



# District 11-A2 Roaring News

## “Having Fun While Getting It Done”

### “We Serve - Pass It On”

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*Oh Spring Weather!  
Spring Weather, Where  
are you? The calendar  
says it is Spring but I  
have not found it yet.  
How about you?*





**Comments From:  
DG Jim Pettinato**

### **March Madness**

March is such an action filled month, within the field of sports we have baseball starting, basketball and hockey teams jockeying for playoff positions and the NCAA college basketball tournaments keep us up nights to see who will be number one.

Our Lions clubs and districts are also very active with many fund raising activities and district conventions so there is never a lack of things to get involved in at all levels within our association.

District B2 and C2 had their conventions the weekend of March 15 - 17 and there was a lot of fun at both and very touching memorial services conducted. It was quite interesting to see how the other districts organize and conduct their conventions and there are some items we may consider for our future conventions.

Our convention was a lot of fun and congratulations to Lion Bob Murdock as our most recent Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion Kimberly Thiede for being awarded a Leadership Medal, and Lion Kay Furby for being awarded a Presidential medal. Lion Kimberly Thiede is also our most recent Distinguished Service Award recipient and I am so proud of all of them for their many years of dedication to those in need.

On a different note I made two huge errors during the convention and I must apologize to all Melvin Jones Fellows for not recognizing them during the banquet Saturday. Sunday morning I neglected to offer Jim Leach Jr. an opportunity to address the assembly after the election. This was not intentional and I hope he will forgive me for this error on my part.

As we start the wind down phase of the 2012 - 2013 Lionistic year lets reflect on our clubs accomplishments in serving the needs of their communities and our Lions projects on the district and state level. The project's success is dependent on the success of our Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs and they are very appreciative of our support. As a reminder we have the Beaumont and Madonna dinners coming up and we hope to see you there.

There is still a lot of time left to increase our membership so we can continue to provide the services to our communities and beyond. Our membership contest between David and Goliath has been a lot of fun and I am saving my pennies to pay for the pizza and beer party for the winning team. The new Lions and their sponsors will be treated to a celebration so if there is a Lion's clubhouse that can provide the space to host this party please let any cabinet member or myself know and we will then plan the date.

Thank you to all the clubs for making the visits very meaningful and a huge thanks to the club tail twisters who have put up with the Lions jeopardy game and wearing that Lions head gear. Through your efforts we will be sending our state projects some dollars by the end of this Lionistic year. I will publish the exact amount when all the club visits are complete. My goal was to raise \$400.00 to be split and expectations are that we will exceed that.

April brings us the annual White Cane collections and I wish all the clubs a successful and enjoyable time while conducting your White Cane campaigns.

Again many thanks for allowing me to serve you as you serve your community and we are the largest and best service organization in the world. Thank you for being part of it and enjoy spring.

## Blooms from: 1st VDG John Kontos

Congratulations and kudos to Governor Jim for the Holiday Inn French Quarter Perrysburg, Ohio convention choice: the entire District Convention Committee for a most successful run; elected convention delegates who wisely voted for the four unopposed candidates;

\*Lion David McKenzie: Lion of Michigan Service Foundation

\*Lion James Leach, Jr.: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice District Governor Elect

\*Lion Tim Hill: 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice District Governor Elect

\*Lion John Kontos: District Governor Elect

\*To over 250 Lions, Lioness, Leos, and guests who participated and enjoyed this four day annual gathering

\*To International Director Steve Glass and PDG Cindy for their generosity, congeniality, humor, and appreciation of District 11-A2

\*And a final thank you to the Clinton Valley Lions and my family who supported me and attended our 33<sup>rd</sup>. Annual Dinner Convention

On Saturday, April 14, 2013, our 4<sup>th</sup>. and last Cabinet Meeting is scheduled. It will be hosted by the Clinton Valley Lions and DGE John Kontos.

Location: Fern Hill Country Club—17600 Clinton River Road -Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Schedule: 12:30-1pm—Social 1-2pm—Meal—2-3pm Meeting

Send checks payable to District 11-A2 TO: Lion Jim Leach, Jr., CS

557 Thurber Drive

Troy, MI 48085

There are 95 days, 2280 Hours, 136,800 Minutes, 8,208,000 Seconds and ticks of the Heart remaining through June 30, 2013 for us to complete elections, fundraisers, and housekeeping duties.

Ably and Honorably, WE SERVE,

## 2nd VDG Tom “Too Tall Tom” Hill

Wow! What a great convention. Gov. Jim and P.C.C. Chair Paul did a fantastic job.

My sincere thanks to all who supported me to be your 1st. Vice District Gov. for 2013-2014. I will do my very best to serve you.

Congratulations to Gov. Elect John and 2nd Vice Gov. Elect Jim on their nominations.

Thanks also, to P.D.G. John Wallace and P.D.G. Ron Papa for their nomination speeches that they did for me. They made me proud to be a Lion.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Fraser Lions hospitality room, as much as, I enjoyed having you there. It was great to see so many Lions and friends.

Madonna is coming up on April 18th, and I would like to see a good turn out. Please try to be there. Don't forget too, the Cabinet Meeting on April 14th.

Thanks again everyone.

## Lioness District Liaison's Report

Happy Easter to all of you!! I would say Happy Spring, but I don't want to jinx anything!

Wow! What a weekend we just had at the Lions Convention in Perrysburg, Ohio. If you were there, you know what a great time it was...our new cabinet for 2013-2014 was presented and Lion John Kontos is now our Governor-Elect. The new cabinet will begin their year in July. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making it a great event!! If you were not there, think about joining us next year, as this convention is for all Lions, Lioness, and Leos, and it is a great opportunity to learn a little more and have a great time in the process!

Don't forget the Spring Project...If you have your book donations ready, let me know! You can bring them to the Cabinet Meeting in April if you are attending or I can get them picked up from you, just let me know what we need to do. The JDRF Walk in September is still a way off, but it will be here before we know it. Don't forget about my challenge to Lion Roger Blackwell...we WILL have more Lioness there than there will be Lions! Please watch for more information to follow...I will keep you posted! If I have not visited your club yet, please contact me so that I can get out there to hear about all of the great things you do and will be doing!

You can reach me at 586-784-4287 or [lvoisich@yahoo.com](mailto:lvoisich@yahoo.com)

Sincerely,  
Lioness Lynn M. Voisich



## Youth Exchange is in need of homes for visiting Students!

If you can open your home to any of these students, please contact Lion Shawn Blaszczyk at [nhlionsblas@aol.com](mailto:nhlionsblas@aol.com). Thank you!

English speaking code: Good-Fair-Little.

**Finland:** July 1- July 31, 2013

Sofia Peltola (F 17) Vaasa, Finland; Likes: Dance, Piano, Traveling, Photography. English speaking-Good.

Aino-Kaisa Ukkonen (F 18) Siilinjarvi, Finland; Likes: Playing Violin and Guitar, singing, yoga, traveling and languages. Eng.- Good.

Jaana Nevalainen (F 18) Juuka, Finland; Likes: Jogging, photography. English speaking - Good.

Rosa Karoliina Joutsimies (F 17) Sipoo, Finland; Likes: Gym, reading, jogging. English speaking - Good.

**Japan:** August 3- August 28, 2013

Akinori Ozeki (M 17) Chiba, Japan; Likes: Sports, swimming, music. English speaking - Fair.

Kensuke Suzuki (M 19) Shizuoka-ken, Japan; Likes Soccer, Music, Movies. English speaking- Fair.

Misato Kataoka (F 20) Hyogo, Japan; Likes: Playing Piano and Violin, watching soccer. English speaking-Fair.

Keishi Umezawa (M 20) Aichi-ken, Japan; Likes: Surfing. English speaking - Good.



# UPCOMING

# EVENTS

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### Saturday, April 6, 2013

Selfridge North Macomb Lions  
Euchre Tournament  
Check-in 1:30 Play begins 2:00pm  
\$15 Includes pizza - cash bar  
Kingswood Lanes Lounge  
44925 N Groesbeck Hwy, Clinton Twp. 48036  
For More Information Contact:  
Vikki Gray @ 557-2708  
Tammi Graber @ tammitupper@aol.com

### Saturday, April 13, 2013

Comedy Nite  
at Club Monte Carlo  
Doors open 6 pm Dinner @ 7 pm  
\$50 or \$60 with Open Bar  
Proceeds go to Michigan Eye Bank  
Reserve Tickets by April 6, 2013  
For More Information Contact:  
Randy @ 586-405-9337  
Dave @ 248-705-2901

### Saturday, April 20, 2013

New Haven Lions Euchre  
Time: 7pm  
\$12 plus quarters, includes light dinner  
New Haven Lions Hall  
For More Information Contact:  
Lions Andy 810-543-0951

### Sunday, April 28, 2013

Macomb Township Lioness  
Pancake Breakfast  
Macomb Township Lions Hall  
52175 North Avenue  
(between 23 & 24 Mile Road)  
For More Information Contact:  
Lioness Joyce Kraatz @ 586-781-3668

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### Thursday, May 2- Sunday May 12, 2013

Rochester Hills Lions Club's Annual  
Leader Dog Spring Carnival  
North American Midway Entertainment  
in K-mart's parking lot across from Leader  
Dog (Avon & Rochester Road)  
For More Information Contact:  
PDG Lion Keith Kennedy or  
Rochester Hills Lion

### Sunday, May 5, 2013

Sterling Heights Lioness  
7th Annual Spring Tea  
Break-In At Tiffany's A Mystery Tea  
Carpathia Club 38000 Utica Road  
Donation \$30.00  
For More Information or Tickets Contact:  
Carole Gareau @ 586-254-2868  
Sandra Whitworth @ 586-577-1299

### Thursday, May 16, 2013

Pre-Convention Gathering  
Cookout with ID Stacey Jones  
Meet in hotel lobby at 5:30pm  
carpooling to Lambright Cabin  
RSVP your attendance now! Mail your check for  
\$10 and add to Convention registration form!

### Friday, May 17, 2013

Lions of Michigan MD 11 State Convention's  
Annual Golf Outing  
For More Information:  
See attached flyer

### Friday, May 17-Saturday, May 18, 2013

93rd Annual MD 11 Convention  
Shipshewana, IN  
For More Information:  
See attached flyer

### Saturday, May 18, 2013

New Haven Lions Euchre  
Time: 7pm  
\$12 plus quarters, includes light dinner  
New Haven Lions Hall  
For More Information Contact:  
Lions Andy 810-543-0951

# District 11-A2 Cabinet Meeting

## Sunday, April 14, 2013

Social - 12:30 PM Lunch - 1:00 PM

Meal Cost: Cabinet Members \$10.00 All Others \$12.00

HOSTED BY: Clinton Valley Lions Club  
and  
1VDG John Kontos

Please R.S.V.P. No later Than  
April 2, 2013

Location: Fern Hill Golf & Country Club  
17600 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Make checks payable to  
District 11-A2  
Send Reservations to:  
Lion Jim Leach Jr., CS  
557 Thurber Drive  
Troy, MI 48085

**All Reservations must be paid in advance to secure a meal**  
**Sorry NO Phone Reservations**

Please complete and include with your check

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ROSTER BOOK

### CORRECTIONS *or* ADD INS

\* Rochester Hills Lions Club is going back to meeting at Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main, Rochester, starting Wednesday, March 20.

\* Lion Lee Palshan, Ortonville Lions Club has a new e-mail address, [leepalshan@charter.net](mailto:leepalshan@charter.net)



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A recycle-a-thon to benefit pediatric speech and language treatment scholarships at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

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◆ STATEWIDE RECYCLING & RECOVERY

40251 Schoolcraft, Plymouth, Michigan

734-453-0600

*Make sure to mention **Beaumont** when you drop off your items.*

### Items we will accept include:

\*\*\*\*\*TVs no longer accepted\*\*\*\*\*

Audio/Visual Equipment	Back-up Batteries	Car Batteries	Cell Phone w/or w/o battery
Coaxial Cables	Computer Components	Computer Mouse	Computers
Copiers	Digital Cameras	DVD Players	Fax Machines
Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Metals	Keyboards	Lithium Batteries	Misc. Computer Peripherals
Unbroken Monitors	MP3 Players	Pagers	Palm Pilots
Power Cables	Power Supplies	Printers	Projectors
Rechargeable Batteries	Scanners	Server Cabinets	Speakers
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Telephone Systems	Toner Cartridges	Video Game Systems	Vacuum Cleaners
VCRs	Bikes	Walkmans	Wire
Wireless Devices	Washers/Dryers	Refrigerators	Gas Stoves
Swing Sets			

Please visit <http://foundation.beaumont-hospitals.com/e-clutter-for-kids>

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## **District Governor's Travels**

April 10 ~ Macomb Twp Lioness Club  
April 14 ~ Cabinet Meeting

## **Welcome New Members**

### **Club ~ New Lions Member ~ Sponsor**

New Baltimore ~ Kevin Komara ~ Richard Komara  
Romeo ~ Paul Dennis ~ Elizabeth Bucsek  
Richmond ~ Christopher Werner ~ Paul Ostby  
New Haven ~ Shereen Edwards ~ Vanessa Dilbert  
New Haven ~ Hallie Harroff ~ Vanessa Dilbert

## **Deceased Members**

PCC Roger LaMothe - Jackson Breakfast Lions and an  
Associate Member of Novi Lions

