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Dear Fellow Lions,

The Lions' dedication to the environment is well documented and very evident. Clubs across our state, our country and across the world have cleaned rivers, planted trees, and recycled millions of eyeglasses and hearing aids a year and much more.

Many states and a few countries have enacted legislation to curb, tax, or even ban the use of plastic grocery bags. Even though they are highly recyclable, according to calculations concluded from data released by the United States Environmental Protection Agency on U.S. plastic bag, sack, and wrap consumption, somewhere between 500 billion and a trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year. Of those, millions end up in the litter stream outside of landfills—estimates range from less than one to three percent of the bags.

Below is a list of common items and how long it takes for them to deteriorate in a landfill. It's astonishing to see the true cost of convenience. So let's do something about it! The Clinton Valley Lions are issuing a challenge to all Lions Clubs this summer. Do something to help the environment this summer. Have a bag exchange-people can bring in their plastic bags and get a Lions recyclable bag in return. Have a park cleanup day. Adopt a highway (we have). Plant some trees in a local park. The Lions Green Team kit has some great ideas as well; you can get one at www.lionsclubs.org. Find a way to keep these items out of your local landfill. Report your activities to the governor so your great idea can be shared.

Service comes in many forms-what can you do to help the environment? Clinton Valley Lions

Time it takes for garbage to decompose in the environment:

Glass Bottle 1 million years Monofilament Fishing Line 600 years Plastic Beverage Bottles 450 years Disposable Diapers 450 years Aluminum Can
Rubber-Boot Sole 50-80 years
Tin Cans 50 years
Leather 50 years
Nylon Fabric
Plastic Film Container 20-30 years
Plastic Bag 10-20 years
Cigarette Butt 1-5 years
Wool Sock 1-5 years
Plywood 1-3 years
Waxed Milk Carton
Apple Core 2 months
Newspaper
Orange or Banana Peel 2-5 weeks
Paper Towel 2-4 weeks
Source: U.S. National Park Service, Mote Marine Lab, Sarasota FL



I hope all of you had wonderful Easter. God sent his son to die for our sins. We have to do like we have been doing like Jesus did. Help the poor, cure the blind, and make life better for all. Let's make it happen.

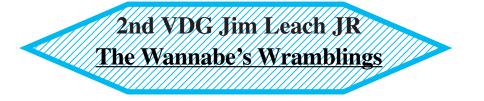
I had committee sheets at the Cabinet Meeting. If you sign up for a committee, make sure you get it to Lion Kimberly Thiede ASAP. We will be working on roster books soon and need all the information.

Don't forget to help out with LCIF's measle program. Let's make our District a number one participant.

DG John has a few months left, so let's help him reach his goals for the year.

Thanks again for your support to be your Governor next year. I'm looking forward to serving you.

Beaumont Silent Children May 14, hope to see you there. Lion Kimberly has emailed training dates so if you have any questions call her or I.



Here we are right in the middle of White Cane Week. Hopefully, as many Lions that can get out and sell, have been. We had a great weekend weather wise for being out selling. We still have some time left before it is officially over, try and get out and raise one more dollar then you did last year. All of your charities will benefit. I hope everyone one had a great Easter and was able to spend some time with your family. We have Beaumont's Silent Child dinner coming up in a few weeks. That has always been a great event. Also, in a few weeks, is the MD-11 Convention in Battle Creek. From what I hear, this is going to be a great convention to go to. We have IPIP Wayne Madden as our guest speaker so I am sure to hear him speak would be worth going all by itself.

Governor-Elect Lion Tom is getting everything ready for his year. It looks like he is going to have a great Cabinet. Should be an exciting year for our District. We still have two months left In Governor John's year and he isn't coming into the finish line coasting. He has the extension committee out working hard in Ferndale trying to get a club formed there. That would be the second club started in his year. That alone makes his year a fantastic success.

I am available for any club visits if you want me to come out, I would be happy to do so. The spring is a little busier for me as my son is on his High School's Golf Team and my daughter is playing softball, but if I know enough ahead of time, I can usually rearrange my schedule and fit a visit in. Please let me know.

Lioness District Liaison's Report

I hope that everyone had a blessed Easter and the Easter Bunny was good to all of you. This Lioness was the Easter Bunny twice and enjoyed every little one that I got to hold.

The Lioness clubs came through again for our charity. As everyone knows our Spring charity was "Seedlings". I am so proud to tell you that we collected a total of \$710.00 for them. My hats off to each and every one of you. I spoke to Vicky Opie at Seedlings and she was very very happy. THANK YOU ALL!

My term is winding down and unfortunately I was not able to make the last cabinet meeting. Vice Liaison Ginnie stepped in and did a great job. Thank you Ginnie.

Thank all of you for your kindness and friendship this year. This will be my last piece to go in the newsletter. I will be on vacation for the month of May. But I will be sure to see you around maybe this year and for sure next year.

Sincerely. Lioness Fran Black



DG Elec 2014-2015

What a great convention! Thank you Gov John, PDG Rich and your committee, you did a fantastic job! I would encourage more Lions to attend in the future. The convention is an opportunity to learn more about Lionism, to relax and share fellowship.

My sincere thanks to all who supported me to serve as your 2nd Vice District Governor for 2014-15. I am looking forward to it and will do my best.

Thank you, PCC Frank and PDG Doc for your nomination speeches. Lion Frank was kind enough to step up for me when PDG Connie was unable to attend. PCC Frank did say he would give my speech on one condition - he didn't have to wear a skirt. PDG Doc, I wouldn't miss the opportunity to let you add humor to any occasion.

Thank you especially to my club, the Novi Lions. Without your support, I would never have been able to seek office.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Novi Lions hospitality room. Lions Mary, Carole and I had a lot of fun making the cupcakes. The leftovers went to the First Ladies luncheon and Reg 1 Chair elect John's hospitality room. I saw the remaining plate by the coffee pot Sunday morning in the lobby. They were going fast. Wixom Walled Lake Lion Wendy helped with the "Hugs and Kisses" theme. I believe our chocolate wine, which tasted more like Baileys, was a great success because I didn't bring much home.

My first official duty as 2nd Vice Dist Gov Elect is to install new members at the Pontiac Lions Club. Love to install new members and I am sure Gov John does too.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Saturday, May 3, 2014</u> Leader Dogs for the Blind 75 Years of Service OPEN HOUSE 1-4 pm For More Information Contact: Leader Dog for the Blind Saturday, May 17, 2014 New Haven Lions Euchre Party New Haven Lions Hall For More Information Contact: Andy Williams @ 586-430-1390

Sunday, May 18, 2014

9th Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic Metamora Golf & Country Club \$100 per golfer/\$400 per foursome Dinner-Only Guest \$30 Activity Highlights: Use of Driving Range, 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Course Contest, Buffet-Style Awards Dinner, Door Prizes & Raffles For More Information Contact: Rick Fleming @248-342-1702 Dennis Kotenko 586-786-0683

Friday, June 13, 2014 New Haven Lioness Presents An Affair To Remember Dinner & Fashion Show At Concorde Inn For More Information or tickets Contact: President Sylvia Steward @ 586-749-3685

Saturday, June 21, 2014 New Haven Lions Euchre Party New Haven Lions Hall For More Information Contact: Andy Williams @ 586-430-1390

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Bingo is Back at Rosemack, and Tuesday is Clinton Valley Lions Day!

Doors Open at 4 PM \$2500 Up For Grabs Every Tuesday Join The Clinton Valley Lions For Fun and Freindship Spread the Word to All Bingo Players! Rosemack Hall is Newly Remodeled - Bright and Beautiful! Large Snack Bar With Reasonable Prices Located on 13 Mile Rd. Just East of Little Mack



Lions/Lioness Silent Children's Speech Program JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Our 35th Annual "Very Special Evening" Wednesday, May 14, 2014 The San Marino Club

1685 E. Big Beaver Troy, Michigan

Social: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$25.00 per person with Cash Bar. Reserved seating available for full tables of 10.

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS:

• Royal Oak Children's Choir

• Special Silent Children's Presentation

• Presentation of Ralph Lynam Award

• Parade of Checks

• Door Prizes and Money Raffle

For more information and tickets call:

Kellie Bouren (Beaumont) - (248) 655-5975 John Marshall, PDG (District 11 A-1) (734) 455-4864 Dick Belloli, PRC (District 11 A-2) (586) 944-7663

Make checks payable to: Beaumont Silent Children's Speech Fund

Mail To: Ms. Terri Donahue

Ticket Deadline: May 1, 2014 Children's Speech Pathology Department

4949 Coolidge Hwy

Royal Oak, MI 48078



7th Annual Diabetes Today and Tomorrow Conference and Exhibits "Living with Diabetes: A Family Day of Inspiration, Hope, and Education" May 10, 2014 at Wayne County Community College District, Belleville, Michigan 8:30am – 2:00pm

You're invited to attend what has become the single largest event of this kind in the country – an educational and networking conference for persons living with type 1 diabetes and type 2 insulin-required diabetes, their families, and the medical care community.

On Saturday, May 10, 2014 an expected 1,000 people will gather to hear the latest in research, treatment advances, and care strategies from a collection of internationally recognized experts.

New for 2014

- Expansion of Concurrent Workshop Sessions!
- Added Luncheon Presentations!
- Enhanced JDRF Kids Camp and Teen Central Siblings and or BFF Invited!

Co-Chairs for 2014 Jacalyn Bishop, MD, Endocrine Kids, Novi, MI and Jessica Shill, MD, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI

Keynote Presenters

Mark D. DeBoer, MD, M.Sc., MCR; Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Virginia Health System; Lori Laffel, MD, MPH; Chief of Pediatric and Adolescent Section at Joslin Diabetes Clinic, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School; and Nicole Johnson, MA, DrPH, University of South Florida, International Board of Directors JDRF, Miss America 1999

JDRF Kids Camp program: JDRF Kids Camp will once again host children with T1D ages 5-12 for a fun-filled day learning about the importance of diabetes self-management under the guidance and supervision of our trained Kids Camp medical personnel.

JDRF Teen Central program: This cool "hang-out" for youth with T1D ages 13-19 will offer opportunities to learn the latest in online diabetes-related technology, share stories and experiences with peers, ask questions and trade tips on managing T1D through the teenage years. Teen Central is directed by medical personnel and trained volunteers.

Attendance is free. Online Registration Opens March 10!

JDRF Staff Contact: Denise G. Pentescu at dpentescu@jdrf.org





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District Governor's Travels

Welcome New Members Club ~ New Lions Member ~ Sponsor

Rochester ~ Rosie Hawley ~ James Nummer Beverly Hills ~ Jerry Abbott ~ Gary Valentine Clarkston ~ Elizabeth Pellerito ~ Larry Truba Washington ~ Mike Fiscus ~ Larry Binfet



Deceased Members

Dave Ebert - Ray Township Lions Club Lion Barbara Likes - Wife of PDG Jerry Likes 2000-2001

