

District 11-A2 Roaring News

December 2015



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Greetings, Fellow Lions!

As all of you are aware, the Christmas season is often the busiest time of year for our clubs as we all pitch in to make the holiday a good one for those less fortunate than ourselves. As you work to make great things happen for the people in your community, take the time to include young people in your efforts. If there is a LEO Club in your area, reach out to them and let them lend you a hand. If you do not have a LEO Club then ask your children, grandchildren, or members of your community high school's National Honor Society to volunteer along with your club.

I was shocked to recently learn that membership in service clubs has declined 58% over the past 25 years. For Lions Clubs in Michigan that translates into a reduction from 26,000 members to 15,000 members over the same time period. Attracting young members is key to guaranteeing that Lions Clubs will be able to continue to serve communities around the world for generations to come!

Remember, submissions for the newsletter should be sent to jboomer1965@gmail.com no later than the 20th of the month preceding the publication of the next edition.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Jim Boomer

District Governor Jim Leach, Jr

Together We Can, Together We Will!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and spent time relaxing and thinking about all that you had to be thankful for. I am thankful for being given the opportunity to be Governor of this great District and to be able to meet all of you.

We had our second round of Region Meetings in November. The attendance was down a little but everyone who came out got to hear how Bear Lake Camp is doing and find out a little more on how they operate and who they serve. I would like to thank Lion Dennis Tomkins for coming out and putting on that program, it was very informative. November saw Veteran's Day being recognized. This is something that needs to be more than just a day. ANY day, you see a Veteran, thank them for the job that they did or are doing to keep our country safe. They deserve all of the thanks that we can give them and so much more.

December will see the third Council of Governor's meeting, this is always a good meeting as this is when all of the Governor's decide who gets awards this year. I have my thoughts on some very deserving Lions so hopefully they will be selected. I am sure with it being December, many clubs are well into their busiest time of the year. From Christmas Parades, to selling candy canes, nuts, newspapers or whatever to putting together food baskets for the needy in your community, it seems like every club has some type of activity planned. I hope all of you are successful in everything that you do.

Our third Cabinet Meeting will be coming up in January so look for more information on that soon.

Coins for Camp update: Project is going great! Many of you have generously donated to First Lady Kim's special project, and the big jar is getting filled quickly. To date, there is over to \$500 in there! Thank you all very much for your generosity! The jar will be at all of the District meetings and ready for your change.

From my family to yours, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for all you do and all you serve.

Talk to you next month.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of PDG and current Cabinet Secretary James Leach, Sr. Jim passed away this afternoon, December 6 after a brief illness. Arrangements are pending and will be forwarded out to the District. Please keep Governor Leach and his family in your thoughts and in your prayers as they navigate through this difficult time.

In light of Jim's passing, the District Christmas Party scheduled for December 11 has been cancelled.





This photo of Jim Sr. and Jim Jr. embracing was taken at our Governor's Installation this past Summer. The dedication to Service Above Self in the Leach family spans generations and provides inspiration to each none of us. Today, our District bids farewell to a True Lion!



First Vice-District Governor Patti Barr

“RAISING THE BARR!!!”

As we recuperate from the Thanksgiving holiday, the overeating, the Black Friday shopping, the Cyber Monday shopping we move into December with a much busier schedule. We have the Leader Dog Kick-off to look forward to on December 3rd. Penrickton Christmas Party, December 7th. The District Christmas Party on December 11th, Governor Jim asks you to wear your ugly Christmas sweater and I will be making a couple of official club visits this month.

I had an interesting Thanksgiving. My mom was preparing the turkey when we received a phone call What do I do about a turkey that has black spots? Doc's first reaction was cut the black spots off, but I went to Google (oh, thank goodness for Google). Google says – throw it out – do not eat it, it's been in the freezer too long to be edible. Well luckily it was purchased at Meijer's and they were open, so mom trots the turkey back to Meijer's. They gave her a thawed turkey, no questions asked. Mom gets it home, unwraps it, calls me and says “if this turkey is thawed, I am the Queen of England!” It's strange how occurrences put life in perspective. That morning my brother's father in law lost his battle with cancer. After mom and I talked we decided that a Turkey on Thanksgiving was not what was important - We had ham!

My thoughts and prayers are with 2VDG John after his brother has passed away. John was beginning his recuperation from knee surgery when his brother's health took a turn for the worse. John was able to get to him before he took his last breath. How proud John must be as a military funeral will take place in Tennessee.

On the lighter side, my prayer for December is: Dear Lord, Please don't let Doc be home when all my online orders arrive. Amen. Doc seeing this prayer says the opposite, Dear Lord, Please don't let Patti be home when all my online orders arrive. Oh boy, are we in trouble or what.

Enjoy your holidays, have fun and stay healthy.



Happenings Around District 11-A2 . . .

The Fraser Lions Club, along with local boy scouts and girl scouts, packed up some 400 sling-style backpacks full of snacks, reading materials, toiletries and many other items. The items were donated by companies



and families from the Fraser area. The backpacks will be delivered to Navy men and women aboard the USS Harry Truman aircraft carrier, helping to give them a very Merry Christmas.



In keeping with the Thanksgiving holiday spirit, Governor Jim Leach, Jr. was presented with a festive hat during his visit to the Roseville Lion's Club. First Lady Kimberly Leach spent the evening with a real turkey!!



The Lion's Leadership/ Graduate/Master's Institute was held on November 13-15 in Higgins Lake. The Institute provides 3 full days of top-notch leadership training in areas such as conflict resolution, speaking skills, team building and managing change. Paul Hemeryck is shown here addressing the graduating class on the final day.

Pictured here are several of the instructors and facilitators that made the Institute a great success. From left to right are Mark Miller, PDG Jim Pettinato, PDG Karen Routson (hiding behind the flag!), Kimberly Thiede, PCC Nancy Lampman, Jack Pyle, and PID Bill Hansen.





Each evening during the Institute the students were given ample time to unwind, socialize and enjoy various types of entertainment. Shown here, ZC Wally Stamper and company enjoy a friendly card game in the lodge after a long day of classes.



Lion Richard Snitgen, a member of both the Macomb and the Pigeon Lion's Club passed away on December 2 at the age of 71. Memorials may be directed to the Penrickton Center for the Blind or to the Be the Match Foundation.

PDG 11-A1 Glen Grosteffon of the Bedford Lion's Club passed away on November 25 at the age of 76. Memorials may be made to the Lion's Club of Bedford Township.



Welcome

New members are the life-blood of our organization.. Take time to welcome them and include them in your activities!

The Hazel Park Lions Club welcomes Chris Laymac, sponsored by Jan Parisi.

The Clarkston Lions Club welcomes Julie Davis, sponsored by Brace Case.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Angela Franz, sponsored by James Harten.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Rick Stephens, sponsored by Mike Serafin.

The Washington Lions Club welcomes Randolph Wade, sponsored by George Monte.

The Macomb Township Lions Club welcomes Louis Sarandon, sponsored by Larry Kukuk.

The Waterford Township Lions Club welcomes Dale Ulman, sponsored by Kevin Petrusha.

Many thanks to Lion Larry Cole for providing new member information each month!

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DISTRICT 11-A2 GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

The Global Membership Team (G.M.T.) has two training sessions scheduled for January 2016!

In order for club Presidents to be eligible for 100% Club President your club's membership chairperson must attend one of these training sessions listed below. It would be even better having more members from your club's membership committee attend if possible (or any other member wanting the training).

The Dates for the sessions are:

January 14, 2016 from 7-9PM

January 19, 2016 from 7-9PM

**This years topic for the Training will be on the
Responsibility of a Sponsor/Mentor.**

Each training session will be held at the Fraser Lions Clubhouse on Utica Road Please choose the session that works best for you and your club and notify Lion Ken Theil at 586-668-1977 which session you will be attending.



BINGO is back at Rosemack and Tuesdays
are Clinton Valley Lion's Day!!!!



Selling begins at 5:30 pm, with BINGO beginning at 6:30 pm.

\$2500 up for grabs every Tuesday!

Join the Clinton Valley Lions for FUN and Friendship!

Spread the word to all BINGO players!

Rosemack Hall is newly re-modeled and is bright and beautiful!



Waterford Lions Club Charity Poker Is Back!



LOCATION:

THE SHARKS CLUB

6665 Highland Rd.

Waterford, MI 48327



Tournament

Sunday, December 6th

1pm to ?

Hosted by WSOP Champion Ryan Reiss



Euchre Tournament
STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS

CHARITY FUND RAISER

Friday, January 8, 2016

Sterling Heights Lions Club House

12828 Canal Road,

Sterling Heights, Mi. 48313

(1/4 mile south of Hall Rd., west of Schoenherr)

Doors Open 6:00 - Play begins at 7:00 p.m.

\$15 Per person – includes subs, salad, pop and

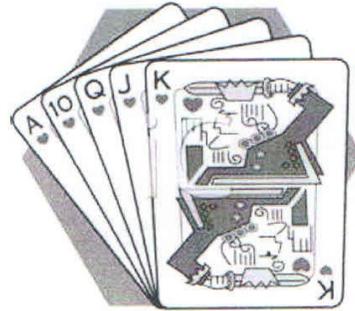
1 drink ticket at the Cash Bar

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CASH PRIZES

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3rd ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR



FRASER LION'S EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

When: Friday, December 18, 2015

Where: Fraser Lions Club
34540 Utica Rd, Fraser, MI (South of 15 Mile)

Time: Doors Open at 6:30; cards begin at 7:30pm

Cost: \$15.00 per person; includes prizes, pizza, pop and 1 Drink ticket.
Pizza served between rounds 3 and 4. Cash Bar!

High Round and Loaner Pots

To purchase or reserve a ticket please contact Wally Stamper
(586-362-0481) or Tickets can be purchased at door.



February 26 and 27, 2016

Michigan Forum

Causeway Bay Lansing Hotel
517-694-8123

When making reservations use LIONS216

Some of the sessions included are:

What is the Centennial Celebration?, Lions Orientation, Identity Theft, Social Media to promote your Club, Blueprint for a Stronger Club, Marketing your Club in your Community among many others.

Send more than one Member from your Club and attend different sessions so you can maximize the knowledge to deliver to your Club to put into action.

Please join us Friday night in honor of International President Yamada

Presented by the MSU Japan Cultural Club

Keynote speaker will be Justice Bernstein

Don't forget T-shirts are available this year – see the registration form to order

I also encourage Clubs and/or individuals to place an ad in the Forum booklet. It helps to offset the costs of putting on this great day.

Looking forward to seeing many of you there! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me

Lion Kimberly Thiede
Michigan Forum Chair