

District 11-A2

June 2017

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June brings us Father's Day. Father's Day is an important day that celebrates family and we need to give all our love and attention to our fathers on their day. Happy Father's Day!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! A million times, THANK YOU! Serving as your District Governor has been quite an honor and boy, what a ride! I've met many wonderful Lions in our District, State and Internationally. I want to thank all of you for your support though out my journey, as 2VDG, 1VDG and DG. I've had some challenges, issues but mostly I've had good times. I've had a fantastic Cabinet serving right alongside of me. I had to make a

few adjustments with one Cabinet member withdrawing because of personal reasons, one moving out of state and one passing away suddenly, Bob Blanchette, District Tailtwister. What a shock! Lion Bob was a great Lion and Friend and he will be missed.

Lion Jim Boomer, thank you for the time you shared as our Newsletter Editor. I know it took a great deal of time and patience.

June is the time for Officer Installations, Awards and Recognitions. When Lion Doc was DG he presented a Melvin Jones to Bob Klebba and I had a special moment when I presented his wife, Glenda Klebba from Selfridge North Macomb Lions a Melvin Jones. I also had the honor to present a Life Membership to Roseville Lion, Bob Bartlett, Sr. Congratulations! I apologize for not listing all the Fellowships and Awards I have presented, but Congratulations to all.

We have new Leadership beginning soon and we'll have a great year. Governor John has worked hard to put together his Cabinet and we have VDG's Jack and Scott following him.

I have selected Friday, October 13th for my Appreciation Night. Where better than to select the location of a golf course, Beacon Hill Golf Course. I am looking forward to having more time to golf



golf this summer when I complete my year. I hope you can join us as I honor my Cabinet and others.

Have a great summer and I will see you at the District Cabinet Installation Picnic in August and around the District.

Have a good month,
DG Patti Barr



Lion Robert Bartlett, Sr. was recently presented with a Life Membership by Governor Patti Barr.





The New Haven Leos Club has re-formed under the direction of Lion Laura Harper and is starting out with much energy. They were the only Leos at the Multiple District Convention in Traverse City. They sold 50/50 tickets at the Penrickton Ride for A Reason and have much more already planned. An Installation/Initiation Dinner was held on June 8th and was unfortunately not well attended by the District but we had a good time. The kids are energetic and fun and they served us dessert. If things go as planned, these are the Lions of our future!

The objective of Leos Clubs is to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community. Good Luck Leos! We are happy to have you in our District!



Several members of the Leos Club are shown here at the Penrickton Ride-For-A-Reason; from left to right are Xavier Sharrow, Justina Vella, Robert Sharrow, Kristin Sharrow and Jerry Sharrow. Seated on the bike is Makalya Sharrow .

DGE John Bingham, Jr

Wow! I can hardly believe that in a few weeks my journey to become the District Governor for 11-A2 will be a reality. I'll be leaving on June 26th for District Governor training in Chicago and I look forward to being the leader of the BEST District in the state.

Although I will be in training sessions during the day I'll still be visiting with our District family and with the other great Lions from Michigan who will be in attendance. I've talked with Gov. Patti and other PDG's about what to expect and I was told to enjoy the training but to also enjoy the experience and the opportunity to meet as many Lions from other countries as I can. I want to personally thank each and every family member of District 11-A2 for your support and encouragement.



On another note, I'm back from my visit to the Italian National Congress meeting in Rome. What an exciting visit I had with the wonderful Lions of Italy! They made me feel like I was at home. I was able to meet the Italian Minister of Health, the current Italian International Director as well as the current and several past District Governor's from all over Italy. I was able to visit and meet with Lions and officials in Venice, Florence, Rome, Anzio and the Materea area. I received many gifts and Flags (small banners) from the clubs and I bring to District 11-A2 the warmest of greetings from the Lions of Italy to their American family of Lions.

I will bring these items to all of the Cabinet and Region meetings along with over 300 pictures that I took. The most somber time I had was at the American WWII cemetery in Anzio. I was able to take pictures of TWO individual's headstones who had been given the Congressional Medal of Honor. There were nearly 8,000 headstones and a memorial to the 20,000+ who were either MIA or were never identified. It was an honor to say a prayer for them.

By the next article I will be the District Governor and I will start making appointments for visits to clubs and events. Again, I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

DGE John



1VDGE Jack Patton

Well that was a quick 12 months of being 2nd VDG. I am sure the next 12 will go even quicker.

I enjoyed this year and I had fun as a volunteer. We all have to remember that we are volunteers. We as Lions in this district work very hard to maintain our 11A2 reputation. We didn't do too well on membership, but we held off as good as expected. We all set goals to reach. Some get met and some don't, but if we all work together we can meet or exceed them.

Looking back at the last twelve months, this district has lost some very active



and great Lions. These Lions worked hard at the club level and at the district level. That's the BARR we need to reach; match what they have done for your community. As all of you know we will lose more great Lions this coming year. It's a fact and we need to be prepared to replace the numbers. It's a cold fact, but it happens. We need to have members of each club step up and fill those shoes and we need to add more members in each club.

Enough of that. Lion Charlotte and I hope all of you enjoy your summer! Get ready to rock out the 2017-2018 Lionistic year.

See you all that the installation picnic on August 13 or maybe some of you in Chicago. Have a safe 4th of July.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jack Patton, 1st VDG elect

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.

A Special Message from Lioness Liaison

Lorie Papa

June 9, 2017

Lioness of District 11-A2-IT Group
c/o Lorie Papa
45584 Riverwoods Dr.
Macomb Township, MI 48044

Dear Friends,

Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your very kind and generous donation of \$775 to Seedlings Braille Books for Children. Since our humble start in my basement over 30 years ago, Seedlings has made and distributed over 475,000 braille books. Last year, we sent over 32,000 books to children who read by touch and almost 16,000 of those were given away for free! This year we hope to do even more, thanks to amazing donors like you!

Every ten dollar donation we receive makes another braille book possible, and these books mean so much to the children who receive them! Since braille books have historically been scarce and expensive, most blind children own very few books which makes it difficult for them to succeed in school and beyond. Seedlings' books have truly made a huge difference in their lives.

Thank you for helping the children to read and succeed!

With deep gratitude,

Debra J. Bonde

Debra J. Bonde, Director

*This is wonderful & will
help so many children!
Many, many thanks!*

All gifts to Seedlings are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law and financial reports are available upon request. No goods or services were received by the donor in exchange for this donation.

"Once again the Hazel Park Lions Club and City of Hazel Park came together to host a four-day celebration and fundraiser over Memorial Day weekend. On the 4 wheeler (to be raffled by Fraser Lions Club) is Lion Secretary Peggy Burleson and in the tent photo is Lion President Mike Dalecke, Lion Rose Thomas and other volunteers. Fun, food, and laughter was enjoyed by all."



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



I WANT YOU

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Denise Zuke, sponsored by Janet Mazzetti.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Olawakemi Adabonyan, sponsored by Mary Spadafore.

The Royal Oak Lions Club welcomes Cynthia Wells, sponsored by Maureen Kennedy.

The Rochester Lions Club welcomes Ethan Hoffman, sponsored by Ryan DeCook.

The Lathrup Village Lions Club welcomes Margaret Mary Currier, sponsored by Richard Maxwell.

The Lathrup Village Lions Club welcomes William Currier, sponsored by Richard Maxwell.

The Rochester Hills Lions Club welcomes Cheryl Satterthwaite, sponsored by Walter Kulesza.

Welcome!



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

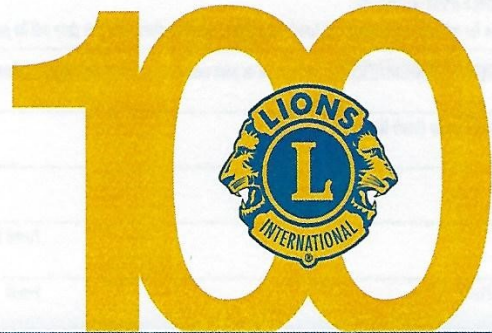
Doors open at 8:30am
Coffee and donuts

Session begins at 9:00am sharp

"Looking forward to our future"

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

BE THERE.



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

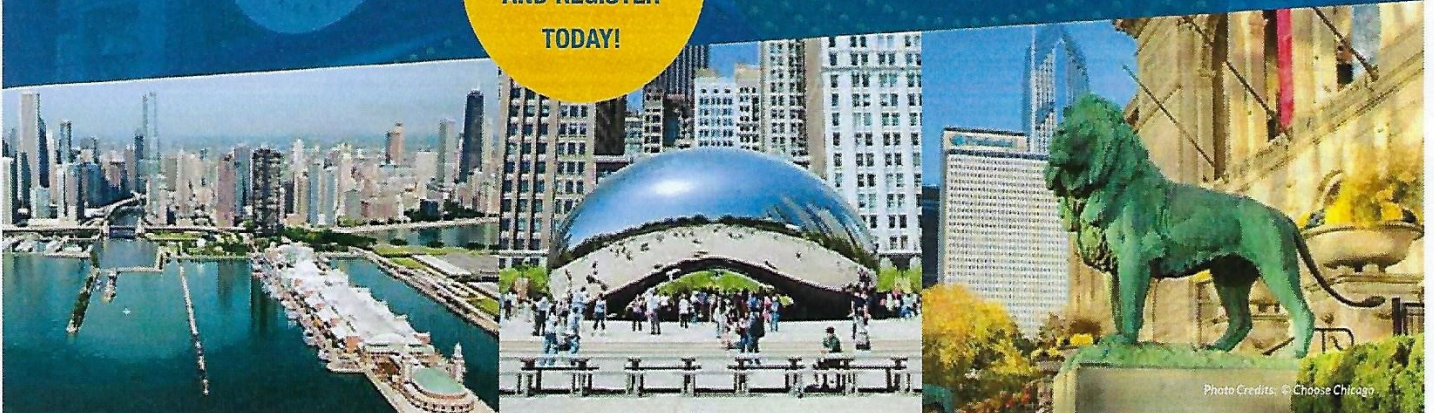
**Centennial
Exhibit**
Discover our history
through interactive
and virtual displays

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

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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) _____



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.

