

# District 11-A2 Roaring News



“Aby and Honorably, WE SERVE”



THEME-VISION-DREAM

“Stop the Bleeding”



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Think about what  
comes to mind when  
you hear the word

**Thanksgiving**

Now Thank God for all  
that came to mind  
because if it were not for  
him you wouldn't be  
here or have it.....



## Blooms from: DG John Kontos



Club Presidents, Secretaries, Membership Chairs, and Prospective sponsors, 11-A2 has scheduled many festivals, events, dinners at your choosing for your personal information and information giving to your club members.

Many of the forty Lions clubs, Lioness clubs, and two Leos clubs attended some of these functions. At the next round of Zone Meetings on November 6, 7, and 18, I am expecting and quite anxious to listen to all the good works your clubs have done, are doing, and have planned to do. Your messages, your reactions, your successes are needed to be shared. We need to listen to you with open ears.

Write your club reports, present them, and give them to your Zone Chairs at the meeting. If your leadership is unable to attend your Zone Meeting, e-mail, fax, or have someone turn in your club report to your Zone Chair. We need to hear from you.

My official visit to your clubs have been eventful. Each club, each different, and most very respectful, and most very respectful for the Office of the Governor and to First Lady Marylin. We thank you for your generosity and optimism.

In Helen Keller's book, "The Story of My Life." She wrote "No Pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit."

In Mark Twain's, "Autobiography," he wrote "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do." So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Our own Melvin Jones was optimistic that the enduring principles of "WE SERVE" will ensure continuous growth and progress when he stated, "I hope there will always be a land of beyond for Lions Clubs; a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we appreciate it, yet will keep just out of reach, challenging us to run faster, work harder, think bigger, give more."

Our icons, have asked us to be optimistic, to follow your dreams, to explore, dream, and discover. Past International Director Jimmy Ross said, "From club to club, Lions decide who we are and how WE SERVE. This also keeps us young and fresh."

"This is the Lionistic year, July 1, 2013 to JULY 1, 2014 to effect positive change, to stop the bleeding, step forward, be more successful, and embracing team spirit."

Able and Honorably WE SERVE!



## 1st VDG Tom "Too Tall Tom" Hill

What a week I had, visited 3 clubs, went to Penrickton Dinner and Past Governor Jim's Appreciation Dinner. What a nice showing, our District was well attended for both events. I heard over \$200,000 was raised for Penrickton. Every club should be proud of what you do. We have many goals and this one was reached. Keep it up 11-A2.

My congratulations to Past Governor Jim on all the awards he received, and the Lake Orion Lions for being a great host.

Thanksgiving is getting close. We all have a lot to be thankful for. Thank God for the service men and women that keep us safe. We should be thankful that we can help out the less fortunate and that you as a Lion do this.

Region meetings coming up, hope to see you at yours. Happy Thanksgiving!



## 2nd VDG Jim Leach JR The Wannabe's Wramblings

Wow, October went by quickly! I know Governor John would be able to give you the exact count of how many days are left but I can tell you that we are officially in the second quarter of this Lionsitec year.

Many great things have already happened like the JDRF walk, where we surpassed last year's donations and are extremely close to PRC Roger Blackwell's goal. Also, just recently, the Penrickton Center Kickoff Dinner where over \$210,000 was turned in. Coming up is the Michigan Hearing Center's Dinner & Auction; Leader Dog Kickoff and Bear Lake Kickoff. All great events and even greater causes. Support them if you can.

It is the beginning of the holiday season, a time where a lot of clubs have projects that are geared toward helping out the residents of their community and making sure they have what they need for the holidays. Whether it is candy cane sales, Goodfellow Papers, mints, Entertainment books, whatever, remember that every dollar you raise is one more dollar you didn't have and one more dollar you can give to the people who really need it in your community. While out on the streets and in your community raising that money, please be careful. None of us are getting any younger and we need as many healthy and mobile members we can get!

On a personal note, I could not end this article without thanking both my Dad, Jim Leach, Sr. and my wife, Kim. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, my dad sponsored Kim into the Lake Orion Lions Club as our newest member! She is his 47<sup>th</sup> Lion to sponsor. She has been around Lions for a long time, one of our first "dates" way back in High School was to go work on the Lake Orion Lions Club's Christmas Basket Program! Who knew almost 30 years later, she would be a member!

Please remember, if you would like me to come visit your club, contact me and I will be more than happy to spend some time with your club.

I will talk to you next month.

## Lioness District Liaison's Report

Here it is almost Halloween and we are having such beautiful weather. Hope that it continues.

I have visited a few of the clubs and I am having such a great time with all of you.

At our Joint Lioness meeting at the end of September, I let everyone know what our fall project was going to be. We are going to help Penrickton Center. As you all know they do not get any money from the government or United Way. They are in need of some furniture for their volunteer room. This room is used by parents of the children and volunteers and sometimes for meeting with the parents. Please have your checks to me by November 8 and make them out to District 11A-2.

Also coming up is our Lioness Conference on November 1st and 2nd in Big Rapids, at the Holiday Inn/Ferris University. If you have never been it is a lot of fun and you will have a great time. Friday night will be "Tailgate Party: and be ready for "Team Lioness Tailgate Party:. So be sure to wear your favorite team shirt or colors. Also bring your banners as we will be having a parade of banners again this year. Looking forward to seeing you there.

I think that I have contacted all of the clubs and look forward to the ones that I have not visited yet.

If you have any questions please call me at 586-792-0329 or e-mail me at sassycat1@wowway.com

Sincerely,  
Lioness Fran Black



### Comments From: IPDG Jim Pettinato

THANK YOU!

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Words alone cannot express our gratitude for all the wonderful expressions of kindness given to Lauraine and I at our year celebration dinner on October 19. The gifts of all kinds are greatly appreciated and have special places in our hearts and home as reminders of how great District 11-A2 is and always will be.

We will always treasure the club meetings we attended, the special events we were invited to and all the Region and Cabinet meetings because we got more out of these events than anyone could ever know. I, as a person, am a much better one today because of the journey you allowed me to go on and I wish there was a way to express my thanks in more than just words.

Because of your generosity a number of Melvin Jones Fellowships and Progressives were given out during the evening and I am so proud of everyone who received one and there were a few who were not there and I will surprise them with a visit to their club as soon as possible.

The Lake Orion Lions went far above any expectations with the presentations to Lauraine and I and I am very humbled by everything they did. I cannot thank them enough for all their support as I went through the journey from putting my hat in the ring to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and Governor. They are truly a Lions club I can brag about and am very proud to be a member.

If there is anything I can do for you or your club just let me know and I will do what I can.

Again thanks for everything and God Bless!

# ROSTER BOOK CORRECTIONS or ADD INS



\* ZC Lion Sal Caruso has a new cell number which is 586-738-7728.

\* Armada Lions correct information,

Lions President Michael Kirchner, 74325 Coon Creek Rd, Armada, MI 48005, phone 586-242-8565, email mask13@netzero.net

Lions Secretary Ryan O'Leary, 23153 Torrey, Armada MI 48005, phone 586-531-3543, email ryan01general@yahoo.com

\* Armada Lioness correct information,

Lioness President Laurie DeManuel, 8590 Alpine Rd, Wales Twp MI 48027, email ldemanuel@csbbank.com

## Leader Dog For The Blind's Kick Off

Thursday, December 5, 2013

Leader Dog Campus 1039 S. Rochester Road

Come celebrate and hear the latest Leader Dog news

Bring a donation that is at least 10% more than the donation your club contributed to the 2012 kick-off parade of checks last year and earn a special kick-off patch for your club banner.

### Pre-Event Activities



4-6 pm Kennel Tours every 15 minutes; last tour 5:45pm

Working Leader Dog demonstrations  
Gift Shop Open 'til 7pm

6:00 pm Cash Bar

7:00 pm Dinner

Program

Parade of Checks



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Please fill out and return with check made payable to: Leader Dog for the Blind  
Mail to: 1039 S. Rochester Road Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees (please print):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# District 11-A2 Meetings

Social - 6:00 PM Dinner - 6:45 PM  
Meal Cost: Everybody - \$12.00

## Region II Zone Meeting Wednesday, November 6, 2013

HOSTED BY: Madison Heights Lions Club  
and ZC Bob Caron  
Location: Retail Clerks Union Hall  
876 Horace Brown Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071



Please R.S.V.P. No later Than  
October 30, 2013  
Make checks payable to  
Madison Heights Lions Club  
Send Reservations to:  
ZC Bob Caron  
23796 Reynolds  
Hazel Park, MI 48030

## Region III Zone Meeting Thursday, November 7, 2013

HOSTED BY: Clinton Valley Lions Club  
and ZC Cindy LoGrasso  
Location: Fern Hill Country Club  
17600 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Twp., MI

Please R.S.V.P. No later Than  
October 31, 2013  
Make checks payable to  
Clinton Valley Lions Club  
Send Reservations to:  
ZC Cindy LoGrasse  
4579 32 Mile Road  
Romeo, MI 48065

## Region I Zone Meeting Monday, November 18, 2013

HOSTED BY: Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club  
and ZC Donald K. Furman  
Location: Beacon Hill Golf & Banquet Center  
6011 Majestic Oaks Drive  
Commerce Township, MI 48307

Please R.S.V.P. No later Than  
November 11, 2013  
Make checks payable to  
Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club  
Send Reservations to:  
Lion PCT David W. Nauman, Treasurer  
1790 Baywood Drive  
Wixom, MI 48393-1107

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## DEADLINE November 1, 2013

Independence of The Seas  
March 1, 2014 - March 9, 2014  
Rates include all meals, taxes, and fees  
Leave March 1st from Ft Lauderdale  
March 4th in Philipsburg, St Marten  
March 5th in Basseterre, St Kitts  
March 6th in San Juan, Puerto Rico  
March 7th in Labadee, Haiti  
Arrive March 9th back in Ft Lauderdale  
For More Information Contact:  
Sandra Whitworth @ 586-557-1299  
(Anton Anderssen Travel)

## Sunday, November 10, 2013

Macomb Township Lioness Club  
Euchre Tournament  
Registration 1:30 PM Play Begins 2:00 PM  
Macomb Township Lions Hall  
\$10 Donation  
For More Information/Reservations Contact:  
Lioness Joyce @ 586-781-3668  
Lioness Fran @ 586-792-0329

## Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Royal Oak Lions Club  
39th Annual Century Club Raffle  
The San Marino Club  
For More Information Contact:  
Bob Westbury @ 248-528-3141

## Saturday, November 9, 2013

Selfridge North Macomb Lions  
Euchre Tournament  
Harry Ollrich American Legion Post 4  
401 N. Groesbeck Hwy  
Check In 1:00 PM Play Begins 1:30 PM  
For More Information Contact:  
Vikki Gray @ 586-598-5656  
Hank Uglis 586-764-5693



November  
&  
December

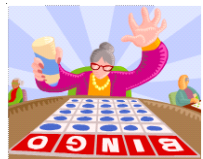


Troy Community Lions Club Annual  
Entertainment Books Sale  
\$25.00  
To purchase a book Contact:  
Lion Donna Quinn @ 248-879-8141 or  
tclsec@comcast.net

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**Bingo is Back at Rosemack, and Tuesday is  
Clinton Valley Lions Day!**  
Doors Open at 4 PM                      Bingo at 6:30 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 HEARING CENTER OF MICHIGAN

INVITES YOU TO THE

9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER DANCE AND AUCTION



## BRAZILIAN BEAT: SOUNDS OF CARNIVALE!

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

The Royalty House

8201 13 Mile Road, Warren, MI



Glenda Lewis, Mistress of Ceremonies

**\$70.00 per person / Table of ten for \$650.00**

**\$60.00 per person / Table of ten for \$550.00 if you register  
before November 1, 2013 !**

**Please contact the Lions Hearing Center of Michigan  
for information or to purchase tickets!**

**313-745-4664**

**[www.lhcmi.org](http://www.lhcmi.org)**

Tickets Include:

\*Dinner and Open Bar!

\*Detroit Circus Performers!

\*Live Music, DJ and Dancing!

\*Hundreds of Silent and Live Auction Items!

Masks and/or costumes are encouraged!

The Lions Hearing Center of Michigan is a 501(c) 3 Not for Profit Organization



# Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp



**\* BEAR LAKE \***

## Kick Off Dinner & Parade of Checks

Wednesday February 12, 2014

At

### Fraser Lions Banquet Hall

34540 Utica Rd  
Fraser Mi 48026

**\$18.00 per Person**

*[ Price includes Buffett Dinner, Beer & Wine ]*

*\* Liquor may be purchased at the Bar \**

*Social Hour 6:00 pm – Dinner at 7:00 pm*

**Make all Checks payable to the Shelby Twp Lions**

And mail to

69740 Wolcott, Armada Mi. 48005

**Event Coordinator**

**Lion Jeff Bourdeau**

**586-752-3083**

**Ticket Coordinator**

**Lion Dave Ebeling**

**586-784-8725**

**Lion Bill Lang**

**[diamonddave77@gmail.com](mailto:diamonddave77@gmail.com)**

**586-255-7403**

**Cut Off Date for registration February 6, 2014**

**District Governor's & Guest are FREE**



District 11-A2  
District Governor  
John Kontos  
31819 Eiffel Ave  
Warren, MI 48088



## District Governor's Travels

November 4 – Rochester Lions Club Visit  
November 6 – Region II Meeting  
November 7 – Region III Meeting  
November 12 – Troy Community Lions Club Visit  
November 14 – Waterford Lions Club Visit  
November 18 – Region I Meeting  
November 19 – Richmond Lions Club Visit  
November 21 – Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club Visit

## Welcome New Members

### Club ~ New Lions Member ~ Sponsor

Romeo ~ James Salsido ~ Elizabeth Bucsek  
Romeo ~ Lori Pevoteaux ~ Elizabeth Bucsek  
New Haven ~ Chris Craigmiles ~ Bertha Hardy  
Roseville ~ Allison Williams ~ Robert Bartlett Jr.

## Deceased Members

Arlon Keelor - Lathrup Village Lions

