

District 11-A2

May 2017

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Happy Mother's Day! I found an interesting quotation from Mitch Albom that seems appropriate - "I realize when you look at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know". Here's to Mother's everywhere.

We had a wonderful time at the Madonna Dinner. As we were hearing about Madonna's program, we were entertained by two youngsters. I don't think it was planned but they stole the show.

Welcome back PDG Bill and MaryAlyce Lupher from Pennsylvania. It was nice to see you at our last Cabinet Meeting for the year. Speaking of our last Cabinet Meeting, oh no, my year serving as your District Governor is almost complete. What a wonderful year it has been. More on this later.

Thank you to the Centerline Lions Club for hosting a Past District Governors Dinner. It is always a wonderful event. Great food and fellowship.

The Lions had their Legislative Day at the Capitol in Lansing. They had an opportunity to connect with their legislators and explain why we need to collect on the streets. We have recently learned that our request for Roadway Collections as passed the House and is now on to the Senate.

Congratulations to Lion Kimberly Thiede for receiving a 2017 Macomb County Volunteer Recognition. Lion Kimberly is the first female president of the Fraser Lions Club, she secured a donation from the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation for the victims of the Fraser Sink Hole, she serves as the District's GLT (Global Leadership Trainer) and much more. Speaking of Fraser and the



Sink Hole Victims, I am not sure if I mentioned what an outstanding event Fraser Lions Dana Freres and Patrick O'Dell put together to raise funds for victims. Thank you.

Multiple Convention in Traverse City was awesome!. What a great time to meet other Lions from the great State of Michigan!

Don't forget to join us for our District Centennial Celebration Dinner Dance on Saturday, June 3rd at DeCarlo's Banquet Center. Great food, premium bar and a 100th Anniversary Pin. Odds are, we won't have an opportunity to celebration the next 100 years, so join us NOW!

I'm excited to report that the New Haven Leo's Club, the only Leo's Club in this District is reinstated and will be having an Induction Dinner on June 8 at 6pm at the New Haven Lions Club, 57882 Lutes St, New Haven. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP by May 31 to Lion Laura Harper at 586-690-5671.

Have a good month,
DG Patti Barr





Since I wrote my newsletter article I learned with much sadness that our District Tail Twister, Lion Bob Blanchette, had passed away suddenly. Lion Bob was dedicated to his family, his Lions Club and the District. He was looking forward to his candidacy for 2nd Vice District Governor and I know many of us were looking forward to watching him grow as a Lion Leader in our District. It is always difficult to hear of someone passing, but it is harder to deal with when it's a friend. Lion Bob was a friend to many. Rest in Peace, Lion Bob.



DGE John Bingham, Jr

My Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

What an exciting time and ride I've had getting to the point of becoming the District Governor for 11-A2! It doesn't seem possible that this adventure started 3 years ago and that in a year I will join the Has-Been Club, as Jim Leach, Jr. called it. I've never met a finer group of Has-Beens!

Though I celebrate becoming the DG it is with a heavy heart. The loss of Bob Blanchette, who had just announced he was going to run for 2nd Vice District Governor, was quite a blow. I am glad that he was able to fine me one last time as the District Tail Twister.

A good time was had by all at the Multiple District Convention and it's always great to see old friends and to make new ones, as well.

I got home from the Convention Sunday and left Monday for Rome, Italy. I am writing this article from Rome! I'm here at the invitation of one of the Italian Lions Clubs and will be attending their convention this weekend. Although this is a personal trip, it gives me the opportunity not only to make new friends, but it allows me to promote my own Great District, 11-A2!

I'm scheduled to return June 7th and then leave for the International Lions Convention in Chicago on June 26th

When I get back from Chicago I will be contacting clubs in Region 1 for club visits and I will fill in all of the other visits that I need to make.

Until I get back all I can say is: Ciao and Arriva Aderchi (probably not spelled right - ha ha as my computer died and I'm using my cellphone).

DGE John



1VDGE Jack Patton

Hey there, Fellow Lions of 11A2!!

Where did April go?? We are into May and it's great weather time to work outside and get your yards in shape before we get ready for another beginning of a great Lions year. (That is only my opinion!)

If you have not yet gone to a Madonna Dinner Night, you should really experience it for yourself. I've learned more about the deaf community than I ever knew. It seems that some school systems don't have the funds to help the hearing impaired students. This is why I am stepping up to be on the Madonna committee; ; I see a need. The word really needs to get out there that Madonna has camps for deaf children's families. Madonna actually has camps, which we can support with scholarships, that the whole family attends



in the summer where they learn how to sign with their child or sibling. It was a very informative and moving presentation that Dan McDougall gave. Please have your club support this program.

So, the next event was the Beaumont Silent Children dinner. Of course, they do a great program, and the presentation was done very well. This program is very personal to me and Lion Charlotte, and we appreciate what they do for our communities. Just because this paragraph of my letter is short does not mean that I slight this program at all; I love it and thank you Royal Oak for starting this program. Lion Charlotte says just bring tissues when you attend!! The work they do is awesome.

Moving on! I will be doing the installation of the new officers at the THE Shelby Lions Club and the THE Clawson Club. I am honored to do these installations, and proud to bring more Lions into the Pride!!

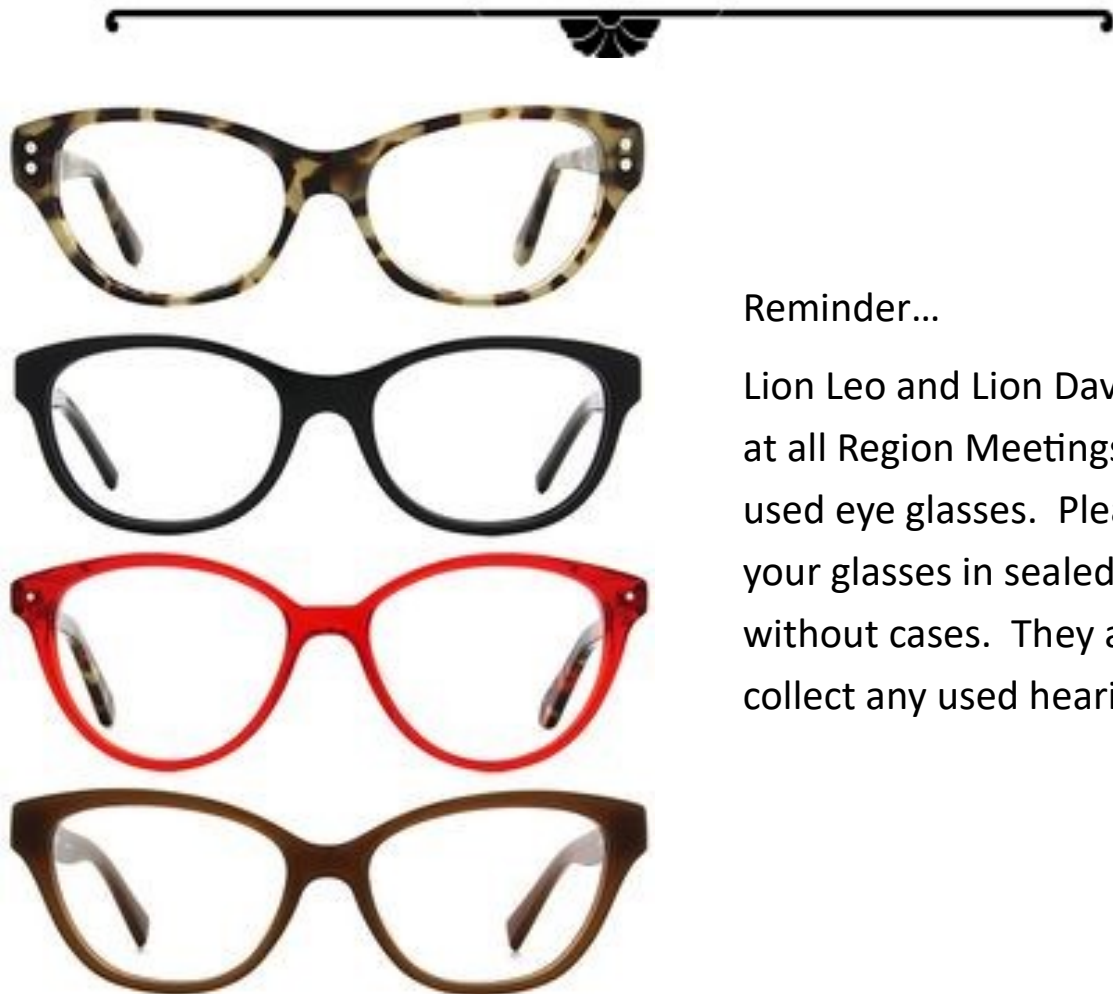
As most of you know, Lion Bob Blanchette has passed on to a greater life. We will **dearly** miss him. (Damn, the Dude was to be my 2nd DVG!) Brings tears to my eyes when I think about it. Charlotte's and my deepest sympathies go out to Cindy and the family. He will be deeply missed as a fellow Lion and as a wonderful man.

I close this letter giving thanks for what I have in life, and appreciating what God has given me for my family and friends. Live each day as if it were your last.

1VDGE Jack

Lioness Liaison

Lorie Papa



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.

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



I WANT YOU

The Troy Community Lions Club welcomes Carole Sullivan, sponsored by Jed Sprunger.

The Troy Community Lions Club welcomes Valerie Saunders, sponsored by Judi Peruski.

The Hazel Park Lions Club welcomes Jeffery Schenk, sponsored by Mary Ann Masiwchuk.

The Pontiac Lions Club welcomes Sherina Nelson, sponsored by Caraig Jefferson.

The Clawson Lions Club welcomes Bridget Morris, sponsored by Bob Blanchette.

The Clawson Lions Club welcomes Cheryl Trotter, sponsored by Bob Blanchette.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Benjamin Schelke, Tammi Graber.

The Selfridge North Macomb Lions Club welcomes Virginia Ciaramitaro, sponsored by J Kay Furby.

The Selfridge North Macomb Lions Club welcomes Colleen Hirsch, sponsored by Bob Wilson

The St. Clair Shores Lions Club welcomes Kenneth Anderson, sponsored by Dennis Oster.



Calling all Club Officers, those that are thinking about being Club Officers, or those that are just curious about it!

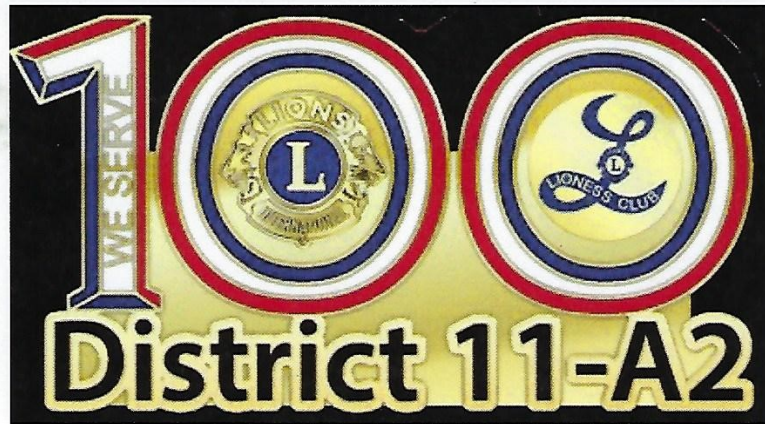
**Club Officers training will be
June 10, 2017
August 19, 2017**

Fraser Lions Den
34540 Utica Rd, Fraser, MI 48026

Doors open at 8:30am
Coffee and donuts

Session begins at 9:00am sharp

"Looking forward to our future"



**Lions District 11-A2
100th Anniversary
Celebration
Dinner Dance
Sat. June 3rd, 2017**

**DeCarlo's Banquet Center
6015 E. 10 Mile Rd, Warren, MI 48091**

*Salad, dinner rolls, roast beef, Italian sausage & cabbage rolls
plus red skin potatoes, pasta with meat sauce and cake for desert.*

All attending receives 100th anniversary pin

Doors Open 6 pm
Dinner 7 pm
Open Bar 6 -11

Premium Items Included

Tickets \$75 per couple

\$40 for individual

Contact Jim Pettinato

Payable to "Lions District 11-A2"

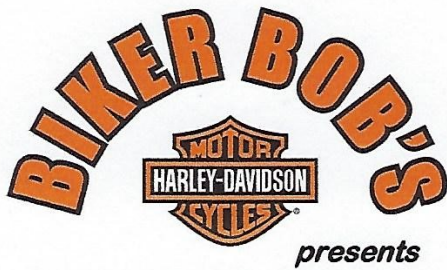
Memo: 100th Anniversary

3400 Ashley Dr. Orion, MI 48359

Music by

PZC Lion

Mike Dalecki



Again This Year!
All Bikes Will Stage
Together!



17th Annual "Ride For A Reason" June 4, 2017

All Proceeds Benefit Penrickton Center



\$20 per person (before May 12, 2017)
Same Day \$25.00 per person
ALL BIKES WELCOME!

Win a H-D[®] 2017 Street Glide[®]
Ride Pin & Rocker First 1,500 Registered
Police Escorted Ride Famous Dave's Food

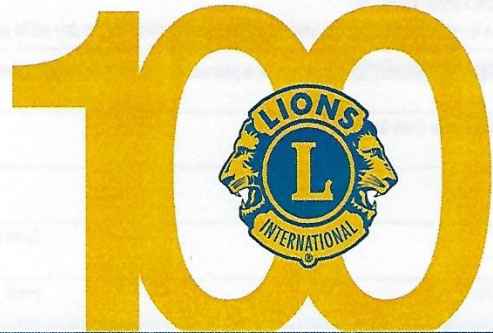
Stage at Cabela's in Dundee 10:00 a.m. / Ride Leaves Promptly at Noon!
Ride Ends at Biker Bob's Harley-Davidson[®] in Taylor, Michigan

For More Information:
Biker Bob's Harley-Davidson: 734.947.4647
Penrickton Center for Blind Children: 734.946.7500
www.penrickton.com



BE THERE.

100 YEARS OF SERVICE.
200 COUNTRIES.
1 CHANCE TO CELEBRATE.



Lions 100th Annual International Convention

June 30 – July 4, 2017

MCCORMICK PLACE
CONVENTION CENTER
CHICAGO, IL, USA

**Chicago and
The Beach Boys**
'Rock the Planet'
with our International
show headliners

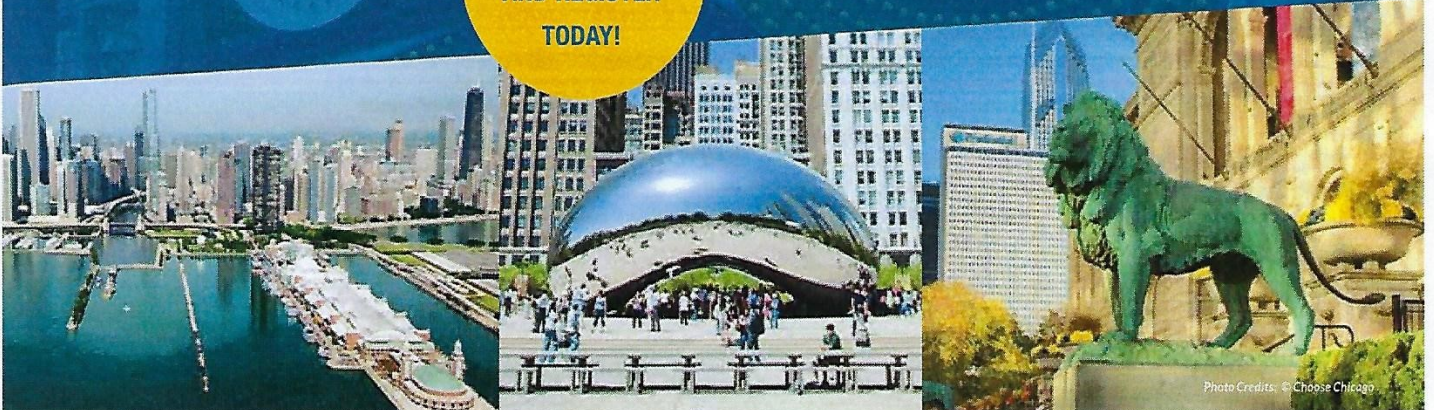
**Centennial
Exhibit**
Discover our history
through interactive
and virtual displays

Parade of Nations
Show your Lions
Pride! Located on
State Street

One Location
All the fun under
one roof at
McCormick Place

Chance to win Grand Prizes at each Plenary Session!

JOIN THE
CELEBRATION
AND REGISTER
TODAY!



Lions Clubs International

LCIcon.org

Lions Centennial International Convention Michigan Night

**Psst! Just tell them the secret words, "Jake sent me"
and the door to Tommy Guns will open!**

Welcome to our Michigan Night, Sunday July 2nd in Chicago, Illinois. Tommy Gun's Garage is Chicago's longest running interactive dinner show, featuring gangsters, flappers and You! Your evening includes your choice of:

Prime Rib,
Lasagna (meat or meatless),
Boneless Chicken Breast (Lemon Herb Sauce or Mushroom Sauce),
and Soup or Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert and Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink.

Cash bar is available. The cost for the show, dinner, tax and gratuity is \$57.00 per person. Tommy Gun's is located at 2114 S. Wabash Ave., just one half mile walk or short taxi ride from the Hyatt McCormick Place Hotel, the Michigan delegation hotel. Join us for a fun filled Michigan night, good food and good company! We have space for the first 100 people that sign up. Don't forget to include your registration form along with your payment.



Please complete the registration form below and mail with check payable to:

LIONS OF MICHIGAN

PDG Bill Simpson
706 River St.
Big Rapids, MI 49307



Names of
Attendees

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

\$ 57.00 x _____ (# of registrants) = \$ _____

Entrée choice(s) _____

MI Lions PR/Centennial Media Campaign Report

May 19, 2017

First and foremost, thank you all for your support of this campaign! I'm already hearing great things from some big names at LCI! Apparently some of this is already being shared in other states. When sharing, please use the #Lions100 where ever possible ☺

If there is anything I can do to help you & your Districts make the most of these materials, please let me know.

Lion Laura Hunt
MD 11 PR Chair
248-766-7268

Note: I will email these links to all of you so you don't have to try to type them out!

Below are the links for the FB posts with video. You may have to scroll a little to find it and if you don't see it right away close out completely and go back in. They show live in our main feed on FB.

All 3 videos on unpublished link: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/mZkfrpu0KU>

Please share the videos from existing posts; don't use this link except for personal viewing! If you can download the individual videos, you can share them that way too.

FB Posts:

60 second video:

<https://www.facebook.com/LionsOfMichigan/videos/1787266388253727/>

15 second video #1:

https://www.facebook.com/?feed_demo_ad=23842628517930099&h=AQAHXA9uwLmEzD2D

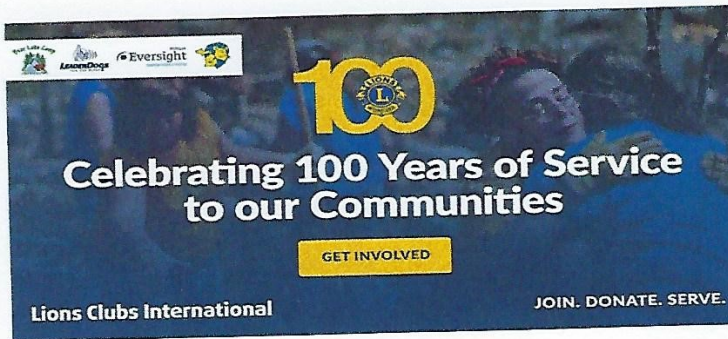
15 second video #2:

https://www.facebook.com/?feed_demo_ad=23842628517920099&h=AQBmXkp4QckAekI3

Sponsored Story w/Banner Ad:

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Our Online Header Ad:

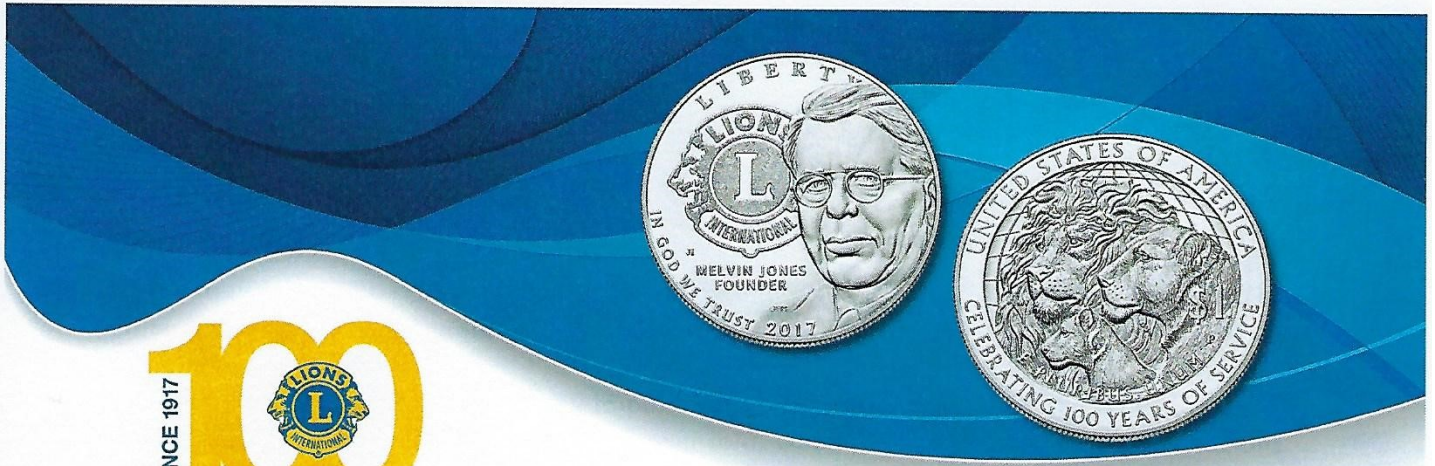


Billboard Locations and Install Dates:

- A1: I-96 & Evergreen Rd. 5/15/17
- A2: I-94 & Quinn 5/15/17
- B1: I-94 & Rawsonville Rd. 5/15/17
- B2: I-94 & Westnedge 5/15/17
- C1: US 31 & Sherman 5/22/17
- C2: I-96 & Meridian near MSU 5/15/17
- D1: I-75 & M81 5/15/17
- D2: I-69 & 32nd St 5/8/17
- E1: Isabella County on Bus Rte. US 27 5/29/17
- E2: I-75 & Sterling 5/29/17



Our Billboards Look Like THIS!



Celebrate 100 years of humanitarian service

by purchasing a Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin.

This exquisitely crafted, limited-edition, silver dollar coin is produced by the United States Mint and features our founder Melvin Jones.

This keepsake coin is the perfect way to honor our rich history and support the life-changing work of Lions around the world. *For each coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to Lions Clubs International Foundation to improve the lives of even more people in need.*

The Centennial Coins will only be minted during 2017 and supplies are limited. Don't miss your chance to own a piece of Lions history.



On Sale Now!
\$52.95
per proof-finish coin

Order your Centennial Coin today!

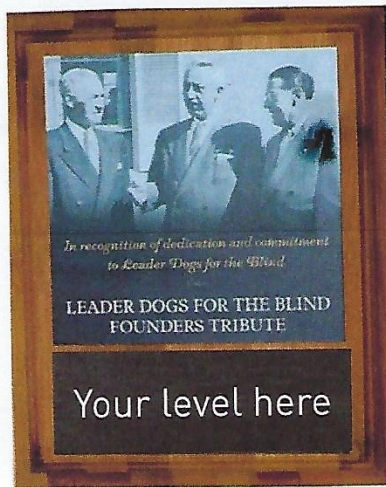
www.lionsclubs.org/coin

Celebrate Lions' 100 Years of Service

with something special—

LIMITED EDITION Centennial Founders Tribute Plaque

Leader Dogs for the Blind is celebrating Lions' 100 years of service with a special edition Centennial Founders Tribute Plaque. This is a unique opportunity to recognize your club and/or a club member with this **limited time offer**. Please consider making a donation of \$500 (bronze), \$1,000 (silver) or \$2,500 (gold). Mail the form below to Leader Dog for your Centennial Founders Tribute Plaque. This **offer ends June 30, 2018**, so let's start celebrating!



Founders Tribute allows Lions clubs to honor a club and/or an individual club member for his or her consummate service, dedication and commitment to Lionism and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Available in three levels, the award recipient is given a custom engraved Leader Dog Founders Tribute Plaque, as well as a commemorative Founders Tribute pin and patch (note: plaques, pins and patches are uniquely designed for each level and are not cumulative for silver or gold levels).



Note: The plate at the bottom will be engraved in either bronze, silver or gold

PLEASE CHECK ONE LEVEL (Make checks payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind)

\$500 BRONZE \$1,000 SILVER \$2,500 GOLD

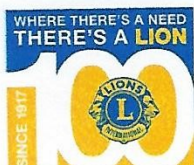
INSCRIPTION—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (40 characters maximum per line)

LINE 1 _____
 LINE 2 _____
 LINE 3 _____

Where you would like your plaque mailed?

Name _____ Phone number (____) _____

Address _____



Leader Dogs for the Blind
 1039 S. Rochester Rd • Rochester Hills, MI 48307
 Phone 888/777.5332 • Fax 248/651.8512





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.

