

District 11-A2

February 2018

Roaring News

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Hello to all Lions, Lioness, Leos and anyone who can get a copy of this awesome article, ha ha!

We now have new family members! On Tuesday, February 6th we were able to complete the chartering of the new Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club at the Farmington Manor Banquet Hall in Farmington, MI. This was a wonderful experience, but it was also a sad one as only a few clubs joined the celebration and only a minimal number of Lions attended. Even though the attendance was



low, the spirits were high. Both American and Indian cuisine was served and sampled by everyone. Not all of the new members were able to attend the swearing-in ceremony, but the impact and participation by the new club was immediately felt within the District. The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club and the Novu Lions Club have already held a joint meeting. In addition, several members and their families attended and helped out at the Lathrup Village Pancake Breakfast this past weekend. Some of you may know JJ, a member of the Wixom-Walled Lake Club who is blind and who was born in India but was adopted by an American family. JJ was able to meet and make friends with members from the newly chartered club. Not only did JJ celebrate his birthday on Monday the 5th but he also won \$50 from the 50/50 drawing. It was a real Triple play on his part!

I just returned from the Michigan Forum. We had a great crowd on Friday night and we were able to put together a little over 1,000 first aid kits for the coaches and trainers of athletes who will be competing in the Special Olympics. We were expecting about 100 volunteers for the project, but I would guess the turn-out was closer to 150-175.



We just finished our last round of Region meetings and our next Cabinet Meeting will be April 18th, after our convention. District Governor-Elect Jack Patton will run the meeting and I know that he'll do a great job. As of the writing of this article we are down in reservations for the convention and we have not heard from a number of clubs about their members who will be attending. In order for you to save a few dollars contact Lion Dick Maxwell at 248-642-9561. Lion Frank Cunningham has sent out registration forms several times so remember, THIS IS YOUR CONVENTION SO COME HAVE SOME FUN and help the district elect its new officers. Our Friday night theme for the mixer is Cowboys and Indians and our guest speaker for the Saturday night dinner will be Past International Director Bill Phillipi from Kansas.

There are many events coming up in the District and I encourage you to attend a few to show support for other clubs. Better yet, go back to the days when we had joint visits with other clubs. We are all Lions, regardless of what area we live in. We all have the same heart that beats with pride at belonging to the largest and best District in the state. Remember our motto is, "We Serve", so help out your club and the community you live in.



Introducing,

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club!!

1VDG Jack Patton

Happy February Lions, Lioness and Leo's

This month started off with the District Cabinet Meeting, followed up by the Region meeting, and the state "Forum of Michigan." All of this is fantastic, but perhaps the most exciting event was the chartering of a new Club: The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club!

Lions Dick and Nancy Maxwell are working hard organizing the upcoming District Convention in Grand Rapids this April. If you want to see what is available in GR for some fun on Saturday or Sunday, you can go to this web site and view what is offered, or you can wait until you get to the convention where there will be a Grand Rapids packet put together for you by the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. See this YouTube video on things to do in Grand Rapids:

<http://www.experiencegr.com/arnova>



If will be a Grand Rapids packet put together for you by the Grand Rapids Chamber. See this YouTube video on things to do in GR: <http://www.experiencegr.com/arnova>. PLEASE if you would like Lion Charlotte and I to be part of your fundraisers or events simply send us an invite via email or snail mail and we will put it on our calendar.

On a personal note, the following is a little short story about my dad:

I was raised in St. Clair Shores. We enjoyed lake life; not living on the lake, but we fished a lot. That's where I was taught the patience of fishing, hoping to learn how to drive a boat.

Soon my dad retired, and my parents moved to Au Gres. The fishing was great: it was good for my dad and was good for my mom, since he was out of the house for at least 4-5 hours in the morning! At this time, I was 35 or so and had a family of my own; a great and understanding wife and three great kids.

We would go up and see them on a regular basis, and of course go fishing. Even then I would not be allowed to drive the boat. My dad fished at least six days a week, depending on the weather. My brother would visit from California, and we would meet at our folks' house. Of course, we would go fishing. Again, dad would drive the boat even with two fully grown sons on board.

As many years passed, we would make our trips up to the folks' and go fishing. I started to notice that things were changing with my dad's vision. He started to make large-dimensional lines on the coffee

maker, as making the morning coffee was one of his “jobs.” I asked my mom what was happening, and she explained that dad’s vision was failing. She mentioned that they were going to the Kellogg Center for testing. Come to find out, he had macular degeneration in both eyes and was going blind, but he still wanted to drive the boat.

Even with this disability, we would go out fishing and he would still drive the boat. Sometimes weather would create a need for me to be his “eyes” while navigating. Finally, one day we were making our visits and going fishing, and he finally asked the question; “Would you like to take the wheel of the boat?” That was at the same time a moment of great excitement and of great sadness. We lost my dad in 2004, and we still miss him.

Charlotte and I both shed tears while writing this story. However, I write this not-so-short story about my dad because I see a parallel between his driving the boat and Lions chairing positions, whether they be in a club, at a region or district level, or on a state committee. Please, please, please, let’s not frustrate upcoming Lion leaders by not letting them drive the boat. Chairpersons, mentor and trust the leaders working at your side to take on the leadership role and to support you.

Plus, one never knows when they may be hit by a beer truck. Seriously.

Yours in Lionism,

1VDG Jack Patton 



2VDG Scott Edward Berry



and Candidate for First Vice District Governor.

I have visited all the clubs in Region 2 and will be visiting some clubs again. From Lions International, I have received and will be distributing the Lions Legacy Project patches, Centennial Service Challenge patches, and the 100 PR Heroes patches to the deserving clubs. Thank you to all the clubs for your hard work.

Remember the district convention is coming up and the delegate forms have to be turned in ahead of time. Here are the requirements for the delegates and alternates...

1. Delegates/Alternates form must be returned to the Credential Chairman by **March 31, 2018**.
2. The number of Delegates allowed per club is predicted on the total membership stated on the March 2017 MMR. It is one delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof.
3. To change an Alternate to a Delegate at the Convention, the club President or Secretary or the District Governor must be present and appear with said Alternate.
4. To receive voting credential, all Delegates must be registered at the Convention.
5. This form must be signed by **BOTH** the President and Secretary of your club.

I was looking through the MyLCI from Lions International when I noticed something. I saw a deceased member still on the roster. Please make sure you report membership correctly and in a timely fashion. International dues are dispersed to the club every January 1 and July 1. Not reporting in a timely fashion could cause the club unnecessary and additional expenses.

The picture to the right and below this paragraph is just another day in the life of a funeral director. It's either **A)** getting ready to visit families that have bad debt at the funeral home, **B)** increasing the length of a casket for a seven-foot-tall gentleman, or **C)** time to destroy urns that have wrong engraving or misspellings, so people won't think they are filled with cremated remains when we tossed them in the trash. For those that were thinking it was **A** or **B**, you're sick. It was **C** and we had some fun for 15 minutes.



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The New year has given us a whole lot of snow. I hope everyone is keeping warm!

As of the first of February we have received \$620 for Project Kid Sight. If a club has not yet sent a check but would like to, you still can. For those clubs have sent checks, THANK-YOU!

Before you know it the convention will be here. Hopefully there will be some Lioness in attendance as it always a good time!

The Macomb Township Lioness had their Euchre Tournament on Sunday, February 25th . The Sterling Heights Lioness Club recently held a Pasta Night fundraiser.

If any Lioness Club is having something they would like me to put in my corner of the newsletter, please let me know.

I hope everyone had a sweet Valentines Day!

Lion Liaison Lioness Fran Black



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.

Happenings Around the District...



The Guest Speaker at the Bear Lake Kick-Off Dinner was Otto Guild, a camper for 15 years and a current student at Northwood University where he is pursuing a degree in Hospitality Management. Otto said that his involvement in Leadership Development while at Camp helped to prepare him for college. “At school you may be the only blind person, but at Camp everyone is dealing with the same things you are”, Otto said. The Parade of Checks raised over \$43,000 for the Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp. Well done, District 11-A2!



The Troy Community Lions recently volunteered at the Troy Nature Center “Adopt a Maple Tree” event where they tapped the tree to help make maple syrup. They provided cocoa and donuts for 175 participants in the program.



Governor Bingham recently presented a Milestone Chevron to Lion Richard Thomas of the Birmingham Lions Club in recognition of 57 years of service as a Lion!! Lion Richard remains an active member of his club despite being 98 years young! A true inspiration to us all!



The Lake Orion Lions Club held its Annual Taste of the Town event on February 24th at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion. Delicious food was provided by over 20 area restaurants. Lion Jim Lykins is shown here sampling the best that the Fork n' Pint has to offer.. Shepherd's Pie and candied brussel sprouts! An auction was also held with many great prizes going to happy winners.

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



I WANT YOU

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Andrew Millage, sponsored by Roger Brodeur.

The Rochester Hills Lions Club welcomes Emily Helm, sponsored by Walter Kulesza.

The Rochester Hills Lions Club welcomes Susan Lardie, sponsored by Walter Kulesza.

The Pontiac Lions Club welcomes Mary Franklin, sponsored by Eileen Isenberg.

The Beverly Hills Lions Club welcomes Gordon McMullen, sponsored by William Martin.

The Fraser Lions Club welcomes Kathleen Niborski, sponsored by Lori Monley.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Chris Morris, sponsored by Elizabeth Rheume.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Jeffery Squire, sponsored by Jayson Rumball.

The Oxford Lions Club welcomes Adam Bradford, sponsored by Charles Garrard.

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Tom Vermeulen, sponsored by Michael Digiovanni.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Charles McAllister, sponsored by Thomas Klingensmith.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Srinivas Chaganti.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Murali Cheedalla.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Lalitha Gabe.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Transfer Member N C Gopi.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Vedavathi Gowlikar.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Poojitha Gundamraju.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Transfer Member Nikhil Illndala.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Srikanth Kalyankar.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Koti Kodumuri.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Ravi Sunkara Krishna.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Venkata Krishna Chaitanya Kanaparhi.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Anuradha Kulkami.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Pavan Kumar Jella.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Harsha Kusnookar.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Swethasri Makam.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Sandeep Manthripragada.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Subhash Moturu.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Laxim N Maranganti Varahai.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Transfer Member Harika Nethi.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Venkateswaran Ramanarayana

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Asha Rani Chaganti.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Transfer Member M Srilaxmi.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Transfer Member M Srividhya.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Ramya Vejendia.

The Farmington-Novu Centennial Lions Club welcomes Charter Member Lavanya Vemuri.





LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

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BILL GRAHAM AND LEADER DOG GIBSON

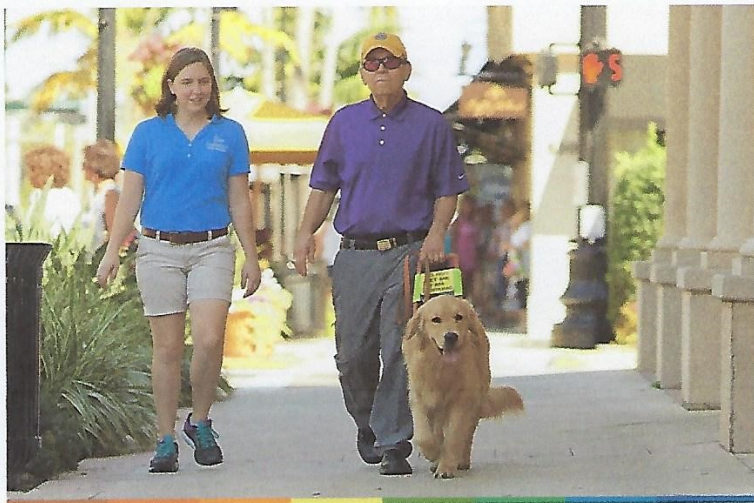


When Lion Bill Graham began losing his sight, he already knew of organizations to turn to for support. First, he got assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), then he came to Leader Dog for orientation & mobility (white cane) training.

Soon after, Bill and his wife moved from rural Georgia to Raleigh, North Carolina. "Unfortunately, between us and Raleigh is a five-lane road and thousands of cars speeding along each day," says Bill.

Bill decided that the time had come to get a guide dog. He was soon training with Leader Dog Gibson, a friendly golden retriever. "Gibson is doing absolutely everything I need him to do," boasts Bill. "I can cross the busy road safely. Gibson has helped me cross a barrier I just couldn't navigate alone."

"Lions and Leader Dog are two great organizations. I'm honored to be a part of both," says Lion Bill, Leader Dog chair for district 31-S.



Bill Graham and Leader Dog Gibson train in Florida under the supervision of Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Sarah Duyck.



IN EVERY LEADER DOG LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

CLUB HIGHLIGHT

Burley Lions Club—Spudman Triathlon

"Spudman is an important event in our community, and many people volunteer to make it happen every year" posted Stephanie Wright Curtis on the Burley (ID, district 39-W) Lions Club's Facebook page. Every year on the last Saturday in July, triathletes complete a grueling 1.5K swim down the Snake River, then bike a 40K and run a 10k across the picturesque backdrop of Idaho. By donating a portion of the proceeds from this event to Leader Dog every year, the Burley Lions Club has consistently ranked as a Top Dog Club (an annual gift of \$5,000 or more).

Great job Burley Lions!

LIONS IMPACT ON LEADER DOG

"Thirty seconds of a Lion's time can change a person's life. Anyone can do that by telling someone about Leader Dog."

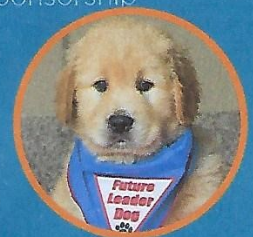
-PDG Tom Simmons, a Leader Dog client (AZ, district 21-C)

WAYS TO GIVE

Your club can now show your support in a new way, through a Puppy Sponsorship. For \$500, you receive:

- Puppy Photos
- Puppy Profile
- Banner Patch
- Certificate of Sponsorship

Sponsor online at LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy or contact Kathy Gilchrist, Lions relations specialist, at 248.659.5012.



BE OF SERVICE

LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER

Leader Dog's Summer Experience Camp – Making Teens Unstoppable!

Application Deadline March 31!

Summer Experience Camp is a week of outdoor fun, friendship and skill building. The program combines activities like rock wall climbing and tandem biking with leadership building exercises and things exclusively Leader Dog—GPS training and spending time with Leader Dogs in training. The combination helps increase independent travel skills, interpersonal skills and leadership skills.

The free program is for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind. Leader Dog covers all costs including airfare to Michigan—and everyone receives a free HumanWare Trekker Breeze+ GPS device. The 2018 camp dates are June 23—June 30. Applications are due by March 31, 2018.

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.

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To learn more about our programs and services visit LeaderDog.org

Our mission is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.



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FOR THE BLIND**

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**LIONS HEARING CENTER OF MICHIGAN
ANNUAL APPRECIATION & KICK OFF BANQUET**



Thursday, March 8, 2018



6 pm – 8:30 pm

**Fraser Lions Club Den
34540 Utica Road, Fraser, Michigan**

Dinner Tickets are \$12.00 per person, \$110.00 for table of ten

Social Hour 6pm with Cash Bar, Raffle and Giveaways

Reservation Form

R S V P by February 28, 2018

Detach reservation form and mail with payment to:

LHC, 5E-UHC, 4201 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48201

Make check payable to: Lions Hearing Center of Michigan

or Fax to 313-577-8555 and call Jen at 313-745-4664 to arrange payment

Individual Reservation (\$12.00 per person)

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lions Club: _____ No. of tickets: _____ \$ total: _____

Table of Ten Reservation (\$110 for table of ten)

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lions Club: _____ No. of tickets: _____ \$ total: _____



Lions District 11-A2 Convention
Home Party with Governor John Bingham, J
'Looking Towards Our Future'
April 6 to April 8, 2018 @ Double Tree Inn
4747 28th Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan



Name: _____

Lion: _____ Lioness: _____ Leo: _____ Spouse: _____ Guest: _____

Club Name: _____

Name: _____

Lion: _____ Lioness: _____ Leo: _____ Spouse: _____ Guest: _____

Club Name: _____

Phone: Day: _____ Evening: _____

Hotel Reservations MUST be made directly. Call 616-957-0100 and ask for the Lions of Macomb and Oakland county rate. Room rates are \$97.00 per night + tax, the reservation deadline is February 28, 2018. Standard room rates apply after Feb 28th.

<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Amount</u>
_____	Registration: Lions, Lioness, Guest @ \$ 20ea.	\$ _____
_____	<u>AFTER Feb 28th</u> : Lions, Lioness, Guest @ \$30ea.	\$ _____
_____	Registration: Leos & Children under 16 @ \$5 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Newbie Registration (Lions less than 5 years in club and 1 st District Convention Attendees) @ \$5. each	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Breakfast: @ \$16 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Night Governor's Banquet: @ \$30ea.	\$ _____
_____	Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten	

Free
Special Dietary Needs (if any)

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Send completed registration form, with checks payable to
Lions International District 11-A2

mail to:
Lion Dick Maxwell
 18701 Walmer Lane
 Beverly Hill, MI 48025

Questions: 248-642-9561

Please remember and follow these guidelines:

- **ALL** Convention attendees **MUST** be registered.
- Reservations & cancellations **MUST** be made with **BOTH** the hotel and the convention committee.
- Meal tickets must be purchased in advance; none will be sold at convention.

Memorial Service District Convention 2018

From: Frank Cunningham [<mailto:fcunningham@wowway.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 01, 2018 10:02 AM
Subject: To all Lions and Lioness Clubs

To all clubs in district 11-A2,

The 2018 District Convention will be here sooner than we can imagine. With that in mind, I and others will be planning the Memorial Service to remember those members who are no longer with us. We will be compiling names of deceased members from several sources including those names each club will offer.

A suggestion has been made that pictures be available when deceased members' names are mentioned. We are asking that each club locate and forward a picture of each member who will be remembered in the Memorial Service. PDG Patti Barr will collect the pictures and put them in a Power Point format to be used during the Service. If each club could send the pictures electronically to PDG Patti at, pbarr@aol.com

As each deceased member is remembered, a picture will be available for all to see. If that is not easily possible, a photo can be scanned into the presentation please contact either PDG Patti or myself and we will try our best to make it happen.

Also, by this letter, I am requesting (as I have in past years) that each club send me a notification of any member who has passed away since our last district convention. Please send the name of the deceased member, your club name and, if possible, the name(s) of those who will be talking briefly about the member.

Thank you for your help.

Lion Frank Cunningham, PCC
fcunningham@wowway.com
(586) 465-6694

BUFFALO & BOAR



WILD GAME DINNER



At:

Lions Bear Lake Camp

3409 N. Five Lakes Road

Lapeer, MI 48446

(810) 245-0726

Email: info@bearlakecamp.org

Hosted By:

Rob Trott

Retired Host of Great Lakes Outdoors T.V.

Saturday, April 14, 2018

Doors open at 5:00 P.M.-Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Events from 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.

\$30.00 per person

or

A table of 8 persons for \$200.00

Includes Wild Game Dinner and Door Prizes

Beer & Wine available for purchase

Limited space available-purchase tickets in advance

Events to include:

Raffles:

- Complete Turkey Hunting Package
- Hand Guns, Shotguns, Rifles, Crossbows
- Mystery Gun
- Squares
- Basket
- Chicken drop

Tickets can be purchased:

Online at:

www.bearlakecamp.org

Grand Prize Drawing:

- Cannon Capital 64 Gun Safe, top of line, fire proof
- \$50.00 a ticket, only 50 tickets sold

Auctions:

- Silent Auction
- Live Auction-Hunting & Fishing Trips

In Person at:

Hunters Den, 2110 N. Lapeer Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

(810) 664-6401

All net proceeds will support programs at Lions Bear Lake Camp for special needs children.

Lions Bear Lake Camp is owned and operated by Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp Inc., a 501-c3 Charitable Organization.



SAVE THE DATE!

*Madonna University
and Lions/Lioness Clubs*

**33rd Annual Dinner
and Program on
Deafness and
Communication**

Thursday, April 26, 2018
6 p.m. | Madonna University Campus
Dinner cost of \$25

For more information, call 734-432-5589



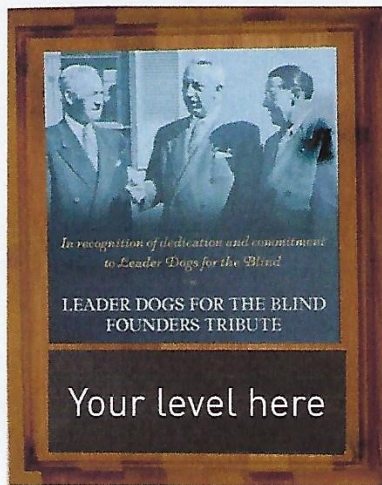
Our degrees change lives.

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)

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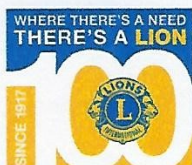
LINE 2 _____

LINE 3 _____

Where you would like your plaque mailed?

Name _____ Phone number (____) _____

Address _____



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