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District 11-B1 Newsletter
District Governor - Roberta Sexton

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Bob Sexton had his hip replacement, as scheduled, on May 19th. Everything went pretty well, and then on Wednesday, he had a stroke. He was transferred to the Kresge Rehab Center, in Chelsea by ambulance on Friday. He is doing very well. He is walking the best he can given he has 30 staples in his right hip, he is talking well, and if you didn't know he had a stroke, you couldn't tell. He was going to be there for 2 to 3 weeks, but I think he will be home next week. Thanks for all the calls and cards.

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

“Together We Serve” –

I hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day! May is a beautiful month, ending with an important Holiday for Americans that can only make it perfect. However, the end of May is just the beginning, as we prepare for our Michigan summer and the start of a new Lions year. District Governor Elect Terry is hard at work preparing for his trip to the International Convention, and his year as our “Leader”. He has done so much already to prepare for July when he takes office. As DGE Terry begins his year, I look forward to serving in a different role, and to supporting his efforts in any way he wants. I know each of you will do the same! During the month of June, I hope to spend my time working on the various extension projects, and helping to roll out the **“Saturday’s Lions/Be a Lion for A Day”** Project, by helping clubs learn what this means.

The Spring Leadership Forum was a great success. “Thank You” PDG Shirley Frederick and the entire Leadership Committee, for helping us prepare for our work as Club leaders in the upcoming year! Thank you Vandercook Lake Lions for hosting this event once again!

I am so proud of what each of you have accomplished this year. You have put forth a great effort in your local communities, and many individuals and organizations are better off today because of the work Lions do. The reports from the Zone Chairs and the articles in the news letter confirm this! Last month the

Adrian Breakfast Lions Club held a very successful Radio Auction. This club’s members served more than 500 man hours to raise the funds to support their projects for the coming year. This is just one example of the effort expended across the District to “Serve.” Congratulations to Adrian Breakfast Lions and the **20 “Everyday Hero’s”** who worked this project!

Battle Creek Host Club’s **“Every Day Hero” Lion John Dammers** is another special example of what it means to Serve. He has been named Volunteer of the Year! Past President Lion John was awarded the Adult Volunteer of the Year for the countless hours he has spent helping at the Kingman Museum. He was honored by “Hands On” at Battle Creek’s Community Volunteer Awards program on April 22, 2009. Congratulations and Thank You Lion John! We are so proud and happy for you! Look for Lion John’s story in the Lions Pride.

As I end my year as your District Governor, please let me sincerely “Thank each and every Lion, Lioness and Leo” for the work you have put in and the accomplishments you have made as “Together We Served” our communities, the District and the world. **I cannot begin to tell you how much you mean to both Lion Bob and I, or how much we have enjoyed this year.**

Have a great June and even better summer!
 District Governor Bert



Please come to Banner Exchange to see the official "Passing of the gavel and the District Governor's Banner" from the Jackson Eye Openers Lions Club to the Dexter Lions Club. I would also like to personally invite each of you to come to the Michigan Center Lions Club House on Sunday afternoon September 13th for the Governor's Appreciation Dinner. This is my last chance to "Thank You" for your year of service. Michigan Center Lion, Zone Chair Mert Heintz is cooking the meal and the event will be hosted by the Jackson Eye Openers. District Governor Bert

From DGE Terry

First of all Congratulations to all those Lions, Lioness's and Leos who were recognized at the District Convention!! There are many of you who contribute so much to your clubs and also to the District and all of you are certainly "Everyday Heroes"! We still have much that we can accomplish within the last month of DG Bert's year and that will depend on all of you. We are so close to finally having a year where our District will grow in membership. We need to add only a few more members but more importantly we need to RETAIN at least 90% of the members whose year will be up at the end of June. It is a great challenge but now is the time that we need to talk to our members and know that they plan on continuing their membership for the coming year. We have some great leaders in all of our clubs and please use their help to end this year on a positive note. Have you involved all your members in activities? Has the sponsor of your new members been involved in getting them active and involved? Have you held programs at your meetings to provide members the opportunity to learn more about Lions?



Can you meet this challenge? I hope that you will and that we can begin the year with a lot of willing Lions ready to be involved in their club and in the community.

District 11-B1 has a cabinet ready to take off on July 1st to support ALL the clubs in the District. I welcome the following Cabinet members for 2009-2010: Lion Barb Treichel, 1st VDG; Lion Dan Shepherd, 2nd VDG; Lion John Krienke, Cabinet Treasurer; Lion Diane Schweda, District Secretary; Lion Richard Westbury-ZC for Region 1, Zone 1; Lion Joann Sneary, ZC for Region 1, Zone 2; Lion Charlene Chrisman, ZC for Region 2, Zone 1; Lion James Philo, ZC for Region 2, Zone 2; Lion Craig Bishop, ZC for Region 3, Zone 1; Lion Chris Craft, ZC for Region 3, Zone 2, District Chaplain, Art Turner, and MERLO Coordinator-Tom Tyson.

let us know how we can support you!! Good luck in the coming year!

CLUB SECRETARY:

Have you sent your Clubs information into International on the PU 101 form? These were due to the International office by May 15th. Also, Please see that DGE Terry Walters receives a copy for the District Directory. twalter02@comcast.net

NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
NAPOLEON LIONS	KEITH BOLLHEIMER	DICK TALLMAN
NAPOLEON LIONS	BUD MICHAEL	
NAPOLEON LIONS	KRISTIN QUANTON	RITA HUEY
NAPOLEON LIONS	CINDY FRIESS	RITA HUEY
BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY	TIM HASSETT	JIM BAUM
HILLSDALE LIONS	ELLEN CLINES	BONNIE REAMER



Spotlight: Introducing New Lion Tim Hassett

of the Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club

Tim is originally from Detroit and is a graduate of Western Michigan University. He is married and his wife's name is Stacey. He is employed by Duncan Aviation and she is employed by Michigan Career Training Institute at Pine Lake. Tim is also actively involved in the Big Brother program and enjoys golf and fishing in his leisure time. Tim was sponsored by Lion Jim Baum.



The newest Lion member of the Hillsdale Lions is Ellen Clines. Lion Ellen is a Hillsdale College Student planning to attend Optometry School upon graduation from Hillsdale College. Her sponsor is Lion Bonnie Reamer.

We Serve

Michigan Center Carp Carnival

June 4 thru 7th

The parade is scheduled for 11:am

Line up for the Parade at 10:00am

Call 517-764-0089 for info.



HUMANITARIAN AWARDS EARNED

Presidents, DG Roberta needs to know if you have anymore Everyday Heros awards for your clubs or individual Lions in your clubs. She needs to have them by the end of June, when she leaves office. The winners will be announced at the Banner Exchange in July. They need to get them in soon. Roberta and Bob will be cooking dinner for the winning club.

Remember, the Lions Club with the most awards receives dinner from DG Bert



Humanitarian Photo on Display at International Headquarters



Lions Clubs International recently dedicated a new room at International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois featuring a giant collage of photographs showing many of the humanitarian efforts of the Lions clubs International Foundation. One of the featured photos in the permanent exhibit was taken by PDG Roger LaMothe during the 2008 Michigan Latvia Eyeglasses Mission. Roger is member of the Jackson Eyeopeners Lion Club. The picture shows PDG Dr. Tom Doyle of DeWitt completing an eye examination of one of the mission's youngest patients while her mom and sister look on. An original print of the picture was given to International Director Wayne Davis, District 11-B1's International guest, at our recent District Convention. Visitors to the Oak Brook International Headquarters can see the photo along with a continuous computer listing of all Melvin Jones Fellows in the newly redecorated facility.

Michigan Lions set a new sales record for the **Lions of Michigan Foundation's** 23rd annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. \$83,170 was raised toward the many health-related grants and services provided by the Foundation. The final drawings were held on May 16 at the Multiple District convention held in Lansing.

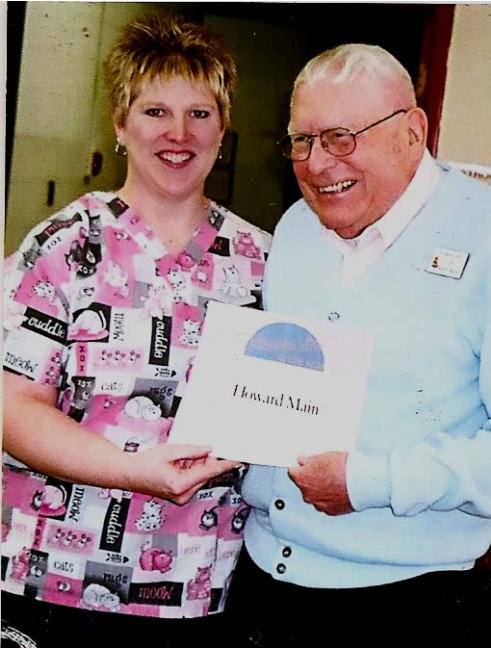
First prize of \$5,000 went to the Detroit University-New Gratiot Lions club. Other prize winners ranging from \$2,500 down to \$100 included the Clinton Valley Lions Club, Ron Bigelow, Norb Kollin, Jackie Reda, Lonnie Turner, John Fuller Sr., Bancroft Lions Club, Bay City Lions club and the Stanford Lions Club. In the sellers drawing held earlier in the month, winners included the Hillman Lions Club, Bud Rick and the Bark River Lions Club.

District 11-B1 clubs raised \$3,850 of which \$1,015.50 was returned to the selling clubs in the form of rebates based on the number of tickets sold. The District's top four clubs in total sales were Adrian Evening, Jackson Eyeopeners, Marshall and North Adams.

Foundation Trustees Clem Ruiz and Roger LaMothe would like to thank all the participating clubs. The foundation stands ready to assist the district in meeting the sight and hearing needs of their local communities. Any club that would like a presentation on the foundation, how to apply for a grant and how grants are awarded, should contact Roger LaMothe at 517-787-4022 or Clem or Vicki Ruiz at 517-529-9689. Lion Clem's term expires at the end of July while Lion Vicki starts her two-year term at the end of July.

News From Our Clubs

TEKONSHA LIONS CLUB HONORS HOWARD MAIN Sent in by Lorraine Lindsey,
Secretary, Tekonsha Lions Club



The Tekonsha LIONS Club held its last meeting of the club year at the Union Church U.C.C. at 6 pm on Monday, May 18, 2009. Twenty-nine people attended.

A surprise was in store for Howard Main, a 65-year member. President Tammy Lons started the meeting by announcing that the Tekonsha Lions had named Howard our Tekonsha Lion of the Year. Lorraine Lindsey prepared a tribute that read:

“On February 22, 1944, thirty Tekonsha businessmen gathered at the Old Guild Hall at the corner of Washington and Canal Streets to charter the Tekonsha LIONS Club. Sponsored by the Homer LIONS Club, the men joined LIONS International in the common purpose of fighting blindness. Howard Main was one of those men and is the only Charter member remaining.”

Lorraine also shared that Lion Howard has served as president, treasurer, representative to the local paper, tail twister, and program director. He received approval for Lifetime membership in 1984. In 2003 the Tekonsha LIONS Club presented Lion Howard with a

Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. For his many years of distinguished service, our Lions club proudly named Lion Howard Main our Tekonsha Lion of the Year for 2009.

Special guests included Howard’s wife, Mary, his son, Bob, and his daughter, Pam Herman. After the presentation by President Lons, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and spent some time visiting. Guests were allowed to leave before we conducted a short business meeting to conclude our year. Although we do not meet as a club during the summer, a couple activities have been planned in which we will participate.

The Tekonsha LIONS Club has ended our year with a flurry of activities. We held our 2nd Annual Pork supper on May 5th, honored Howard Main on May 18th for his 65 years of service as our Tekonsha Lion of the Year, and we participated in Tekonsha’s Memorial Day Parade on May 25th. Thanks to the efforts of Lion Mya Kavanaugh, we had our own float which won first prize. The theme was "Putting glasses on members of YOUR community" and included plenty of red, white, and blue. Lion Dawn Copas was honored at the ceremony for helping coordinate parade activities for many years. Lion Mya Kavanaugh was this year’s head for the parade and ceremony. Special mention goes to Lion Chris Vreeland and his family -

Chris drove the float and his son Josh joined Lion Lorraine Lindsey on the float to toss candy as we travelled down Main Street. Other family members including Chris’ wife Shannon walked alongside, helping pass out candy and plastic sunglasses. It was a beautiful day to get out the message that Tekonsha Lions care about our community. Submitted by Lorraine Lindsey



Chris Vreeland and his son Josh



Mya Kavanaugh, parade organizer and float builder

JACKSON EYEOPENERS Jackson's Paragon Charter Academy kindergartener Lauryn Rhodea shows her classmates the certificate of appreciation presented to her class by the Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club for bringing in the most eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones in a school-wide campaign to help fill the needs of Lions Club missions both in the United States and throughout the world. The winning class was rewarded with a pizza party hosted by Eyeopener Lions Margie Horsch, Esther LaMothe and Roger LaMothe. Each student was given a token of appreciation by Lion Margie Horsch. Class teacher, April Craddock, said everyone worked hard to fill an entire box with contributions for the Lions' campaign. While the contest was finished on May 8, the school continued to collect donations throughout the month of May.



CEREAL CITY LIONS White Cane Fundraiser: Chairman Bill Butler strategically placed Lion members around Battle Creek with white canes and canisters for this April fundraiser that seeks public support of Lions' sight and service programs. The spring weather was beautiful and we hope our days of fundraising were successful.

-Buddy Days April 6-9: Area Lions Clubs which included Athens, Battle Creek Host, Cereal City, Pennfield, and Bedford worked together at the local Secretary of State office under the direction of Mike Baker to sign up organ donors.

The four day program was a successful collaboration that resulted in one thousand drivers being enrolled in the license donor program

-Santa's Helper Request: Darlene Williams is the director of Santa's Helpers, a Christmas program Lions participated in through the years.

Last year this Christmas basket program helped 1695 families or 5682 people. She also directs a year around food program that helps needy referred individuals.

Presently the program is facing a crisis. The 10,000 foot food storage facility will no longer be available rent free. Although she and her husband personally pay the \$315 utilities, they are unable to pay the building rent of a \$1000. per month without assistance. Our club is being asked to help fund a support program that would pay the rent and enable this community program to continue.

INTERLAKES LIONS

Members Receive Awards at District Convention.

David Busack received a *Certificate and recognition* for "Best New Lion" member, for his work at the District level. He helped the District Treasurer. Jim Souder was presented a plaque for "*Region 1 Zone 2, Lion of the Year*" at our last meeting.

The Bake sale and White Cane drive are behind us. We did very well, despite the worries of store closings and the poor economy. The White Cane drive on Friday collected \$480.49. On Saturday we collected another \$259.13 for a total of \$739.61. We also had seven canisters placed in local businesses and received \$59.51 from these, for a grand total of \$799.13 for the White Cane drive. The Bake Sale was on Saturday and again the worry of not having Lake Shore Market open proved to not be a big factor as the baked goods brought in \$303.01.

ANN ARBOR HOST LIONS- A CLUB AWAY FROM HOME

Lion Ana Torres, PhD. From the Costa Rica Lions Club made a visit to our club on April 21. As she has family living in Ann Arbor, she frequently visits the area and would like to make our club her *club away from home*. In a short address to the group, Lion Ana offered ideas for possible ways in which our clubs could partner with hers to make some wonderful things happen in the world. Ana suggested that we may want to help her club plant trees, support a Costa Rican ophthalmology clinic or an endoscopy clinic, create a student exchange program or even have one of our members visit her club.



BUDDY DAY RESULTS

Thanks to dedicated Lions such as yourself, Buddy Day was, once again, a great success! One hundred seventeen Lions Clubs volunteered their time on April 8 at Secretary of State Branch Offices across Michigan and signed up over 5,054 people on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

Thank you Don Kiel for taking this project on and representing the Host Club in this effort!

NAPOLEON LEOS The Napoleon Leos Club provided support to the Napoleon Lions Club by helping with the derby car races. Both clubs entered their respective cars built by their clubs.



Napoleon LEO– Ricky Pulver was awarded the prestigious honor of being our District LEO of The Year. Ricky received a plaque at the convention.

Four members of the Napoleon LEOS attended the convention and enjoyed the discussions with the Lions and socializing with the Michigan Center LEOS. These LEOS appear to be one step closer to being some of the future leaders of the district. A big thanks you to all the Lions

HOMER LIONS

Why are these Homer Lions smiling?

From left, Zone Chair Mike Dauphinais was on hand at the April 13 Homer Lions meeting and presented the Everyday Heroes awards to deserving Lions.

Next, Mike Barton received an award for ongoing contributions in providing hams for our Easter Bingo and pork loin for our Summer Festival food booth.

Rev. Tom Fox was recognized for his support in providing a local meeting place for the Lions partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Jason Manke was commended for his ongoing effort in organizing and spearheading our 2 bingo fundraisers each year. District Governor Roberta Sexton accepted the award in Jason's absence.

Chris Miller received the award for his role in organizing members for a work project to refurbish the Homer Community House.



Lions Quest to host pre-forum session on September 23rd

Save the date! This year's Lions Quest pre-forum seminar will take place on Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel. As in previous years, the seminar will be offered to FY 09-10 Vice District Governors and Lions Quest Chairs, plus any Lions that are involved with Lions Quest in their district. However, in response to suggestions from participants, the format will change for this year's event, which will be divided into two different sessions.

The morning session will be a general overview of the program and available grants, with additional how-to suggestions from Lions who have had program success. The afternoon will be a Lions Quest "training" for those who are familiar with the program, but need specific instruction for approaching schools, promoting the program, and recruiting others to become involved. This new format provides attendance options for participants based on their needs, and presents information that hasn't been covered in the past due to time restraints.

The Lions Quest program has benefited from some exciting developments this year as well. The state of Maine received an award from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for its youth efforts, including successful use of the Lions Quest program for youth ages 10-17. *Skills for Adolescence* was printed in Arabic, marking the 30th language in which the materials have been translated! Core 4 grants were approved to expand Lions Quest in Colombia, Paraguay, India and Japan, and to implement Lions Quest in Panama for the first time.

Invitations for the pre-forum seminar will be sent in early summer with an agenda and specific time and location information. In the meantime, check the newsletter for Lions Quest pre-forum updates. A general Lions Quest session will also be held on Friday morning during the Forum. Check the Forum seminar schedule for details. For more information, contact Sandy O'Lear at LCIF, 630-468-6960, sandy.olear@lionsclubs.org

HURON VALLEY SUNRISE CLUB As part of an annual service project, the Huron Valley Sunrise Lions Club in Ann Arbor served dinner, compliments of the Tower Inn in Ypsilanti, to families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. Although not a Lion, one particular volunteer had a very unique tie to the project.

Twelve and a half years ago, Cathi Coriell's son Tyler was born in Jackson and rushed to Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. While being too far away from home to drive back and forth, Coriell was welcomed with open arms to the Ronald McDonald House. Although she was never able to take her son home, she still appreciates all the help and support she received while she was there.

"I just wanted to give back," said Coriell. "I loved talking to the parents and listening to their story."

The Club's intentions were to not only serve dinner, but to comfort the families as well.

"More than anything, these families just need someone to talk to," said Coriell.

The Huron Valley Sunrise Club has been serving dinner to families at the Ronald McDonald House for close to ten years, and plans on maintaining the tradition.



NOTICE TO ALL NEW PRESIDENTS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

District 11-B1 Committee Chair Training- All District Committee Chairs are invited to the District Committee Chair Training; June 16 ,2009 at KCC East Campus off of I-94 at Albion Exit 119 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gathering of the PRESIDENTS - All new Lion Presidents from District 11-B1 are invited to A Gathering of the Presidents Open House sponsored by DG Bert and DGE Terry at 4246 Jane Drive ,Jackson Mi. 49201 on Thursday , June 25, 2009 between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30p.m.. This will be an opportunity to talk about the upcoming year and answer any questions the Presidents may have about Club, District , State or International Happenings.

Dinner will be provided.

Banner Exchange for all clubs to attend in District 11-B1 is on July 30 ,2009 at Parma-Spring Arbor.- 5:45 p.m.

JACKSON HOST LIONS Celebrating 88 years of service to the community

There was a little confusion on Monday about our Club's correct anniversary date – May 7th, May 21st or July 1. There was consensus that May was the proper month. Therefore, by the powers* invested in me, I declare May 14th to be the proper date and have changed the banner above to reflect 88 years. **Happy Anniversary Jackson Host Lions Club Members.** *(Powers were self empowered unless challenged.)

Club business included an Onion sales report: 244 bags sold – good for the short notice we had; and also a reminder that the member golf outing will be Monday, June 8th. The "**election**" of officers for the 2009-10 year was held in record time. (I missed my opportunity to vote because I sneezed.) Somewhere in the distance I heard the wistful sound of a whistle from a train slowly going down the railroad track! Installation later.

Dan Sullivan asked the opinion of our members on the method of play for the Jim Rich Golf event to be held later in the summer. It was decided to do away with two divisions and have all golfers eligible for the prize money. More later from Dan on how we can all participate in this fund raising event!

President elect Dick C. introduced our speaker, Mike Simpson the state representative from the 65th District. He was first elected to his office in 2006. His freshman term was a real learning experience trying to find his way around the capitol and learning where the restrooms were. His comments to us were primarily about the state's budget.

We will probably be able to get thru this fiscal year (ending September) with some expense cuts and assistance from the federal stimulus money. Next fiscal year is a different story. Additional revenue sources and more expense cuts will be necessary. About 80% of the state income is from federal sources but it comes with many strings attached. Example: highway money requires a state match and must be used for specific projects. If you don't agree with the "strings" you don't get the money.

Birthdays are good for you: the more you have, the longer you live.

TEKONSHA LIONS CLUB Our 2nd annual pork supper was held on May 5th and raised almost \$600. Members met on May 4th to prepare and served on the 5th. Thank you to District Governor Bert Sexton for helping on the 5th. Special mention to Homer and Bedford Lions who attended—we appreciate all your support!

Margo Knapp and Lorraine Lindsey went to the Elementary school on May 8th to collect glasses for the eyes and ears contest. We also took White Cane brochures and stickers. Lorraine thanked the students for their help with the eyeglass recycling and Margo shared about white cane with them. Two classes collected more than 50 eyeglasses/hearing aids each and both classes will be treated to pizza by the Tekonsha Lions Club. Howard.

PARMA-SPRING ARBOR LIONS

The 5-4-09 meeting of the Parma-Spring Arbor Lions Club was at the Sandstone Congregational Church Paul King Fellowship Center. The program was from Pat O'Dowd from Charity Poker Solutions. At the meeting on 5-18-09, the speakers were 3 representatives from the Jackson County Road Commission, Ken Straub, Dave Miller, and Al Roden. Their program included the viewing of a video of winter snow-plow experience from the driver's and public's view. Statistics on the budget, and equipment and supplies costs were presented. A question and answer period was also very informative. We appreciate that these 4 gentlemen were able to join us for dinner and for their presentations.

A thank you to the residents of our community is in order as our White Cane collection on 4-24 and 4-25-09 yielded \$486. Thank you to Hutch's and the Parma branch of the CP Credit Union for allowing our members to collect there. A \$500 service scholarship will be presented to a Western High senior at the Honors Assembly on Thursday, 5-28-09.

The new club officers for the 2009-2010 year are: President- Neil Childs Vice-President- Ken Datte, Secretary- Teri Datte, Treasurer- Ken Datte, Tail Twister- Ryan Datte, Lion Tamer- Linda Schaub, 1 year Directors- Melanie Knack and Ralph Bramley, 2 year directors- Dick Hensel and Don King, and Membership Chair- Ken Datte. Our next meeting on 6-1-09 will be a guest night and include installation

ADRIAN BREAKFAST LIONS Our annual radio auction was again a great success. With the help of members and friends, the club cleared \$10,000. We were hampered somewhat by the good weather, people were outside instead of being inside listening to the radio. The economy did not help as well. We are presently working on our Putting For Pups miniature golf tournament.

HILLSDALE LIONS The newest Lion member of the Hillsdale Lions is Ellen Clines. Lion Ellen is a Hillsdale College Student planning to attend Optometry School upon graduation from Hillsdale College. Her sponsor is Lion Bonnie Reamer.



Humanitarian Awards were presented to Lions Martha Smith, Kay Franks, and Sarah Bell. Zone Chairman Mike Dauphinas presented the awards.



The Ann Arbor (Host) Lions Club

Will hold the 21st Annual Golf Outing on June 22 at the University of Michigan Golf Course in Ann Arbor. Refreshments will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Proceeds from the event go to support for the Michigan Eye-Bank and other Lions Service Projects.



Economic factors have led the club to drop the fee for golfers to \$99 per person this year. The price includes a full day of golf, food, drinks, prizes and more. Sponsorship opportunities are also still available.

For more information, contact Lion Dan Reynolds at (734) 780-2116 or dan@michiganeyebank.org, Lion Bill Brogan at (734) 665-6731 or b.brogan@sbcglobal.net or Lion Bill Farrand at (734) 662-7991 or architect@farrandinc.com.

VANDERCOOK LAKE LIONS Our monthly 3rd Sunday Pancake Breakfast was a great success this month. We profited \$640.00. Our White Canes receipts were \$980.00. Our club had a total of 17 members attend the District 11B-1 Convention in Chelsea. We worked the 50/50 tickets and the raffle table. May 15th and 16th, we held our annual garage sale. We have not had a final report at this time.

DEXTER LIONS The Dexter Lions worked the valet parking for the Senior prom, and working the food wagon again this year. Dexter Lion Terry Walters was elected the new District Governor of 11B-1 at the convention. He will be sworn in at the International Convention in Minneapolis and his term begins July 1. We are very proud of Terry.

We participated in the Rebuild America project this year. We had 2 or 3 paint and rebuild projects within the Dexter Community. The Dexter Lions received 15 scholarship applications this year. We will review the applicants and will interview 8 finalist on May 5th to select 4 or 5 recipients.

Pictured is Manchester Lions Club President Barry Allen putting the finishing touches on the new stairs and handicap ramp to Dutch Hall on Alumni Field in Manchester. Dutch Hall is used for the seniors Bingo during the Manchester Community Fair so must be handicapped accessible. As Directors of the Fair Board, Barry and Peggy Allen attend meetings in planning for the annual event. In March, while Barry was attending a Lions Visitation, Peggy covered the Fair Board meeting. The board determined the stairs/ramp should be replaced due to age and to meet current building codes for accessibility. Peggy immediately volunteered her husband Barry to do the job and we took it on as a Manchester Lions project. "When I arrived at Dutch Hall to begin the project, I stepped on the handicapped ramp and my foot broke through up to my ankle. I then grabbed the 4 X 4 post to steady myself and it broke off in my hand. I think it was definitely time to replace the structure," Allen said. Assisting in the project were Lions Fred Best, Peggy Allen and Korry Friday. "In addition to being a retired Navy Commander and carrier pilot, and retired airline Captain, in Oregon I was also a licensed general contractor, so this was right up my alley." Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Manchester Community Fair on July 7 to 11, and the Fair Parade on Tuesday at 6:30 PM

NAPOLEON LIONS The Napoleon Lions inducted four new members within the last month. We want to welcome Lions Keith Bollheimer, Cindy Friess, Bud Michael, and Kristin Quanton to our club.



The Napoleon lions participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade, held in Napoleon. Lion Dick Tallman was the MC and Lion Bud Matteson was the Parade Marshall. Lion Bud was ill and could not attend, but Dick recognized him for all his community work and his years in the Napoleon Lions. Our guest speaker was Jim Teeples, a graduate of Napoleon High School and a U of M graduate in 1985. Jim lives in Colorado Springs and is a retired Marine pilot who flew missions in the middle East. He had a very moving speech about the ultimate sacrifice our soldiers make for our freedom. They also presented a marker for the grave of Lion Wayne Russler.



The Napoleon Lions have been very busy working two different concession areas for youth baseball and softball. Lion Jerry Davis has done a wonderful job of working and co-coordinating this project. Thank you very much Jerry.

The Napoleon Lions Community band, the only community Lions Band in the District, did a great job and were a treat to listen to. Thanks to the members of the band and Lion Myrl Clayton for taking the time to pull the trailer with his vintage Ford pickup.



Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Manchester Community Fair on July 7 to 11

and the Fair Parade on Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 PM

Lions line up at the American Legion for the

Parade at 6 pm

**Michigan Center Lions Carp Carnival
June 4 -7th**

Ride bracelets are available for \$15

**Bingo, Food, Music, Amusement Rides
Adult and Child Beverages**

MANCHESTER LIONS

Pictured from left to right are Manchester Lions Fred Best and Eddie Sterling with the Penrickton Center for Blind Children Director Kurt Sebaly and Manchester President Barry Allen at the center's "Welcome to Spring" picnic on May 15th. Also shown is Lion Barry with "Josh" whom the Allen's 'adopted' last Christmas to support the center. Josh just turned nine years old last month. He is diagnosed with a genetic disorder that causes developmental delay, mental impairments, cerebral palsy and vision problems. The picnic included an assortment of salads, chips and hot grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as an entire tent of desserts. Tours of the facility ran every fifteen minutes, there was live music and pony cart rides for the kids



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NAPOLEON LIONS CLUB 4 PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE GRANDE GOLF

50/50 Raffles

**Shortest Drive
Drive Closest to Line
Closest to pin on par 3's**

**1293 FLOYD AVENUE
JACKSON, MI 49201
Hole in one Sponsored by
Brooklyn Ford**

**2 year lease on a new Ford Focus or
Ranger Pickup
JUNE 23, 2009
9AM SHOTGUN START
\$50.00 PER GOLFER
Team Members
(Include contact number)**



**Lions Club
Challenge
Trophy
1 Lion per
Team is
Required**

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

**Includes a hot dog and soda at the turn &
Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Hamburger
with awards after golf**

Registration Deadline is June 19, 2009

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