

District 11-A2

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GREETING FELLOW LIONS, LIONESS & LEO'S.

From a discussion I had at the International Convention I am extremely happy to announce the formation of a new Lions Club to be called the Farmington-Novii Centennial Lions Club. With a contact from an Immediate Past District Governor from India and with the assistance of our own IPDG Patti Barr a meeting was held to start the

process. Five members will be transferring to the club and an additional 17+ members will comprise the club. We hope to have all of the paperwork in within the next week and to be able to have a charter night for the new club before the IPDG returns to India.

At this point the club will be made up of professional individuals from India who are engineers, IT specialists as well as other occupations. Most work for Ford Motor Company and the prospect of additional members from the Farmington/Novii area is great. This will include individuals not only from India but from the surrounding community.

A large turnout was in place for Gov. Patti's Appreciation Dinner in Commerce Township and the Raspberry Chicken served was to die for. A good time was had by all and Gov. Patti said it was wonderful to see the room filled.



1VDG Jack Patton, 2VDG Scott Berry and I have all been visiting the clubs and I'm happy to hear that everyone is trying to retain and obtain new members. A thought on membership; Ask a Veteran to joint. Their initiation fee is waived by Lions International and this would be a great way to celebrate Veterans Day.

The Penrickton Dinner was a huge success with over \$250,000 donated by the Lions and the other organizations that support them. Don't forget the Leader Dog fundraiser on December 7th is quickly approaching. Flyers for the various events have been sent out by Lion Frank Cunningham.

I had the opportunity to attend the Lioness Conference in Bay City and had a wonderful time. They had great speakers and a good time was had by everyone at the event. The Lioness passed the hat and collected \$235.00 towards my Cash for Cops (K-9 officers) bulletproof vest campaign.

I will continue to collect funds for this at the various cabinet and region meetings. Should we exceed the goal of raising \$2,000, then any remaining money will be used to purchase breathing masks for animals. They will be given to local fire departments who do not have one. As I stated at the start of this quest, the above items will be donated in the Lions District 11-A2's name. I want to THANK all who have participated. Clubs who wish to contribute can do so by sending a check to CT Kelley Unruh payable to "District 11-A2". Please write "Vests" in the memo line on your check.

DG John



1VDG Jack Patton



Hello, Fellow Lions of District 11A2!

Fall is now behind us and we move into the season of giving. As I do my club visits I am promoting the “POWER of WE.” WE as a District need to help our clubs provide the giving spirit to our communities. I am sure all of our clubs give food and support to our most needy persons and families in our own communities at this time of year.

This is also the time of year we as Lions need to show what we do best: “SERVE.” So remember when you’re out on the street, wear your Lions garb and put out banners so your community can see who and what is going on. All of us know Lions are the best kept secret anywhere. Even on the international scene we never get into the public eye. When is the last time you saw anything on the nightly news about what we do? So now is the season to promote your club to your community.

We senior members need to mentor our new member as much as we can. Our District has a lot of talented senior members who need to share their experience. If the seasoned Lions cannot share this with new and up and coming members, one day you will look back and see the new and young members gone because you wanted to do it all the time and not share the experiences. Remember, new and young members joined for a reason, and I am sure it was not to sit on the side lines.

It makes me pleased when I get phone calls requesting information about clubs wanting to do “membership open houses” to gain membership. Hey someone is reading what I have been saying! So thank you, Wixom Walled Lake and Hazel Park. Don’t try to reinvent the wheel, just ask. Hmm, that sounds like mentoring!

Sorry to pound on membership, but all we have to do is RETAIN MEMBERSHIP! We are continuously bringing in new members, but we lose more than we gain. So sponsors, you need to do your job and keep track of your newbies-this sponsorship is not just for a certain period of time. I look at it as your responsibility as long as you live as a Lion. It’s not quantity, it’s quality!

Our District GMT will be continuing the Ribbon Program this year, so look for Lion Leo Schafer to be coming out with this program soon.

So this comes to the point where I have to ask for help for next year. We have a bunch of committees and cabinet positions which need to be filled. Most of the committees need leaders that really communicate with LCI and the District. Most importantly, I need for next year the following positions filled:

REGION 1: Two Zone Chairs

REGION 2: One Zone Chair

REGION 3: Region Chair Two Zone Chairs

If you want to run for a cabinet position that is already filled, please do; nothing is set in stone and things change.

Next year's cabinet will be exciting, with hopefully some new ideas. So, I need your input to implement these new ideas. This is what is meant by the "POWER of WE"--it's your District! Any idea is good, and if you don't try, you won't know. Remember it's easy to complain, but if you are not part of the solution, you may become part of the problem! I am confident that no Lion wants to be part of the problem!!

Yours in Lionism,

1VDG Lion Jack Patton



Acquire with the intention to retain
and retain with the intention to grow
— Lester Wunderman



2V DG Scott Berry

Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos!

As we look forward toward a more electronic age, I would urge all the clubs to build a website for the club. Each club can register for a free website from Lions Clubs International by going to www.e-clubhouse.org and clicking on "Submit an application" near the bottom of the page. Most of the page's colors and layouts are predetermined and it is just a matter of filling in the information like name of the club, meeting location, meeting date, etc. It also has a member's only section that can be turned on or off according to the clubs wishes. The e-clubhouse has some limitation as compared to other websites, but it is free from Lions Clubs International. For more information visit www.e-clubhouse.org or contact me as I am the webmaster for the Eastpointe Lions Club.



Last year when I was campaigning for 2nd Vice District Governor and also this Lionistic year, I enjoyed visiting all the clubs. I saw each club's personality, whether good or bad. I saw the Lions behind each club striving to make a difference, striving to make the world a better place. And I thank YOU for that. While some clubs are more financially secure than others, some have a greater membership base, and some have that personality that others seek, every club, every Lion, every Lioness, and every Leo is different and unique. It's not what we have now or what we lost, where we should be or where we're at now, but it's our attitude. So I leave you with this, a quote from Charles R. Swindoll.



I'm the one wearing the hat, in case you were confused!

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact

that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes.”

-Charles R. Swindoll (American Writer and Clergyman)



On September 25th we had our joint Lioness meeting at Leader Dog. We had a great turnout, about 50 attended. Lion Kay Furby was there to explain Kid Sight and how the machine works. The machine, which will be our fall charity, costs \$6,000. Please have the money to me by January 27, 2018. Governor John Bingham has a charity that he is passing the dog for. It is Cash for Cops and at the meeting we collected \$95. Way to go, Lioness! We were lucky to have 2nd VDG Lion Scott Berry, 1st VDG Jack Patton and DG John Bingham at our meeting.

I have started to visit our Lioness clubs and I am very impressed with what they are doing. No matter the size of the club they are out working very hard. If any club would like for me to put something in my corner of the newsletter then please get in touch with me.

Congratulations to the Sterling Heights Lioness Club for being named Club of the Year!!

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 Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Marilyn Gaskins, sponsored by Sue Erickson.

The Birmingham Lions Club welcomes Anatheia Alexa, sponsored by Gail Gotthelf.

The Clawson Lions Club welcomes Mark Suokas, sponsored by Howie Airriess.

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Michael Taylor, sponsored by Raymond Confer.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, LATHRUP VILLAGE!!!!



Lathrup Village Lions Club recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. PCST Jerry Stone is the last remaining charter member. Pictured here is Lion Jerry and the 60th anniversary cake.

The Washington Lions Club recently recognized Lion Lawrence Thom for 50 years of service. Lion Lawrence has served as president twice and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Further, he was a huge part of overseeing the club's re-building after the fire in 2002 and took care of club maintenance for many years.



From Around the District...



At the Sterling Height Lioness Club's October (24th) meeting 244 new books were presented to John Iras of Big Family for their Big Family Christmas. The SHLC looks forward to donating our time to Big Family this year, helping wrap some of the Christmas gifts for 1500 foster children in Michigan.



The Sterling Heights Lions Club recently held their semi-annual Evening with the Stars. Lots of oldies but goodies and comedy skits were performed. Shown here are Lions Jim Oak, Barb Quandt, Ron Papa and Emcee Dan Hogan putting on quite a show!!!



Ridgecon Roofing of Shelby Twp. has a program called No Roof left behind. The Sterling Heights Lioness participated in the voting process so the Freeman family could be the WINNER of a new roof.



Kidsight screenings were simultaneously held recently at three different Troy fire departments. 160 kids were screened and 19 were referred. Screenings were done by PRC Kay Furby, Lion Jim Quinn and DTT Rhonda Furby-Johnstone. Shown here are Lions Jim Quinn, Linda Gorelick, Alexis Peak, Donna Quinn and Jed Sprunger .

Free Vision Screenings ID Problems in Young Children

By Terry Oparka for the Troy Times, October 19, 2017

Myles Barthlow's parents had no idea their then-2-year old son had a problem with his vision. Two years ago, Myles participated in a free vision screening conducted by the Troy Community Lions at a Troy Fire Department open house. His father, Joel Barthlow, is a former volunteer firefighter. The results of the screening indicated that Myles and his family should follow up with an eye care professional. They did so and learned that the youngster was legally blind in one eye, which had not been detected before.

Since the problem was caught early, he received appropriate treatment and his vision in that eye has improved to 20/70. He will probably always need to wear glasses or contacts, but through early intervention, his vision in that eye was saved. "We were very fortunate," said Joel Barthlow. "With aggressive patching, he will not have long-term effects from his lazy eye. The free test from the Lions Club saved his right eye. He'll probably always need a contact lens or glasses for that eye. The doctor, a pediatric ophthalmologist, said it was vital to catch it while he was young because once he gets to a certain age, there's no regenerating."

In support of Project Kidsight, Troy Community Lions first offered free screenings two years ago for children over the age of six months at one fire station during a Troy Fire Department open house. The program expanded to three fire stations during the October 8 open house this year. With a digital camera that photographs a child's eye, Troy Community Lions volunteers completed screenings for 160 children this year. Of those, 19 were referred to an eye care professional. Last month, the Troy Community Lions received the Distinguished Service Award from the Lions District Offices for their screenings as part of Project Kidsight.

"It's so popular and requested (that) it expanded to three stations," said Kay Pomeroy, Project Kidsight coordinator for the Troy Community Lions. The Lions also offered screenings at the Troy Police Department open house in May.

The camera is able to detect a number of conditions, differences in eye strength, blurred vision, farsightedness, nearsightedness, asymmetric vision and unequal pupils. "There is no touching the child's eye," Pomeroy said. "The camera is very sophisticated. It takes a picture of the pupil. The camera operator asks the child to look at the clown nose on the camera. It will do a pass-fail." Parents receive a sheet printed with a code they can take to the eye care professional.

Troy Community Lions member Jim Quinn worked the camera at Station 4 this year. He said that one family brought their three children in for screening. "Two of them wore eye glasses after they discovered at the screening last year that they needed to follow up. The parents are always grateful. It's a nice, good thing to do," he said. "We get instant feedback and interact directly with the people who benefit. The camera does all of the hard work for us."

In a prepared statement, Dr. Ed Cordes, optometrist and Chair of the Lions Project Kidsight USA, said that

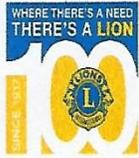
“experts say that up to 80 per cent of learning is visual, so we need to screen all children to identify any vision issues that can get in the way of learning. And we need to screen children early to identify vision problems while they can still be corrected.”

According to the Lions Clubs International, “unless vision problems are detected early and corrected, they risk becoming permanent by age 7.” According to the group’s website, “since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives, and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects.”

For information about the Troy Community Lions, visit troycommunitylions.org. For information on upcoming vision screenings in metro Detroit, call 248-975-6072 and leave a message.



Joel Barthlaw and his son Myles thank Troy Community Lions Project Kidsight Chairperson, Kay Pomeroy, for Myles’ vision screening



2017-2018 LIONS CENTENNIAL DIABETES AWARENESS & EDUCATION "WE SERVE"

Diabetes is at epidemic proportions World-Wide. Lions Clubs International celebrates its' "CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY" during 2017-18 and for the next two years, DIABETES AWARENESS AND EDUCATION has been chosen as a priority initiative. Lions International has designated the week of November 13-19, 2017 as "Diabetes Awareness Week", with a World-Wide kick-off on Nov. 14. In Districts 11-A1 [Wayne and Monroe counties] and 11-A2 [Oakland and Macomb counties] 2400 Lions will share Diabetes information to family, friends and associates by social media and email to promote awareness and education, to encourage screenings, prevention, reduction, treatment and self-management.

FACTS

- 422 Million People World-Wide Have Diabetes and 50% may not know they have it
- Since 1988, the number of adults with Diabetes Quadrupled
- The US population is 325 million; 38.3 million (11%) have diabetes and 27.8% are undiagnosed
- 10% of Michigan's 9.95 million population have diabetes
- 26% of Michigan's population live in Macomb, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne Counties, where socio-economic factors attribute to higher diabetes numbers

RISK FACTORS

- Smoking
- High Blood Pressure and High Cholesterol
- Lack of Aerobic Exercise
- Overweight

COMPLICATIONS

- Hospitalizations
- Strokes and Cardiovascular Incidents
- Lower Extremity Amputations
- Diabetic Retinopathy (Can Lead to Blindness if Untreated)
- Kidney Disease-Dialysis

WHAT YOU CAN DO AND SELF MANAGEMENT

- Get Screened -A1C Testing (Shows 3-month glucose % indicators)
- Exercise regularly and Eat Healthy-See a Nutritionist or Certified Diabetes Educator
- See your primary care health provider and Monitor blood sugar as recommended
- Take all prescribed medications, whether oral and/or injections same times daily

KICK- OFF



Thursday, December 7, 2017

at the **Palazzo Grande** located at:
54660 Van Dyke Avenue • Shelby Twp, MI 48315

Come celebrate **Leader Dogs for the Blind** and **Lions clubs of 11-A-2, 11-A-1 and A-1**

Bring a donation that is at least 10% more than the donation your club contributed to the 2016 kick-off parade of checks last year and earn a special kick-off patch for your club banner.



EVENT ACTIVITIES

- 6 p.m. Cash Bar and Gift Shop Booth opens
- 7 p.m. Dinner
- 8 p.m. Parade of Checks and Program

Tickets \$25 or buy a table of 8 for \$175

SEATING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 300 PEOPLE!



PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 21, 2017

888/777.5332 ext. 2052

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

Club Name: _____ Number Attending: _____ X \$25 = _____

OR Tables of 8: _____ X \$175 = _____

Names of Attendees (please print): _____

Please use other side for additional names of attendees ➔

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

** Please note any special dietary requirements (i.e. gluten free, vegetarian, etc.) on other side*



Merry Christmas
Lions of 11-A2

**The District Governor invites you to join Fellow Lions
December 9, 2017 for the
District Christmas Party
Fraser Lions Den
Beginning at 6:00pm**

**Beer, wine and Soda provided by the DG
Cash Bar**

Lions are asked to bring a dish to pass

Last name beginning with:

A – G: Main Dish

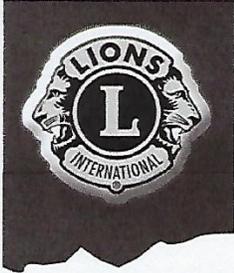
H – M: Salads (you decide what kind)

N – S: Deserts

T – Z: Vegetables (please don't make it all veggie trays be creative)

**If you plan to attend please contact CS Kimberly Thiede
586-567-3287 or wingslover16@comcast.net**

So we can ensure appropriate seating



2018 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:



The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640
Fax: (517) 887-6642
email: lions@lionsofmi.com

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31st annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. *(Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).*

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	()
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email Address					
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity			
<i>* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.</i>					
How did you hear about the scholarship?					

Education Information

High School you attended	
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?	
Have you been accepted?	
What do you plan to study?	
What are your personal and educational goals?	
How will the scholarship funds be used? <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Books
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	

Organizations, Activities and Awards

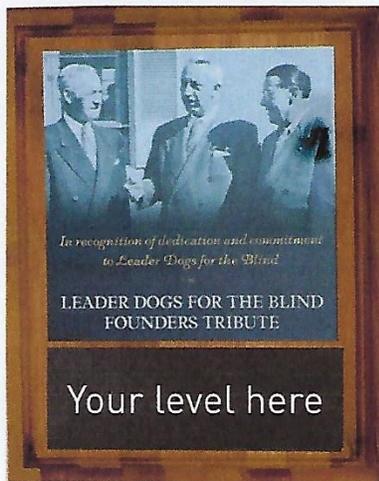
Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.			
Special honors and awards			
Special talents and training			
Applicant's Signature		Date	

Celebrate Lions' 100 Years of Service

with something special—

LIMITED EDITION Centennial Founders Tribute Plaque

Leader Dogs for the Blind is celebrating Lions' 100 years of service with a special edition Centennial Founders Tribute Plaque. This is a unique opportunity to recognize your club and/or a club member with this **limited time offer**. Please consider making a donation of \$500 (bronze), \$1,000 (silver) or \$2,500 (gold). Mail the form below to Leader Dog for your Centennial Founders Tribute Plaque. This **offer ends June 30, 2018**, so let's start celebrating!



Founders Tribute allows Lions clubs to honor a club and/or an individual club member for his or her consummate service, dedication and commitment to Lionism and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Available in three levels, the award recipient is given

a custom engraved Leader Dog Founders Tribute Plaque, as well as a commemorative Founders Tribute pin and patch (note: plaques, pins and patches are uniquely designed for each level and are not cumulative for silver or gold levels).



Note: The plate at the bottom will be engraved in either bronze, silver or gold

PLEASE CHECK ONE LEVEL (Make checks payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind)

\$500 BRONZE \$1,000 SILVER \$2,500 GOLD

INSCRIPTION—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (40 characters maximum per line)

LINE 1 _____

LINE 2 _____

LINE 3 _____

Where you would like your plaque mailed?

Name _____ Phone number (____) _____

Address _____



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