

District 11-A2

August 2017

Roaring News

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Greetings my fellow Lions, Lioness & Leo's

Wow, what an exciting time I had at the International Convention in Chicago! From what I've heard it was the largest ever with over 32,000 attending and 20,000 plus walking in the parade. Being able to meet people from all over the world was fantastic, but when my ribbon was pulled off and I became the District Governor for 11-A2, my chest swelled with pride! I will do my best this year for the best District in our state and the best District in the world.

As many know I work part time for Enterprise Rent-a-Car and, as an employee, I had the opportunity to apply for two grants thru the Enterprise Holding Foundation. I am so happy to say both requests were granted and I was able to present checks on behalf of my employer and the District to Leader Dog in Rochester and the Penrickton Center in Taylor. I will continue my efforts to obtain more grants as they become available.

As we embark on this new year and Century of Lionism, new and exciting things are in the works from Lions International. Our new President, along with the 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, have decided to have the same motto, "We Serve". This will ensure that programs started this year will continue with the same direction. A new 5-year plan has been started and two major changes are moving forward.

Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer are the two new initiatives which we are going to put forward. They will be funded when you send money in for a Melvin Jones to Lions Clubs International (LCI). You will now have 5 options or areas to donate to instead of 4. More information will follow.

Diabetes deserves our focus because it affects so many people throughout the world and is



a leading cause for blindness and other potentially lethal complications.

Pediatric Cancer deserves our focus because if we can help find a cure for children then the treatment may also be used for other cancers.

We already participate in a Diabetes walk each year and I hope to see many more walking or attending the event this year. The venue in downtown Detroit along the river is awesome and SAFE. We are way ahead of other states as well as districts in this endeavor.

I will be looking for information from LCI on these projects and will pass it along as I receive it.

Our District picnic and Cabinet swearing ceremony will be at the Sterling Heights Lions Den on August 13th and I hope to see many of you there. A flyer has been sent out and if you haven't had the chance to see it then let me know.

I am still getting used to being the District Governor and have selected what I feel is an awesome cabinet to help lead our great district. However, I still need a Zone Chair for Region 2, Zone 2 and I hope to have it filled soon. If anyone from this zone is interested, please contact me at [586-747-9760](tel:586-747-9760).

I will be visiting clubs in Region 1 this year, while 1st Vice-District Governor Jack Patton and 2nd Vice-District Governor Scott Berry will be visiting the other two regions. I will also be happy to visit any Lions, Lioness or Leo Clubs in other Regions as my schedule permits. All you have to do is call.

Our first cabinet meeting will be on Monday, August 21st at the Fraser Lions Den and I'm looking forward to an exciting 2017-2018 year.

DG John



1VDG Jack Patton

Hello Fellow Lions of District 11A2

I hope that everyone had a great Independence Day holiday. I know Lion Charlotte and I had a great one. Thanks to the support of our district and our club, we had the opportunity to attend the 100th Anniversary International Convention. What a great experience for both of us newbies! From the convention floor to the plenaries, everything was about membership. It's not just our district, but it's the entire country that has this issue. Some clubs don't think about membership as long as their club is cranking along and doing very well. Then, all of a sudden, it happens. We have aged and a burnout syndrome occurs. PLEASE be proactive, always think about tomorrow and don't wait. District 11-A2 has a lot of education/training available to both the District and to individual clubs.

I am sorry for bringing this up in each newsletter, but what do you expect from a past GMT District coordinator! There are so many avenues for Clubs to reach out for assistance in maintaining/increasing membership! Remember your Club President, Membership Chair, and all other board members have training available on August 10. Just look for Lion Frank's informative messages.

This year your GMT District Coordinator is Lion Leo Schaefer. We met earlier this year, and we are concerned about maintaining membership. When any club loses a member, they need to replace it with a new member. This is easier said than done, but it is our job to assist you in recruiting new members.

WE need to promote what your Lions Club does in your community. Reach out to other organizations in your community (Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimists). Go to your local Jaycee's and promote Lions; they "excuse" members older than 45! Let's have fun promoting our passion!

Lion Charlotte and I truly hope you are enjoying your summer! We have been blessed with some true summer weather!! Remember, we are always available for Clubs to reach out to us!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Jack and Lion Charlotte

2VDG Scott Berry

And so, it begins...

My first newsletter as your Second Vice District Governor. It's going to be a new journey; one that I'm excited to start, but one that makes me very nervous at the same time. I would like to thank my club for their support and understanding as I begin this new journey. I would also like to thank PCC Paul Hemeryck for all of the guidance and inspiration that he has given to me and for answering all of the upcoming questions that I will be asking him!

I enjoyed a weekend with the Utica Lions Club at their Riverwalk Festival in June. It's always a pleasure to be with good Lions while having a cold refreshment. OK, it was beer but I only had three. On Friday night.

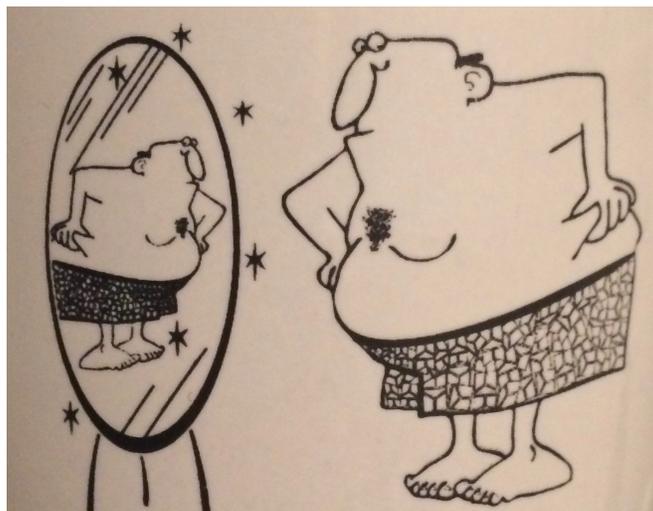


I have been given the pleasure of visiting Region 2 this year by District Governor John Bingham and I look forward to all of those visits. Sorry Region 1 and Region 3, you're not exempt from seeing "Screaming Scott"!

Many people in the district know that I am a licensed funeral director working for A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Warren. It is not my intention to drum up business nor to steal business from any other funeral home. But in my 13 years as a funeral director, I have seen people, both parents and children, who don't want to talk about death. It's my opinion that this is unhealthy. If you have questions or want my opinion about the death process, embalming, or preplanning a funeral, please contact me or your local funeral director.

And with that said, here is something a little less serious; Cremation is the last time to have a "smokin hot body".

Sincerely,
2VDG Scott Edward Berry

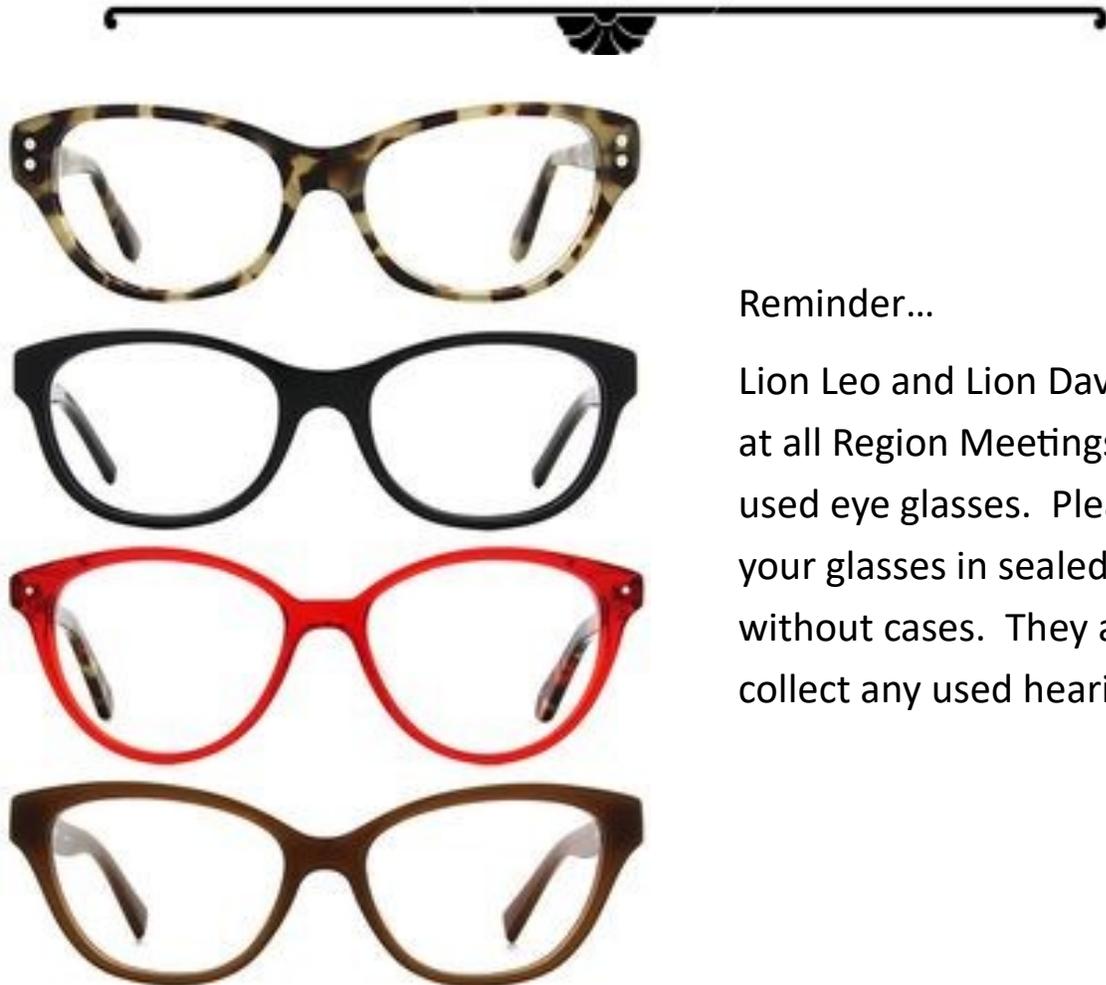


Just a short introduction about the new Lioness Liaison; my name is Lioness Fran Black. I will be president of the Macomb Township Lioness this year along with being the Lioness Liaison. I will be contacting all of the Lioness clubs to schedule visits. I have been to most of the clubs before and I am looking forward to seeing all of you again.

I would like to let you know that the New Haven Lioness Club is having their 20th Annual Fashion Show and Dinner on August 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Concorde Inn 44315 Gratiot in Clinton Township. For further information contact Lioness Sylvia Steward at 586-749-3685. This is a fun evening!

If any Lioness Club would like me to post something about their club activities please send the information to me and I will do my best to have it published in your section of the newsletter. I am looking forward to seeing you at your meeting this fall and I hope that all of you are having a safe and happy Summer.

Lioness Fran Black



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.

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



I WANT YOU

The Troy Community Lions Club welcomes Kris Dasari, sponsored by Jed Sprunger.

The Troy Community Lions Club welcomes Mary Cupolo, sponsored by Lynnda Gorlick.

The Troy Community Lions Club welcomes Alexis Peake, sponsored by William Gelement.

The Armada Lions Club welcomes Robert Kelly, sponsored by Gary Pompilius.

The New Haven Lions Club welcomes Mary Lutjens, sponsored by Erma Marlow.

The New Haven Lions Club welcomes Charles Wright, sponsored by Mary Lutjens.

The New Haven Lions Club welcomes William Sharrow, sponsored by Erma Marlow.

The New Haven Lions Club welcomes Lewis Harper, sponsored by Laura Harper.

The New Haven Lions Club welcomes Tina Maiuri, sponsored by Laura Harper.

The Novi Lions Club welcomes Maryalyce Lupher, sponsored by William Lupher.

The Novi Lions Club welcomes Pam Jackson, sponsored by Elliott Hilton.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Jeffery Page, sponsored by Eddie Albertson.

The Ortonville Lions Club welcomes Larry Westphal, sponsored by Elizabeth Rheaume.

The Richmond Lions Club welcomes Joyce Rodzos, sponsored by Susan Eisenhardt.

The Richmond Lions Club welcomes Lori DeVos, sponsored by Christopher DeVos.

The Richmond Lions Club welcomes Donald DeVos, sponsored by Brandie DeVos.

The St. Clair Shore Lions Club welcomes Randy Klinger, sponsored by David Van Beek.

St Clair Shores Lions New Member Installation



L to R Guiding Lion Larry Burlison, New Member Randy Klinger, Lion Sec Dave Van Beek, and Lion President Chuck Bellestri

A GREAT Time Was Had by All at The Fraser Lions Carnival!!!



Summertime Fun!

SUMMERTIME COOKOUT AT THE BEAR LAKE CAMP!!!

Several members of the Lake Orion Lions Club recently spent an evening at the Bear Lake Camp cooking and serving hotdogs, coleslaw and watermelon to the campers. What a great way to experience first-hand where our hard work pays off!!





IN 1967 THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS WIN THE WORLD SERIES; THE PACKERS WIN THE FIRST SUPER BOWL AND THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW IS THE MOST WATCHED PROGRAM ON TELEVISION. MORE IMPORTANT THEN ALL OF THAT? AL KASSIN BECOMES A LION!

COME HELP US CELEBRATE BIG AL'S AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT!
A LION FOR 50 YEARS!

DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2017

WHERE: LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP - 3409 FIVE LAKES RD, LAPEER, 48446

WHEN: 12-5 P.M. PROGRAM AT 3:30. TOURS OF CAMP ALL DAY

COST: NO COST, DONATIONS TO THE CAMP ARE ACCEPTED. THIS IS AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE CAMP AND TO CELEBRATE BIG AL!

~HOT DOGS, LEMONADE & OTHER PICNIC FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER 1 P.M.~

RSVP PLEASE BY AUGUST 10th

Send Reservation to:

(RESERVATION NEEDED FOR PROPER FOOD COUNT)

JIM LEACH JR.

**557 THURBER DRIVE OR
TROY, MI 48085**

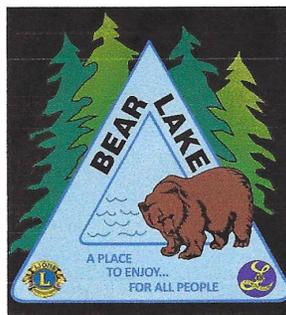
Email: jamesleachjr@yahoo.com

Cell:248-561-3203

Name(s): _____

Club: _____

Number _____





District 11-A2 Cabinet Meeting

Hosted by RC Mike Dalecke and the Hazel Park Lions Club

August 21, 2017
Fraser Lions Club
34540 Utica Road
Fraser, MI

Social 6:00pm – Dinner 6:45pm

\$15.00 per person
Cash Bar

RSVP by August 14, 2017
CT Kelley Unruh
44374 Bayview Avenue
Apt 46203
Clinton Township, MI 48028

Make checks payable to: District 11-A2

Name(s) _____

Club: _____

Number @ \$15.00 _____

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVACNE TO SECURE A MEAL – NO
GUARANTEE IF YOU DON'T REGISTER
SORRY NO PHONE RESERVATIONS

Visit the International Presidents message at:
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/aggarwal-presidents-theme.pdf>



AUGUST 20TH **LION PRIDE** **BASEBALL**

Come together for our 100th Anniversary

The Sterling Heights Lions are inviting ALL 11-A2 LIONS and their family and friends to a day of fun and excitement in recognition of our 100 years of service. Join us for a Sunday **1:35PM** baseball game between the Utica Unicorns and the Eastside Diamond Hoppers at Jimmy John's Field in Utica. Tickets for only \$30 include an all you can eat pre game buffet, a group field photo, a flag presentation during the National Anthem a PA announcement and much more. This is a come together event to show our Lion's Pride for 100 years of service.

Contact us and we will be happy to fill in all the details.



**a.y.c.e pre-game
buffet**

12:30pm-2:00pm

**Patio seating
behind third base**

**additional grand
stand seat \$5**

**Club that sells the
most tickets gets
a stadium wide
50/50 raffle**

**This is a 100 yr.
celebration!!**

STERLING HTS. LION'S CLUB

Contact: Lion Grace Pedrie

586-731-0544

or Lion Tom Klingensmith

248-752-8343

Web Address

Lions of Michigan



HALL OF FAME

The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the **LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME** on July 25, 2009 to begin celebrating the rich history that Michigan Lions have at all levels of our association - local, state, district and international. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to keep alive the memory of our great leaders and to document their service so that Lions in the present and future can share a sense of the service that our great state has given to our association. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than March 1 of each year.

The 2017 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 9th Annual, will be held on August 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 5700 E. 28th Street - Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lodging is \$79.00 plus tax per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net or by calling the Crowne Plaza at 616-957-1770 and requesting the Lions of Michigan Foundation group rate.

Congratulations 2017 Inductees

PDG Bud Weber – SD 10

PDG Bill Klingensmith – 11-A2

PDG Gary Babcock – 11-B1

PDG Glenn Dings – 11-B2

PDG Rod Prys – 11-C1

PDG Bob Sturgis – 11-D1

PCC Don Seifried – 11-E2

2017 REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Registrant(s): \$25.00 Each = \$ _____

Choice of Entrée: Tuscan Chicken - #: _____ London Broil Sirloin Steak - #: _____

Lions or Lioness Club: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, MI 48911 - 517.887.6640 - www.lmsf.net



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"