

District 11-A2

January 2017

Roaring News

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Welcome to the New Year 2017! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, caught up with family and maybe got a little rest during the holiday season. It was difficult getting back in the swing of things after two weeks off but thanks to Macomb Township Lions inviting Doc and I to their Past President/Ladies Night, it's been back to normal ever since. Lion 2VDG Jack, what a wonderful story about your 90 year old mom traveling with you to Sacramento. I hope all went well. This makes me think of how Lion Doc and I spent our New Year's Eve. My mom was planning a party with friends she met attending a grief group after

my dad passed away. All the women had lost their husbands and had become the best of friends. Doc wore his white tuxedo jacket and worked as the butler and I was the cook and dishwasher. Doc toasted the new year in bragging about spending it with 7 women!

Thank you to all the clubs that invited me to their Christmas Dinners. At Lake Orion I was the judge of the Ugly Sweater Contest (What pressure), at Clawson we enjoyed a live auction, Sterling Heights I won the Ugly Sweater Contest (I think it was fixed but fun), and at Roseville I was showered with kisses (Hershey's Candy Kisses).

We have a lot to do to complete this Lionistic year. We started with our Cabinet meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17th, hosted by Region Chair Wally Stamper and held at the Fraser Lions Den. Followed by Region Meetings in February. I hope to see you there.

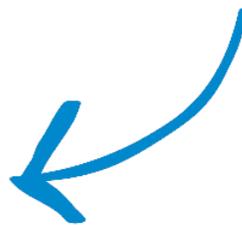
On January 12th, we celebrated Melvin Jones' Birthday. I know we don't do anything special but maybe give our founder a moment of thought.



We had a lot of fun at our District Christmas Party as the pictures showed in our December newsletter. Hmm you ask why PDG Doc Barr and PDG Joe Wilson were holding hands? Maybe they were holding each other up? Or were they imitating the ladies holding each other waiting to see who is Miss America. After all they were semi-finalists in the Ugly Sweater Contest. What do you think?

Be sure to check PCC Frank Cunningham's email blasts for the flyers for all the District Happenings and the calendar so you don't book your event on a busy day.

I know our clubs are busy with fundraising and working on your Legacy Projects. But please don't forget that membership is important and continue to grow your



I wanted to share with the District this letter that I received from a family who has benefitted from the services of the Beaumont Silent Children program.

My Dearest District Governor,

I wasn't sure who to contact, but I feel you're a good place to start. My family and I were given the opportunity to foster our grandchildren on 05/16/2013. Neither of their parents were able to care for them. Our granddaughter was 16 months old and her brother was just 8 days old! Both children have delayed speech and have been enrolled at the Beaumont Silent Children's Rehab Center on Hall Road. I just learned yesterday that the Lion's Club has been providing the funds for them to get individualized speech therapy. I also learned that these funds will no longer be available. I must offer my heartfelt thanks to you. We could not have done this for our grandchildren without your help. God Bless all of you. You have no idea what you have done for these kids, as well as so many others. Thank you. The B. Family

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1VDG John Bingham, Jr

Are you feeling a little let down and just can't get going with finding new members or retaining old ones? Hopefully with the New year we can melt away the Old Year and start towards a new and brighter 2017 for our clubs and our families. As we enter our 100th year in Lionism we will give it our best effort so we can continue to grow doe the next 100 years.

On a brighter note, I hope this article finds everyone in good health and I want to wish all a very happy New Year from my family to yours. Many new and exciting things will be occurring in the next few months and I hope to see many of you at the Michigan Forum from Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19th.

All clubs in attendance are asked to participate in the "Project Back Pack" on Friday night to fill back packs for needy children. If you are able to bring any of the following items it would be greatly appreciated and will count towards your club's "Centennial Service Challenge" credit. Items needed are back packs, tuna fish, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, boxed fruit juices, pastas, oatmeal, fruit bars and soups.

I will be passing out 2017-18 Committee Sign-up sheets at Council and region meetings. I need them back by March 31, 2017.



As the hopefully District Governor-elect I will be (as all Past District Governors) attending DGE school in Indianapolis, IN February 2-5 and I look forward to the District Convention in Holland, MI on March 31 thru April 2.

A point to ponder: A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Have a great day!

1VDG John

2VDG Jack Patton

Happy New Year, Lions!

Hey, Lions of District 11-A2, we are half-way through our Lionistic year and we are having fun! Personally, I am having fun visiting all of the clubs in Region 2.

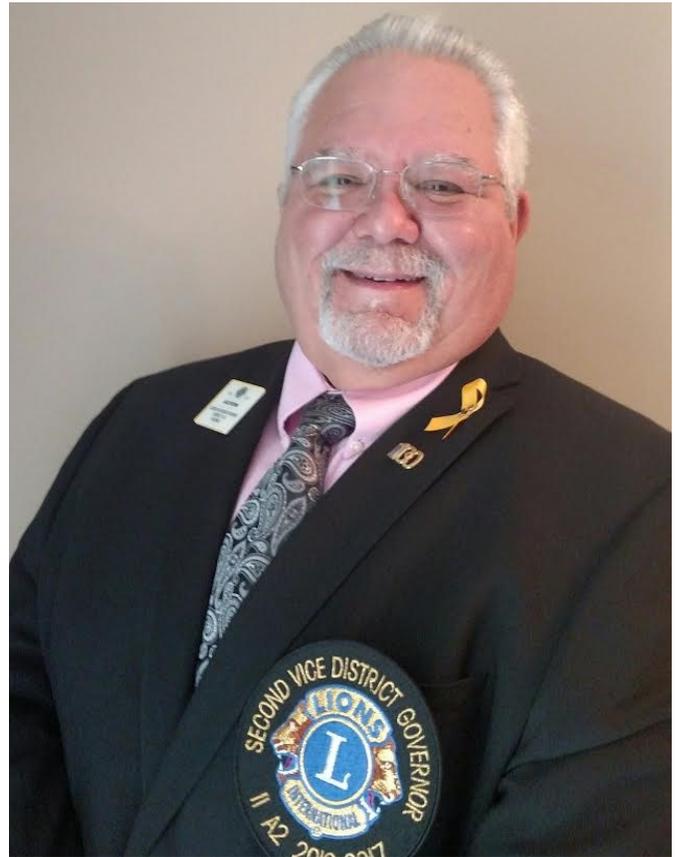
As your District GMT, we are a little behind in maintain our existing membership as a district. We have lost one club but we are still keeping a positive attitude in bringing in new members. Just in January alone we have had four potential new members.

If your club needs help PLEASE contact me so we can help your membership

and bring back positive growth. Our focus needs to be upon spreading the word about Lionism so that we are able to help more people in need.

I am hoping to see you all at the upcoming Region meetings. Please encourage your Club President to be at the Region meetings to give their reports. This is a great opportunity to brag about your Club and how you support your community.

From your 2nd VDG Jack



What's Happening Around the District?



The Royal Oak Lions were very busy throughout the Holiday Season! On December 12th they held their annual Christmas party for Beaumont Silent Children. Six children and their parents braved the cold to see Santa (a.k.a. Lion Mark Swan) and to receive gifts. One child is shown here along with Lion JoAnne Swan.

The Royal Oak Lions adopted a family of 8 for Christmas. 13 Lions and a friend purchased the gifts shown here at a cost of over \$2000!



The Royal Oak Lions have helped the Salvation Army ring bells at Christmas for over 50 years. This year 12 Lions brought in nearly \$12,800 and put in over 112 hours ringing bells. This marks the sixth year that they have raised over \$10,000! On Christmas Eve they collected \$4,746.27 in 24.5 hours. Shown here is President Maureen Kennedy hard at work at the Hollywood Markey in Royal Oak.

We Lions are ordinary heroes.. But sometimes we do Extraordinary things!

The New Baltimore Lions Club has much to be proud of as they look back upon 2016.

In addition to raising \$18,000 to add a large new ramp to the Skate park in town, the Lions Club banded together and raised \$107,000 to add a landmark to their Anchor Bay waterfront; a 160 foot flagpole! The fund-raising began in March and the flag pole was dedicated on October 15th during a ceremony that attracted over 500 people, including Congresswoman Candice Miller.



Nearly 80 tons of concrete were used to construct a base that is nearly 7 feet in diameter and 30 feet deep! Such a monumental base is required because, at 160 feet, this flag pole is the tallest in the State of Michigan!



The flag is 30x60 feet and is lit by three lights that shine at 23, 000 luminaries each! This new landmark will show the civic and national pride of the new Baltimore community and their extraordinary Lions Club!

MD 11 GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM STATE CHAIRPERSON OPENING

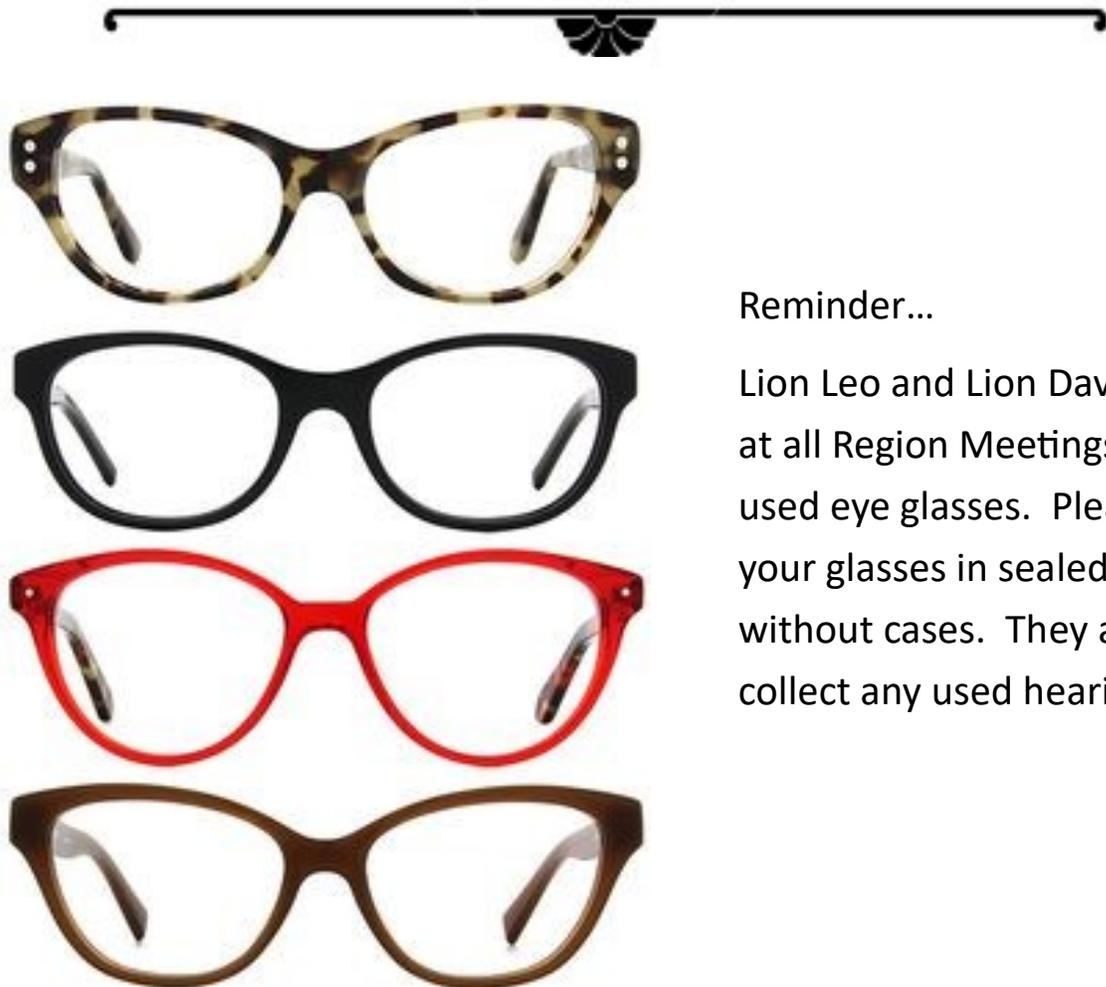
The GMT MD 11 State Chairperson position is open and will begin July 1, 2017. This 3-year term will end June 30, 2020. Interested Lions can apply through **January 31, 2017**. Interviews will take place in Lansing on during the Council of Governors meeting Feb 18-19, 2017.

Please submit your resume to the state office via fax, email or mail: Fax: 517-887-6642 Email: wburns@lionsofmi.com Mail:
Lions of Michigan
Attn: GMT State Chair
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

The **Global Membership Team (GMT)** provides a global structure for membership development which is continuous, focused, and integrated. The GMT has a two-pronged *Invite for Impact* approach:

1. Start at least one new club
2. Inform club officers and membership chairpersons about the training and tools available to them to recruit and engage members.

Complete information can be found online at www.lionsclubs.org, or by contacting the State Office at 517-887-6640 ext. 11.



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 Lathrup Village Lions Club welcomes Andrew Potter, sponsored by Thomas Bainbridge.

The Novi Lions Club welcomes Hilari Ngufor, sponsored by Mary Wiederhold-Barbosa.

The Rochester Hills Lions Club welcomes Senora Clifton, sponsored by Donna Calhoun.

The Rochester Hills Lions Club welcomes Amanda Stevens, sponsored by Donna Clahoun

The Rochester Hills Lions Club welcomes Fred Frendo sponsored by Walter Kulesza

The Shelby Twp Lions Club welcomes Stanley Muszynski Jr, sponsored by Joseph Demeester



December 2016

Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries,

We are so excited about the 18th Annual Michigan Lions Forum!

You are invited to attend this year's Michigan Lions Forum on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Causeway Bay Hotel, located at 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing, Michigan. This year's program features seminars on a wide variety of Lions related topics, as well as subjects of general interest. Come and enjoy professional speakers, keynote speaker John Drake, founder of Lingap Orphanage, and statewide fellowship with other Lions, Lioness and Leo Club members.

If you place an order in advance for White Cane supplies, you will be able to pick them up during the Michigan Forum (and avoid freight charges). They will be ready when you arrive! There will be no on-site sales, so please place your order in advance.

New this year will be a 2-part workshop designed for Leo members. This session will be led by International Director Jenny Ware, along with members of the MSU Campus Lions Club. Leo members are encouraged to attend this informative session!

Fifteen topics will be presented throughout the day, and participants will select one exciting topic during each time slot. You are encouraged to bring along members of your club to attend as many sessions as possible.

If you plan to arrive in Lansing on Friday to avoid a long drive on Saturday morning, you can take advantage of an exciting extra session Friday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. As part of our 100th Centennial Celebration, we will hold a large group service project on Friday night.

Enclosed you will find complete details about the Michigan Forum. Feel free to duplicate for distribution to club members. To make reservations, simply fill out the registration form and mail it along with a check for \$40 per person. The registration fee covers lunch, Key Note address by Mr. John Drake, and breakout sessions on 15 topics, a Forum commemorative pin, and a proceedings book containing information on every session that is presented. In addition, every registrant is automatically entered in a drawing for door prizes (must be present to win). Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. Saturday, with the General Session opening slated for 8:00 a.m.

You're in for a fabulous time – one that promises to be entertaining as well as informative. I hope you'll plan to attend.

Sincerely,

Lion Linda

IPCC Linda Tate, Chairman
Michigan Forum Committee

Press Release

Leader Dogs for the Blind celebrates and honors Lions

This fall season Leader Dogs for the Blind celebrated the collaboration between Lions, Lioness, Leos and Leader Dog with two special nights: Big D Night for Districts 11 D-1 and 11 D-2 and Kick Off for Districts 11 A-1, 11 A-2, and A-1.

The celebrations included honoring the Top Dog Clubs, clubs donating over \$5,000, as well as the prestigious President's Award. The keynote speaker for both event were Lions Janet and David Klinck, parents of guide dog client Andrew Stone. The Klinck's explained the "ripple effect of a guide dog"—how their son's success with a Leader Dog affected them. As Lion David summarized, "I told [Leader Dog client] Andy you now give me no reason to fail at anything."

Each year, the President's Award is given to a Lion who has exemplified the spirit and passion of Lionism for Leader Dog through their advocacy, volunteerism and philanthropy. This year's President Award recipients embodied all three attributes. Nominated by previous awardees, this year's beneficiaries were PDG Jake Dasho of 11 D-1 and PDG Rich Pfeiffer of 11 A-2. Both Lions have been monumental in their support of Leader Dog for many years and we are pleased to honor them and their work.

Recognition to the Top Dog Clubs from these districts was also on the agendas. Almost 5,000 Lion, Lioness and Leo clubs from around the world help to support Leader Dog each year. Only 36 donated at the \$5,000+ level last fiscal year. Seventeen of those clubs are within a two hour radius of campus. Thanks to all the Top Dog Clubs who went over and beyond to help continue our mission of empowering people who are blind, visually impaired or Deaf-Blind with skills for a lifetime of independent travel, opening doors that may seem to have closed with the loss of sight.

Top Dog Clubs celebrated at Big D Night and Kick Off

Algonac Lions Club
Armada Lions Club
Beverly Hills Lions Club
Birmingham Lions Club
Clawson Lions Club
Fraser Lions Club
Grosse Pointe Lions Club
Hazel Park Lions Club
Lathrup Village Lions Club
Macomb Township Lions Club
Novi Lions Club
Rochester Hills Lions Club
Rochester Lions Club
Romeo Lions Club

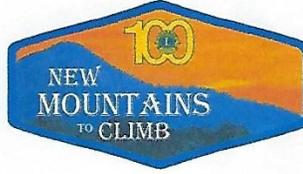
Royal Oak Lions Club
Shelby Township Lions Club
Wixom Walled Lake Lions Club

Both Big D Night and Kick Off are a testament to all of the Lions, Lioness and Leos for their inspirational work and steadfast commitment to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Picture caption:

Leader Dogs for the Blind President and CEO Lion Susan Daniels presents PDG Jake Dasho of 11 D-1 the President's Award at Big D.





“Raise the Barr to Success”
 District 11-A2 Region III Meeting
 February 15, 2017
 Hosted by RC Shawn Blaszczyk
 and the Selfridge North Macomb Lions Club

Location:
 Chesterfield Lions Hall
 52101 Gratiot Avenue
 Chesterfield, MI 48051

Social – 6:00 PM – Dinner 6:45 PM
 (Cash Bar)

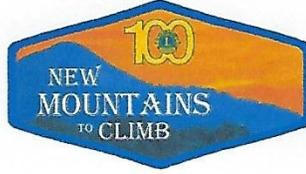
Meal Cost \$12.00

Please RSVP by February 10, 2017 to
 RC Shawn Blaszczyk
 8326 Washington Blvd, Apt F
 Washington, MI 48094

Checks Payable to: Selfridge North Macomb Lions Club

Name(s): _____
 Club: _____
 Number @ \$12.00 _____
 Total Due _____

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



“Raise the Barr to Success”
 District 11-A2 Region I Meeting
 February 16, 2017
 Hosted by RC Wendy Kuechle
 and The Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club

Location:
 The Shark Club
 6665 Highland Rd
 Waterford, MI 48327

Social – 6:00 PM – Dinner 6:45 PM
 (Cash Bar)

Meal Cost \$12.00

Please RSVP by February 10, 2017 to
 Dave Nauman
 1790 Baywood
 Wixom, MI 48393

Checks Payable to: Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club

Name(s): _____
 Club: _____
 Number @ \$12.00 _____
 Total Due _____

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

Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp

Kick Off Dinner & Parade of Checks

Bear Lake

February 8th 2017 - 6:00pm

At the Fraser Lions Den

34540 Utica Rd – Fraser MI

**** CASH BAR ****

\$ 17.00 per Person

Includes Dinner, Coffee & Soft Drinks

50 – 50 Raffle & Gift Basket Raffle

Hosted by the Shelby Twp Lions

Special THANKS to the Fraser Lions

Make all checks payable to the Shelby Twp Lions Club
& mail to 69740 Wolcott, Armada MI 48005 by February 8th 2017

No Charge for District Governors & Guest – Call in Reservation

Club or Group Attending _____ # attending _____

Contact Person _____ Phone/Email _____

Lion Dave Ebeling – 586-784-8725
diamonddave77@gmail.com

Lion Jeff Bourdeau – 586-484-5701
jeff@jbelectricalco.com



**LIONS HEARING CENTER OF MICHIGAN
ANNUAL APPRECIATION & KICK OFF BANQUET**



Thursday, March 9, 2017

6 pm – 9:00 pm

**Fraser Lions Club Den
34540 Utica Road, Fraser, Michigan**

Dinner Tickets are \$12.00 per person, \$110.00 for table of ten

Social Hour 6pm with Cash Bar, Raffle and Giveaways

Reservation Form

R S V P by February 28, 2017

Detach reservation form and mail with payment to:

LHC, 5E-UHC, 4201 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48201

Make check payable to: Lions Hearing Center of Michigan

or Fax to 313-577-8555 and call Jen at 313-745-4664 to arrange payment

Individual Reservation (\$12.00 per person)

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lions Club: _____ No. of tickets: _____ \$ total: _____

Table of Ten Reservation (\$110 for table of ten)

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Lions Club: _____ No. of tickets: _____ \$ total: _____



**Lions District 11-A2 Convention
Come Party with Governor Patti Barr
"Birthday Bash"**



'Raise the "Barr" to Success'

**March 31st – 2nd, 2017 @ Double Tree Inn
650 East 24th St, Holland Michigan**

Name: _____

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

Club Name: _____

Name: _____

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

Club Name: _____

Phone: _____ Day: _____ Evening: _____

Hotel Reservations MUST be made directly. Call 616-394-0111 and ask for the Lions of Macomb and Oakland county rate. Room rates are \$84.00 per night + tax, the reservation deadline is February 28, 2017. Standard room rates apply after Feb 28th.

<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Amount</u>
_____	Registration: Lions, Lioness, Guest @ \$15 ea.	\$ _____
_____	<u>AFTER Feb 28th</u> : Lions, Lioness, Guest @ <u>\$20ea.</u>	\$ _____
_____	Registration: Leos & Children under 16 @ \$5 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Breakfast: @ \$16 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Night Governor's Banquet: @ \$26ea.	\$ _____
	_____ Meat _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian	
	TOTAL DUE:	\$ _____

Send completed registration form, with checks payable to **Lions International District 11-A2**

mail to:
Lion Rich Pfeiffer
70350 Henry Ross Drive
Romeo, MI 48065

Questions: 989-619-6115

Please remember and follow these guidelines:

- ALL 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 February 28th, 2017. 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.

To all clubs in district 11-A2,

The 2017 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.

A suggestion has been made that pictures be available when deceased members' names are mentioned. We are asking that each club locate and forward a picture of each 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 try our best to 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 Frank Cunningham, PCC



Lions District 11-A2

Centennial Coordinator

Lion Jim Pettinato

3400 Ashley Dr.

Orion, MI 48359

January 2, 2017

District 11-A2 Lions,

District 11A2 is ready to celebrate our Associations 100 years of service to those in need. To celebrate as a group of hard working Lions / Lioness and Leo's there will be a dinner dance on June 3, 2017 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center located at 6015 E. 10 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48091.

PID Bill Hansen will be our Master of Ceremonies and dancing will follow the dinner and a short program. During the program, we would like to recognize and honor those who have been Lions for 50 years or more. Please submit their names to Lion Jim Pettinato e mail address jamespettinato@att.net.

We are asking each club to submit a short (15 to 20 Lines) about their club to be included in the program.

To help defray the cost of the program we are selling ads and the form for purchasing ads is attached with the cost being \$25.00 for a quarter page, \$50.00 for a half page and \$75.00 for a full page.

Tickets for the celebration dinner are \$75.00 per couple or \$40.00 for individuals. This includes an open bar, centennial pin. We are asking those attending to dress in 1917 attire if possible.

We look forward to a fun evening celebrating all we do for those in need.

If you have any questions please contact myself or any member of the celebration committee including DG Patti Barr, 1st VDG John Bingham Jr., Lion Nancy Maxwell, Lioness Lynn Voisich, Jack and Jean Becher and Lauraine Pettinato.

Also attached is a ticket order form.

Thank You

Lion James T. Pettinato
District 11-A2 Centennial Coordinator

Attachments:
Program ad order form and Ticket order form

LIONS DISTRICT 11-A2

Centennial Celebration

Program Ad and Ticket Order Form

District 11-A2 Centennial Celebration

Please send completed form and checks (payable to Lions District 11-A2) to:

Lion Jim Pettinato 3400 Ashley Dr. Orion, MI 48359

Please put 100th celebration in the memo line

Program Ad

Quarter Page ad cost is 25

Half page ad cost is 50

Full page ad cost is 75

Please circle your choice

_____ Included is a print ready ad or message

_____ Please design my personal or business ad to read:

Message:

Ticket Order

	Price	QTY	Total
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Individual Ticket	40.00	_____	_____
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Couple Tickets	75.00	_____	_____
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Make checks payable to Lion District 11-A2

Mail Order form and funds to Lion Jim Pettinato 3400 Ashley Dr., Orion, MI 48359

Ad cost total _____

Ticket cost total _____

Grand Total _____

MD 11 Media Campaign Unveils Preliminary Mockup Club Contributions Still Needed!



The MD 11 PR Committee has recently unveiled the preliminary mock up for the Centennial Media Campaign advertisements. We've come a long way in our fundraising efforts with over 100 clubs from around the state participating so far, and \$13,000 in total club contributions!

With a goal of \$20,000 from club support by the end of the calendar year, we have a ways to go yet. Has YOUR club contributed? We've asked each club to contribute \$100 (though all amounts are gratefully accepted). Any contribution of \$200 or more will earn an exclusive banner patch your club can display with pride! This is a once-in-our-lifetime opportunity to celebrate 100 Years of Service, and to come together with clubs from all corners of Michigan. With a relatively small contribution from each club, we can have a HUGE impact on awareness of who we are and what we do, and potentially on membership and donations as well.

This campaign will encompass digital media, radio ads, freeway & surface street billboards, and a customizable poster for each club to use in local businesses, schools, churches, etc. There is also a possibility of some TV advertising; the more resources we have to work with, the more extensive (and effective!) the campaign can be.

If your club is on the list below, we thank you for your support! If not, please consider joining this historic campaign. (Please note this list is current through 7/31/16) Checks can be made payable to "Lions of Michigan" and sent to the State Office at 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911. Please note 'Media Campaign' on the memo line.

Please feel free to contact MD 11 PR Chair Lion Laura Hunt at 248-766-7268 or laurahunt1027@gmail.com with any questions.



PDG Bob Wylin of Armada has been diagnosed with End-Stage Kidney Disease. He is looking for a type O Positive kidney donor. He has been approved as a candidate for kidney replacement through Beaumont Hospital. However, the wait for a kidney can be from 3 to 5 years.

Bob has had a 70# weight loss during the last 3 years, and his failing 71 year-old body cannot afford the wait. We are asking for prayers in our search for a donor. Bob has a long and active history in Lionism, with nearly 40 years of service. Please keep Bob in your thoughts and prayers and do what you can to spread the word about his search for a kidney donor.

Social media has proven to be a very effective way to reach thousands of people. Please be sure to mention Bob in a post to your friends and family. Recently in northern Michigan, a donor and a recipient were united through Facebook and a successful transplant took place at U of M hospital in Ann Arbor.

