

District 11-A2 Roaring News

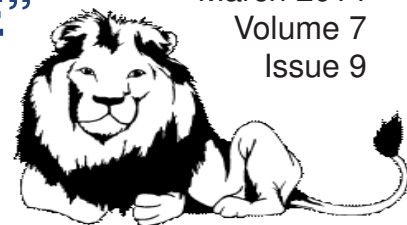


“Aby and Honorably, WE SERVE”



THEME-VISION-DREAM

“Stop the Bleeding”



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Happy 
St. Patrick's
Day!


Who is ready for

Spring 

I know, I am!

Blooms from: DG John Kontos



As 2013-2014 Lionistic Year continues to pass, a continuous stream of questions comes to mind. "Who are you?" "Why did you join the Lions?" "Why did you stay?" "What did you contribute?" "What is your legacy?" "How did you make a difference?"

A super competent Immediate Past District Governor, Lion Karen Routson from 11C-2 recently wrote about us volunteers. "When we think of volunteering, we mostly think of hands-on service and fundraising for special causes. That's the most important part, but the organization needs to make the plans and lead to keep us strong. As a leader, you will make friends in a larger area and exchange new ideas with them. Just think: YOU might be just the person to provide inspiration to our Lions and solutions to our challenges!" Follow a new dream to be a Lions leader! Try it -you'll like it! Thank you Lion Karen.

We continue to be proud MD11 District with:

- ~ International Director Esther LaMothe from Novi Lions Club serving yet another 18 months.
- ~ Immediate Past District Governor Jim Pettinato from Lake Orion Lions Club serving as Vice Council Chair of the Council of Governors and soon to be Council Chair.
- ~ Lion Jim Leach, Jr. from Lake Orion Lions Club seeking the office of 1st. Vice District Governor Elect at next month's convention.
- ~ Lion Tom Hill from Fraser Lions Club seeking the office of Governor Elect at next month's convention.
- ~ Lion Patti Barr from the Novi Lions Club stepping forward and seeking the position of 2nd. Vice District Governor at our District Convention.
- ~ Lion Leo Schaefer from the Armada Lions Club seeking the office of Region 3 Chair.
- ~ Lion Bob Caron of the Madison Heights Lions Club and Lion Sal Caruso of the Sterling Heights Lions Club seeking the office of Region 2 Chair.
- ~ Lion John Bingham of the Pontiac Lions Club seeking the office of Region 1 Chair.
- ~ PDG Bob Bobee of the Warren Lions Club seeking the office of Trustee of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation.
- ~ Lion Kim Thiede of the Fraser Lions Club who has chaired the Michigan Lions Forum Committee to a resounding start of her three year term.

The Lions running and seeking these offices need your support and votes. Select your club delegates and alternates and attend 11A-2 March 28th-30th District Convention at the Hilton Grand Rapids Airport. Exercise your votes and support to these Lions is one thing. Plans and events for your pleasure, entertainment and convenience include Friday Night's 7-10 mixer with DJ Mike Dolecki, Photo Booth with unlimited sessions with props provided, and hospitality rooms of Regions Chairs and Governor's Teams. Saturday sessions which include Business Awards, Ladies Luncheon, Session with International Director Dr. Hauser Weiler of Virginia. Saturday Evening Dinner and later more hospitality rooms, concluding with Sunday Memorial Service and Elections. We'll be introduced to our appointed and elected 2014-2015 11A-2 Cabinet which will officially take charge in July when they are officially installed.

According to Lion Brian Shepard, this year's Chairman of Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, a personal comparison study of membership numbers this year VS those of last year showed him that the State:

1. Increased adding new members by almost 6% from last year.
2. Reinstated nearly 41% more members than last year.
3. Captured over 27% of transferred members.

Blooms from:
DG John Kontos
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Council Chair Brian indicated that the total number of added membership this year is nearly 16% up from last year, while the State has lowered the number of dropped members by nearly 3%. He added that the State Membership Total is down by only 2% at 138 members VS 238 members at the same time last year. He is asking all the Governors, the clubs, and club members to Keep up the Great Work and stay positive for the rest of the Lionistic Year.

Our Ad Hoc Extension Team is currently developing a Goal and Action Plan for targeting Ferndale as our Second New Chartered Club area this Lionistic Year. More encouraging information is forthcoming for training and action.

Last District Cabinet Meeting will be held on Sunday 13th. at the Fraser Lions Den where the newly elected Cabinet will be presented and the Club of the Year will be announced.

Ably and Honorably, "WE SERVE"



1st VDG Tom "Too Tall Tom" Hill

Wow, what a great turn out for the District Euchre Tournament. Congratulations to all the winners. I tried to do as well as my brother running the tournament and I hope everyone enjoyed it. Oh by the way Lake Orion Lions will be the host next year. The Selfridge North Macomb Lions did a fine job hosting this year.

February sure went by fast. I did a lot of traveling, going to Indianapolis for 1st VG training and the Michigan Forum. Both events were full of information and I hope to learn from it. As Lions, we should try to attend any training session that we can learn more. We are not too old to learn.

Convention is coming up fast. I would like your support for me as your next Governor for 2014-2015. Please visit me in my hospitality room.

Remember why you became a Lion. Was it to help people out, serve your community, join a friend, whatever reason, do you still feel the same? If not get back on track and enjoy being a Lion.

See you at the convention.



Leader Dogs for the Blind needs Puppy Raisers!



Please open your home and your heart to a future Leader Dog! For more information call Kathy Mazur in the Leader Dog puppy development department at 248-650-7108 or apply online at www.leaderdog.org/volunteer/puppyraiser. Thank you so much.



2nd VDG Jim Leach JR The Wannabe's Wramblings

Okay, I am done with this snow. I don't care that it's the third snowiest winter ever and I really have no desire to break the record. Do you realize to do that we will have to get over two more feet of snow? At this rate, the snow will still be melting when we are at 1st Vice District Governor Tom's Installation Picnic! This is just crazy. I know we are in Michigan and we are supposed to have snow in winter but, this is a little much. Sorry for that little rant there, I am better now!

In the month of February, we finished up our last round of Region Meetings. There was a lot of great information shared about what all of the clubs did for fundraisers and what they have coming up. One project that was mentioned by many clubs were Texas Hold'em events. I know my club used to do these and made good money at them. They are probably one of the easiest fundraisers a club can do. Then, when you realize that you are not standing out on a busy street trying to collect money for White Canes, mints, candy canes, Goodfellows or whatever, worrying about the cold weather, hot weather wet weather it makes it that much better for your club. There is a movement being started by the Casinos to try and stop these Texas Hold'em events from happening for Non-Profits, or at least, change them enough that it would make it harder to hold them and not make as much money. If your club is already doing these or considering doing them, you would definitely benefit by talking to PDG Doc Barr out of the Novi Lions Club. He has been involved in all of this since the beginning and can share all of it with you and your club so you know what is going on and what you are getting into.

Hey, it's March, that means that there is a District Convention headed our way. This year's convention looks to be great. We are in a new location which, I have heard, is a little smaller than in the past. We should have the whole place to ourselves, which would be great.

I still have a few clubs that I need to visit, if your club would like me to come out, please contact me and let me know. 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

I know that some day soon we will see our lawns and have some warmer weather.

All of the Region Meetings are done and our next event is the Convention in Grand Rapids on March 28-30. Hope that I will be seeing some of our Lioness there.

After our Joint Meeting in January it proved how tough the Lioness in 11-A2 are. We had 23 Lioness show up. At the meeting, I told the group and have sent out information regarding our spring project. "Seedlings", I want to thank the Lioness clubs that brought this charity to my attention.

An event that is very close to Lioness Lynn Voisich is Goal-Ball. It will be at Warren - Mott school and it is March 1st and 2nd. If you have any questions you can get in touch with Lynn or call Becky Hercula at 586-574-3047 or e-mail bmomrn@gmail.com. It is a team sport for athletes who are blind or visually impaired. They are also looking for volunteers. The event is FREE. With this cold weather, it would be a nice thing to do indoors. There are videos of this sport which can be found online.

I have enjoyed being Liaison this year and even though I have a few months left on my term, I just want all of the Lioness to know how I enjoyed meeting all of you.

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

Sincerely, Lioness Fran Black





UPCOMING EVENTS

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Sat., March 1 & Sun., March 2, 2014

30th Annual USABA Midwest Regional
Goalball Tournament
Warren Mott High School
For More Information Contact:
Lioness Lynn Voisich @ 586-929-5564

Saturday, March 8, 2014

The Shelby Township Lions Presents
Comedy Night
Club Monte Carlo
Reserve Now Limited Seating
For More Information or Tickets Contact:
Randy 586-405-9337
Dave 248-705-2901

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Bowling For Brighter Tomorrows
Michigan Eye-Bank
For More Information Contact:
www.michiganeyebank.org

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Chesterfield Lions Club's
Vendors Show
10 am until 3 pm
Chesterfield Lions Hall
For More Information Contact:
Carol Bledsoe email
bledsoecarol@yahoo.com

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Novi Lions Club 8th Annual Charity
Dinner & Auction
Presents: The Legend Brothers
"Bringing Vegas to You"
Suburban Collection Showplace
For More Information or Tickets Contact:
Lion Doc Barr @ 248-417-3218 or
wbarr6651@aol.com

Saturday, March 15, 2014

New Haven Lions
Euchre Party
New Haven Lions Hall
For More Information Contact:
Andy Williams @ 586-430-1390

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Sterling Heights Lioness Club
All You Can Eat
Baked Potato Fundraiser
Sterling Heights Lions Clubhouse
For More Information Contact:
Lioness Lynn 586-604-6907



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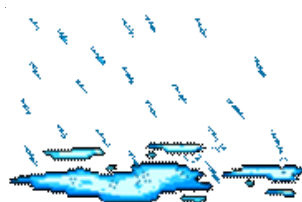
Friday, April 11, 2014

Sterling Heights Lioness
Relay for Life Bowling Fundraiser
Registration @ 6:30
Five Star Lanes

For More Information Contact:
Linda @ 586-873-3797 or
lbcasino17@att.net

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Oldies Night with the Stars
Sterling Heights Lions Club
For More Information or Tickets Contact:
Ron Papa 586-226-9066
Bob Varto 248-879-9415



Saturday, April 12, 2014

Macomb Township Lioness Presents
Lunch with the Easter Bunny
Free Kidsight Testing
Macomb Township Lions Hall
For More Information or Reservations Contact:
Lioness Joyce @ 586-781-3668
Lioness Fran @ 586-792-0329

Saturday, April 19, 2014

New Haven Lions
Euchre Party
New Haven Lions Hall
For More Information Contact:
Andy Williams @ 586-430-1390

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Sterling Heights Lioness Club's 8th Annual Spring Tea
Hawaiian Kupulua Tea
Carpathia Club
RSVP By April 18th
For More Information or Tickets Contact:
586-557-1299

To all clubs in District 11-A2,

The 2014 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.

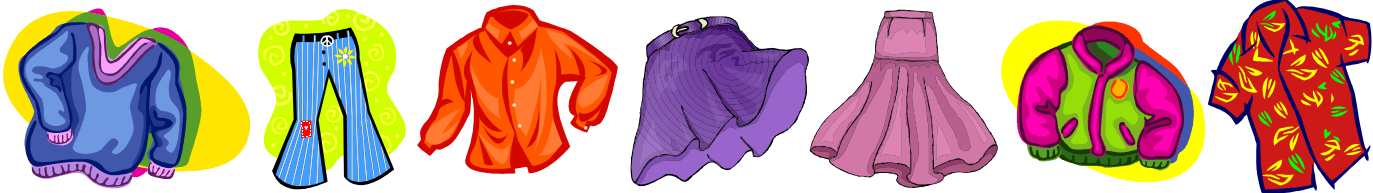
We are asking that each club locate and forward a picture of each deceased club member who will be remembered in the Memorial Service. PDG Rich Pfeiffer will collect the pictures and put them in a Power Point format to be used during the Service. If each club could send the pictures electronically to PDG Rich at pdgrich@yahoo.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 Rich or myself and we will 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 Ray Babin, District Chaplain



COMING ATTRACTION!!



1st Lady Marylin and the Ladies of Clinton Valley Lions Club invite you to attend the Lady's Luncheon at the Governor's Convention in March 2014.

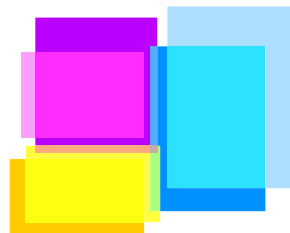
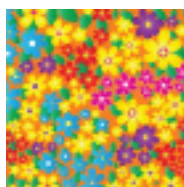
[QUOTING CONNIE SCHULTZ/parade.com](http://QUOTING%20CONNIE%20SCHULTZ/parade.com)

“For a decade and a half, I dressed mostly in “slimming” black until I realized my look was more funeral than fashionable. These days, I’m all about color.

Come and see what a difference color can make. We will show what difference colors will look on you.

When sending in your Convention Reservation, make one for the Ladies Luncheon.

“SEE YOU THERE”



Historical Facts about Lionism “OLD and NEW”

We soon will be getting the paper work and signing up for the District 11-A2 Convention that will be held in Grand Rapids, March 27th to the 30th. 2014. Here is a list of the places that our District 11-A2 Convention has been held over the years.

The District 11-A2 Convention is the place where we meet our LION friends from our district and join in on the FUN OF LIONISM

1981-Midland	1982- Grand Rapids	1983- Battle Creek
1984- Grand Rapids	1985- Boyne Mountain	1986- Perrysburg, Oh.
1987- Battle Creek	1988- London, Canada	1989- Perrysburg, Oh.
1990- Grand Rapids	1991-Maumee, Oh.	1992- Perrysburg, Oh.
1993- Toledo, Oh.	1994- Toledo, Oh.	1995- Grand Rapids
1996- Toledo, Oh.	1997- Grand Rapids	1998- Grand Traverse
1999-London, Canada	2001- Grand Rapids	2002- Oak Brook, Il.
2003- Traverse City	2004- Perrysburg, Oh.	2005- Grand Rapids
2006- Kalamazoo	2007- London, Canada	2008- Grand Rapids
2009- Kalamazoo	2010- Perrysburg, Oh	2011- Grand Rapids
2012- Kalamazoo	2013- Perrysburg, Oh	2014- Grand Rapids

Each Year our District 11-A2 Convention is more fun than last year. When you look above and see all of the places that the Convention has been held- HOW MANY DID YOU ATTEND. Sign Up Early for the Convention that will be held in March 2014.

Yours in Lionism,
Jim Leach Sr.
District 11-A2 Historian



District 11-A2 Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, April 13, 2014

Social - 12 PM Meeting Called to Order 12:45

Meal Cost: Everybody - \$12.00

HOSTED BY: Fraser Lions Club
and 1st VDG Tom Hill
Location: Fraser Lions Clubhouse
34540 Utica Rd
Fraser, MI

Please R.S.V.P. No later Than April 9, 2014
Make checks payable to District 11-A2
Send Reservations to:
CT Rich Pfiesser
70350 Ross Dr.
Romeo, MI 48065

**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. = \$ _____

Lions District 11-A2 Convention
Come Party with Governor John Kontos
“Aby and Honorably We Serve”
 March 27-30, 2014 at the Hilton Grand Rapids Airport.
 Grand Rapids, MI

Name: _____

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

Club Name: _____

Name: _____

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

Club Name: _____

Phone: Day: _____ Evening: _____

Send completed registration form by **March 1, 2014**, with payment payable to
Lions International, District 11-A2, to:

Lion Rich Pfeiffer Home: 989-619-6115
 70350 Henry Ross Drive
 Romeo, MI 48065

Quantity		Amount
_____	Registration: Lions, Lioness, Guest @ \$15 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Registration: Leos & Children under 16 @ \$5 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Awards Breakfast @ \$15 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Ladies Luncheon @ \$15 ea	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Night Governor’s Banquet @ \$32 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Beef _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian	
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ _____

Hotel Reservations MUST be made directly with the Hilton
Call 616-957-0100. Or use this online link:

www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/G/GRRHIHF-LCMD11-20140327/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Room rates are \$95 per night, and the reservation deadline is March 13, 2014.

Please remember and follow these guidelines:

- 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.
- Refunds will be given for all items except registration fees if request is received by the committee no later than **March 7, 2014**. Hotel cancellation policy will govern the refund of hotel reservation deposits.
- There is a **NO FUNDRAISING** policy at convention, and it will be enforced.
- Alcoholic beverages in hotel common areas **MUST** be purchased from the hotel (**State of MICHIGAN law, not ours**).

The World's Longest Lunch Relay - ID Esther LaMothe

At our Board Meeting in Australia, President Palmer announced a special worldwide lunch that will take place during the April Family and Friend Month. He is asking each of our districts to plan a special event for one day in April. The tentative date is Friday, April 4, 2014.

Lions Longest Lunch Relay

The lunch will take place worldwide, a 24-hour, international event that brings families and friends of Lions together in their local communities with families and friends of Lions around the world. It is a great opportunity to share a meal and celebrate Lion successes, service stories and the rewards of being a Lion.

Here's how the Lions Longest Lunch Relay will work:

Participating clubs will schedule a lunch for their family and friends on April 4th. As clubs around the world host lunches in different international time zones, the Lunch Relay will move from time zone to time zone and steadily make its way around the globe, forming the Lions Longest Lunch Relay.

Here's how Lions can join the Lions Longest Lunch Relay:

1. Plan a lunch event—Choose a time, location and menu
2. Register the lunch event - Share the time and location for the lunch (there will be a registration page on LCI's website)
3. Celebrate the event—take photos and share the fun through social media.

This lunch provides a great opportunity for Lions and community members to feel they are a part of something big, and can discuss and learn about what Lions do. This can be a women's event, a family and women's event, or simply involve both Lion and non-Lions who want to participate. This will be up to you to determine locally.

The Lions Longest Lunch Relay is a day of food, fun and fellowship. It's our chance to be part of something big—*really big*....so start thinking about the event today!

Esther LaMothe, ID



Esther in Mississippi with Elvis.

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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

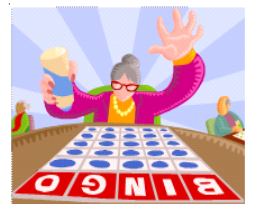
Join The Clinton Valley Lions For Fun and Freindship

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





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



District Governor's Travels

March 4 - Shelby Township Lioness Visit
March 7 & 8 - Council of Governors Meeting
Lansing, MI
March 18 - Armada Lioness Visit
March 27, 28, 29, 30 - District 11-A2 Convention
Grand Rapids, MI

Welcome New Members Club ~ New Lions Member ~ Sponsor

Lathrup Village ~ James Fydroski ~ Roger Blackwell
Armada ~ Charles Manoogian ~ Carl Malcolm
Beverly Hills ~ Dennis Alberts ~ Thomas Jablonski
Beverly Hills ~ Margaret Alberts ~ Renee Jablonski
Ortonville ~ Tami Nedeau ~ Susan Hogan
Ortonville ~ Sean Coffey ~ Edward Albertson
Ortonville ~ Crystal Harned ~ James Jones
Ortonville ~ Deb Rogers ~ Lee Palshan
Utica ~ Jean Prough ~ James Prough



Deceased Members

Leary Q. Wood - Ortonville Lions Club
Lin Melvin Lavier - Pontiac Lions Club
Norm Sinclair. - Pontiac Lions Club

