhouse

12828 Canal Rd

Sterling Heights

6:00 PM – 11:30 PM



Please bring a dish to pass

Last names beginning with:

A thru G = Main Dish

H thru M = Appetizer

N thru S = Vegetable/Salad

T thru Z = Dessert

Contest

Ugly Christmas Sweater

Contest





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.

