

# LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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## Has your club lost its IRS tax exempt status?

By: Paul Hemeryck, CPA  
State Treasurer

*Lions International has a procedure to follow for regaining your club's 501 status.*

For the past several years, I have been warning Lions Clubs that the Internal Revenue Service has new rules that require every nonprofit organization to file either form 990N, 990EZ or a full 990 tax return. Failure to file for three years will result in the loss of their tax exempt status.

I have researched the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and have a listing of over 10,000 nonprofit organizations in Michigan that have lost their status. Narrowing the list to Lions organizations, over 200 have lost their status. Some of this relates to clubs that dissolved.

Some relates to clubs that had two or more Federal ID#'s. However there are active clubs that just did not file the required returns. They have now lost their tax exempt status. They may find that they can no longer run licensed raffles or bingo or millionaire events because of their denied status.

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## Lions Leadership Institute is the place to be!

Lions will gather at the R.A MacMullan Center on November 11-13 for the Leadership and Graduate Institutes. Participants will experience three days of informative and exciting sessions. It is a unique opportunity for members to learn life-long leadership skills which can be applied to their job, Lions Club and their life. Attending the institute gives participants the tools and confidence to become more effective leaders. The training they receive gives them the motivation, knowledge and skills to ensure that a high level of service is provided. It develops more leaders; and more leaders translates into greater service. Training makes Lions more effective and can also influence membership. Through sharing ideas, success stories and humanitarian endeavors, training unites Lions and solidifies their commitment to service.

During the three-day Leadership Institute, attendees participate in classes that actively involve them in the learning process. Classes include team building, conflict resolution, personal effectiveness, personality styles, mentoring, the four R's of leadership, listening and speaking skills and managing change.

The Graduate course offers challenging activities which encourage communication and problem solving. Training involves more than "stand up" delivery skills. Learn the importance of eye contact, tone, pace and expression, movement and posture and appropriate language. Learn how being an effective leader means taking initiative, being open to diverse opinions and encouraging creativity and innovation.

Part of being a good leader is knowing how to talk

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For mail returns see ID statement.

## upcoming events

**USA/Canada Forum**  
September 22-24, 2011  
Anchorage, AK

**Council of Governors Meeting**  
October 7-8, 2011  
Mackinaw City, MI

**Lions Leadership Institute**  
November 11-13, 2011  
MacMullan Center on Higgins Lake  
Roscommon, MI

**Michigan Forum**  
February 17-18 2012  
Ramada Inn  
Lansing, MI

## LCI Century of Service Commemorative Coin

As we approach the 100th anniversary of our organization in 2017, Lions are looking to highlight this milestone. The Sandy Spring Lions Club in Maryland, proposed a commemorative U.S. Mint silver dollar as a way to celebrate.

With the sponsorship of Illinois Representative Peter Roskam, the effort is one step closer to making the coin a reality.

He has introduced the Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act or HR 2139. Passage of the legislation depends on accruing 290 House sponsors and 67 Senate sponsors in order to send HR 2139 to the President for his signature. Your help is needed. Take action today!

1. Call or write your U.S. Senators and Representatives and ask him/her to co-sponsor HR 2139.

2. Urge Lions in your districts and clubs to call/write their U.S. Senators and Representatives to cosponsor HR 2139.



3. Post [www.lionsclubs.org/coin](http://www.lionsclubs.org/coin) on your website and Facebook page to inform followers about this important endeavor. Ask them to take action. With 375,000 Lions nationwide, we can send a message to Congress that Lions have a mighty roar and will be heard! For more information regarding this effort and to view sample phone scripts/letters, visit [www.lionsclubs.org/coin](http://www.lionsclubs.org/coin).

The Lions Clubs International Silver Dollar is a commemorative

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LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN MD 11



## &gt; MD11 news

# Lions Clubs team up for vision screening

The St. Johns and DeWitt Lions Clubs teamed up to provide eye screenings, exams and eye-glasses for students participating in the Mid-Michigan Migrant School Program. Kidsight Chair Kathy Campbell spearheaded the event by bringing the request to the board of directors of the St. John's Lions Club. They felt it was a great community service project and went to work making arrangements.

On July 18th and 28th, Kathy Campbell screened 28 students ranging from 7-15. None of these youngsters had ever had eye exams. Thirteen of them were referred for additional vision testing.

After the initial screening, DeWitt Lions Club member Dr. Tom Doyle donated his time and services to examine three of the



students, and a wholesale club donated the lenses. The DeWitt Lions Club picked up the remaining cost of the frames. Ten other students were examined by Dr. Mark White OD and Dr. Brandy Cook OD.

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coin program for 2017 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of LCI by Melvin Jones in 1917.

Coins will be issued in a quantity of up to 400,000 by the U.S. Mint. A \$10 surcharge will be added to the price of each coin and distributed to LCIF to further its programs for the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by a disaster. The coin design will be emblematic of the LCI centennial.

If the legislation is passed and signed into law, LCI commemorative coins can be purchased from January through December 2017 from the U.S. Mint or by phone at 1-200-USA Mint. Commemorative coins are always in great demand.



## Lions collect e-waste for kids

by: Paul Hemeryck  
Past District Governor

Lions from Districts 11-A1 and 11-A2 joined with the Children's Miracle Network in a campaign to recycle electronic devices, with the proceeds going to the Beaumont Silent Children's Program. The net result was a recycling effort that helped the environment and raised \$11,145.75. The funds raised will pay for 220 scholarship treatments for 22 children.

Pictured above are Lions Dick Belloli, Ron Papa, John Marshall and Paul Hemeryck, as well as Kristine Rutkowski, manager of the Children's program and Dr. Michael Rolnick, Director of the Speech and Language Pathology Department.

## Tecumseh Lions Club featured on LCI's website

The Tecumseh Lions Club was highlighted on Lions International's blog for their Pet Parade. To view the photo, visit <http://blog.lionsclubs.org/> and click on their blog link. The theme of the parade in downtown Tecumseh was the '50s, and participants were encouraged to dress themselves and their pets in attire from that era. Prizes were awarded for most original costume, judges' choice award, and best pet and owner look-alike costume.



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## Lions meet tree-planting goal in two months

- Update from IP Wing-Kun Tam

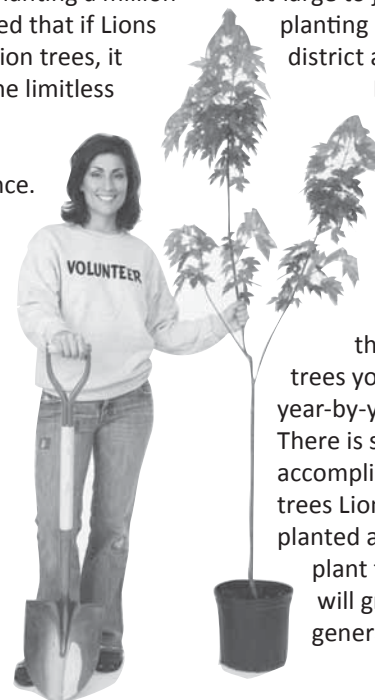
Just two months ago, incoming International President Wing-Kun Tam stood on stage and asked Lions to believe in themselves, their mission of service to others and to believe that they could accomplish anything they set their minds to. That included planting a million trees. Tam stated that if Lions can plant a million trees, it will reinforce the limitless potential each member has to make a difference.

Now after less than three months in office, it was announced that in just the first 60 days, the ambitious goal has been surpassed. As of September 7, the Lions have planted over 1.3 million trees.

International President Tam urges Lions to continue the momentum that is already in motion. Anyone can plant a tree. It's a very visible and hands-on way for each member to make a difference. It's also a great project to invite the community at-large to join in. Make tree planting part of club or district activities this year.

Invite friends, neighbors and members of the community to join you. What better way to remind members of the gift of service than to watch the trees you have planted grow year-by-year.

There is so much more to accomplish. With care, the trees Lions have already planted and will continue to plant throughout the year, will grow and benefit generations to come.



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about the Lions organization. Learn how to communicate who Lions are, what they do and how their services enrich lives.

The cost of attending is \$175 per person, which includes registration, lodging for two nights, six meals and all training materials. Sessions are conducted in a casual setting Friday afternoon through Sunday morning. Please visit [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com) for a registration application form. Application deadline is September 30, 2011.

# Welcome Homes helps family cope with vision loss

by: Brian Shepard, CEO

Imagine spending a lovely Sunday afternoon with your family, followed by Easter Dinner with the kids and grandchildren. When you get home, you sit down in your favorite chair and realize something is wrong with your vision. Then suddenly your vision is gone! That is what happened to a recent client.

Prior to that Easter Sunday, the client was in pretty good health for his age. He was active and enjoyed a good baseball game whenever he could, either in person or on television. He and his wife had been contemplating downsizing, as keeping up with the house and yard was beginning to become more than they wanted to handle. Just weeks before that Easter Sunday, the couple had

decided to buy a smaller place.

When the family called Welcome Homes Vision Services, they were at a loss as to what to do next. Dad's loss of vision added to concerns that the house would be too much for mom to handle. The father wanted to remain in a house that he knew well and was able to get around in with minimal problems. His wife just wanted to make sure they did what was best for her husband.

After listening to everyone's concerns, Welcome Homes was able to develop a plan of action that addressed the concerns and allowed the client to remain active and still move into the new home. The first step was to schedule some Activity of Daily Living (ADL) training. The

second step was to conduct an environmental survey of the new apartment and identify any areas of concern with respect to his vision loss. The third step was to identify aids and appliances that could help him remain active and independent.

After multiple visits with our Occupational Therapist and minor modifications in the apartment, the client is active and independent and is making new friends in the retirement community where he lives.

On behalf of our clients, Welcome Homes Vision Services thanks you, the Lions of Michigan, for your support.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM  
**FEBRUARY 17-18, 2012**  
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Lions International has been in contact with the IRS and has worked out a plan for those clubs that have less than \$25,000 in gross revenue each year. However there is a cost to regain the status a form 1024 must be filed, along with a \$100 fee to the IRS. Lions International will have a link on their website with all of the details. A link will also be on the Lions of Michigan website.

The really bad news is for those clubs that have more than \$25,000 in gross revenue. The fee increases

to \$850. In addition, all delinquent returns must be filed and penalties can be assessed at \$20 per day for each late return. You will probably need a CPA or someone with tax experience to assist you in preparing all of the documents.

Remember, this is not a one-time issue with the IRS. If you have not filed for two years and fail to file this year, your club will lose its tax exempt status.

Please be sure that all the required tax returns are being filed and avoid the wrath of the IRS.

# Lions cross state lines to render assistance

Augmenting the \$10,000 grant that Dyer, Tipton and Shelby counties received in June from LCIF, the 2009-2010 Past District Governors of SD10 and MD11 pooled their personal resources to reach out to the residents of Lake County, Tennessee who were affected by flooding in May.

After communicating with DG David Butler, the PDGs in Michigan purchased and packaged toiletry items, along with four glucometers, for the purpose of helping those in need. These items filled two very large boxes and five smaller boxes. District 11C2 PDG Kevin Storberg and his wife, Ann, brought the boxes with them when they relocated from Michigan to the Knoxville area on Memorial Day weekend.

Shortly before the 4th of July weekend, the boxes were picked up by family members of Cabinet Secretary and Trimble Lions Club member Kelly Campbell and carried to Franklin, Tennessee. She, with the assistance of 2nd VDG and Trimble Lions Club President Anita Taylor, delivered the boxes to Tiptonville. The glucometers were taken to the Reelfoot Rural Ministries.

The Tiptonville Lions Club, with the help of Margaret Newton Elementary School Principal Sherry Darnall and Tiptonville resident (and flood victim) Sonya Wyatt, delivered 30 "care packages" to households directly impacted by the flooding. This is a great example of how our family of Lions come together to help each other. Kudos to everyone involved!

## YES! I WANT TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Michigan with unmet needs by helping them become more independent. You can help out by mailing this coupon back to us with your contribution.

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# Caught in the act of Lionism

As the Lions year starts picking up speed, the Lion Pride Magazine asks clubs to think about retaining and gaining members by "tooting their own horns." Most people join a Lions Club because they heard about or saw the good things Lions do in their communities. Every Lion has an experience which touched and enriched their life. Some have even met their significant other through Lionism. They have made friendships that last a lifetime. Lionism becomes a big part of their lives. So doesn't it stand to reason that members should share their stories so others might receive the same rewards?

Everywhere you travel you, see roadside signs and Lions hard at work. They are busy raising money for club projects through pancake breakfasts, white cane drives, bike rides, recycling events and local festivals. Lions touch lives in the communities they serve. They make the world better for those around them. Clubs need to raise awareness of the good things they do by sharing their stories. Feeling good about making a difference is contagious and uplifting. It gets people excited about what's happening; but if no one takes a picture or writes a story - nothing happens.

Clubs should take the initiative and spread the word about what they are doing and why they are doing it. A picture with a caption doesn't explain why you are holding a spaghetti dinner. It doesn't tug at the heart strings. It doesn't get people excited about getting involved.



Fremont Lions and Leos teamed up to remove truckloads of leaves at an elderly person's and eliminate a fire hazard.



Bay City Lions host a Christmas party for hundreds of local children. Each receives a toy and club members dress up as Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Santa's helpers.



Lions help with "Ski for Light," an event that promotes physical activity for visually and mobility impaired adults.

Lionism is a rewarding experience, and Lions should be proud of the work they do. They go about their business without expecting to be recognized, but it's time to change that way of thinking and get caught in the act of Lionism. Its time to blow your horn and spread the excitement and good feeling that Lionism offers to its members. Report your club stories to your District Editor for publication in the Lion Pride Magazine. Their emails are listed below.

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## Thoughts from a DG

by: John Monahan  
11 E1 District Governor

A few weeks ago, a dentist from Jalalabad, a town in South Afghanistan, was visiting Mt. Pleasant, sponsored by the Rotary Club. The dentist, Dr. Sahar mal Safi, asked to speak to a Lions leader, so I talked to him at Isabella Bank. He was originally from Pakistan and had been awarded a certificate from the Lions Club while in high school. Now he wants to start a Lions Club in Jalalabad. In fact, he emailed me last week reminding me to support Afghanistan for Lionism.

Unfortunately, Afghanistan is not yet approved by Lions Club

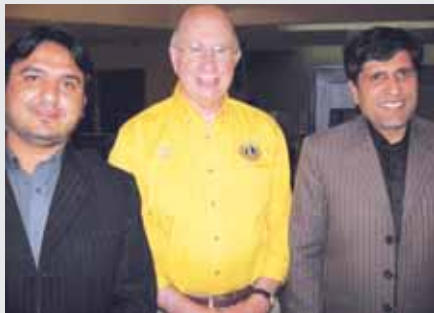


**DG John Monahan  
District 11 E1**

prevail. One idea emphasized at the school was the Club Excellence Program. The program consists of two surveys, one, a survey of the club members concerning meetings, activities, member relations, and satisfaction with Lions, the other, a survey of community needs. That survey is given to community leaders and organizations to discover how well we are meeting the needs of our local communities. With the information from the surveys,

individual clubs get together to discover the best ways to improve club functioning and community service. Your zone chair will be talking about that soon.

District 11 E1 received a matching grant for three PediaVision Cameras. I screened the PediaVision salesman at the convention by picking up the camera, walking toward him and clicking it when the camera told me I was close enough. Mind boggling! Our dedicated team of KidSight leaders, PDG Janalee McClure, PDG Dan Gibbons, and Dr. Lloyd Helder, MD, will be coming to clubs as soon as we get the cameras to explain how it works and how to set up screenings. The Fall Conference also featured an explanation and



*Dr. Sahar mal Safi, John Monahan, Babrak Miakhels, a friend of Sahar*

International for clubs, but maybe in the near future it will be. It would be interesting to go to that charter night. So, you can see that there are people all over the world who want to join the Lions and even start a club. All that you and other Lions have done has made it so that others now want to join our number. Thanks to your hard work and the hard work of other Lions, we are truly Lions Club International, although our roots are in our communities.

District Governor-Elect school was interesting. My instructor was from Turkey, but most of the students were from the US or Canada. We had lots of comparisons of how we do things in various places, local conditions

# Club of the Month: Mt. Pleasant Lions Club

by: John Monahan

Fifty-nine years ago, the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club held a chicken BBQ as a fund raiser. They sold between 700 and 800 dinners. The BBQ, which is the club's signature activity, was to have been a one-time thing. It was led by a second-year Lion, Clarence Tuma, who was then a food service supervisor at Central Michigan College and became a prominent restaurateur.

The BBQ was so successful that the next year it became a regular fund raiser for the club. Lion Clarence became its long time chairman and set the menu that continues to this day: a half chicken, a baked potato, applesauce, a dinner roll, and a cookie.

The number of dinners served grew over the years, until by the 1990's 4,000 customers were regularly served. In the new century, the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club took on new community projects, helping sponsor a new Community Soup Kitchen, a Cancer Wing on the Community Hospital, and a permanent Hospice House. These new commitments required considerable additional money to be raised, so the club adjusted their target to 5,000 customers. Over the years, the BBQ has raised upwards of one million dollars for the club to donate to worthy causes.

Lion Clarence says, "You've got to see it in action to believe what goes on. It's like preparing

for a war." On Saturday morning at 5 AM, the potato washers come to the high school central kitchen to wash 5,000 potatoes and get things ready for the potato wrappers who come in at 7:30. They wrap and place the potatoes in the ovens for baking on Sunday. At 8:00, the applesauce mixers come in and begin mixing applesauce, sugar, and cinnamon using the "secret" recipe. By 8:15 crews arrive to put the sauce in individual cups. They fill 5,000 cups of Tuma's special applesauce. By 11 am, preparations are finished and all is ready for Sunday.

On Sunday, the pit crew meets at a restaurant for breakfast. They used to meet at 4:00 AM and start work at 5, but seven years ago, Delfield, a commercial kitchen fabricator, rebuilt the pits for the wholesale cost of the stainless steel. They also built 50 grill covers for the 50 grill racks. The chicken now tastes even better because the stainless steel grills and covers let them cook faster at a more even heat. The pit crew now has breakfast at 5 AM and starts work at 6. After the two 50-foot spans of grills are set up and the charcoal started, they cook about 1,000 chicken halves at a time. Each batch cooks for about an hour. All that smoke rising and that grilled chicken smell make for an amazing experience. By noon, they have finished cooking about 5,000 chicken halves and are breaking

down the pits and cleaning up the area. By 10 AM the packers are filling boxes in two assembly lines that stretch over 30 feet. Before 11 AM, when serving officially starts, cars are already lined up waiting for their meals. Over the next three hours, cars go through and get served at an amazing pace. It all requires a lot of people and a lot of work, but it remains by far the most popular project with the club and the public.

All this occurs every year with minimal changes in procedure because a committee chaired by an experienced Lion makes sure that all the logistics are taken care of and all the function chiefs are on the committee and make sure the preparation and the BBQ itself gets done right.

I will never forget the first time I participated in the BBQ. I worked in the "pits" helping flip the racks of 25 chickens. I had been in the club for only about a month, so this was a baptism of fire, but the camaraderie was amazing. That experience confirmed me as a Lion. A strenuous activity done as a group of Lions is a wonderful way to introduce new Lions to the joys of Lionism. A Mt. Pleasant Club tradition is that new Lions work the "pits."

If you get a chance, come see the BBQ in action. It is always the first Sunday in May. See you there!

demonstration of the new camera system by experts from PediaVision. These new cameras offer a terrific chance to expand our Lions service by screening as many kids as possible. Screening can help prevent blindness and other problems that develop in young children and often go unnoticed. Screening can also help with recruiting because the parents

of the children screened often become interested in the service activities of Lions Clubs. These parents are relatively young, and their interest in Lions service makes them a good source of potential new members.

If you have never been to Higgins Lake for the Leadership Institute, now is a good time to consider it. The leadership skills

they teach there are helpful in business, in professions, as well as in Lionism. I hope you will look into it. If you have already been, now is a good time to consider the Graduate Institute. It is given on the same weekend as the Leadership Institute. It is more Lion specific, and is very useful for anyone wanting to advance in Lionism.

# club happenings

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**Dearborn:**  
Concession at community homecoming celebration.

**Trenton:**  
Collected 462 pairs of glasses.

## > district 11 A2

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**Fraser:**  
PDG Ron Holler received an International President's Letter of Commendation from ID Gary Anderson at the Lions Hearing Center Appreciation Dinner.

**Sterling Heights:**  
Held 40th anniversary celebration.

**Ortonville:**  
Gave \$500 to the city for Independence Day fireworks.

## > district 11 B1

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**Marshall:**  
Lions David Begg and Mike Dauphinais and five friends sorted and cleaned eyeglasses to be donated to Zambia. Their goal was to collect 2,000 pairs of glasses for the mission. The Lions also donated over 1,300 pair to a club in Missouri for their eye clinic

in Mexico.  
**Tekonsha:**  
Hosted the District Sight-mobile at the Durham Park Festival. It was used to test to 36 adults and 25 children. Larry France was on hand from the Dexter Lions Club with a PediaVision camera which was used to screen younger children.

## > district 11 B2

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**St. Joseph:**  
Held highway cleanup of M-63.

**Watervliet:**  
Adopt-a-highway trash pickup.

## > district 11 C1

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**Ravenna:**  
Hosting annual Steak Fry and Fun Night in October.

**Whitehall/Montague:**  
Selling tickets for the West Shore Chorus. Donated 922 eyeglasses and four hearing aids. Planning Strawberry Social in October.

**Grand Haven:**  
Named "#1 Club in District 11C1" by IPDG Fran Osborne. Hosted annual corn roast with Fruitport and Spring Lake.

**District 11C-1 Website:**  
New District website is under construction. An e-mail will be sent out when it is up and running. The new website address is <http://e-district.org/sites.11c1>.

**Dorr:**  
Participated in a four-day Texas Hold-Em with the help of the Dorr Business Association.

## > district news



DG Harold Stephens

## 11 A1

### > Lions are doing the job



### Detroit Mid-City Lions are on the move

"All work and no play make Lions a weary pride." Several trips were planned for members. Perhaps the one that lifted spirits most and promoted the feeling of family and togetherness was the visit to the Charles Wright Afro-American Museum.

The Detroit Mid-City Lions made a personal commitment to continue the outstanding legacy of moving the club forward

through membership expansion. President Martha (Marty) Brown asked each member to commit to sponsoring two new members this year. Members agreed, and just in case, several of them sponsored three or four new members.

The subsequent result propelled membership to the top of the pack. The increase in membership provided many more hands to work for charities. It made workers feel empowered because all the work did not fall on a "tired" few. Accolades to all members.

### Lion honored



### Bedford Township Lion receives MJF

Past President Phil Gregory received a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the club's Installation Banquet. He earned recognition for his commitment to the club and to the Lions Den Resale Shop.



DG Bob Bobee

## 11 A2

### > Lions are highly visible



Members of the Selfridge Macomb Lions Club.

### Lions repair playground equipment

Members of the Selfridge North Macomb Lions Club took on a project at the children's playground at the Turning

Point Domestic Violence Shelter in Mount Clemens, which serves all of Macomb County. Club members cleaned and repaired all of the playground equipment. Bikes and playground toys were also donated. The club has volunteered to perform weekly maintenance of the grounds.

### Public relations corner

### Chesterfield Bay Lions work on living wall

The Ortonville Lions Club found a unique way to promote the Lions' motto by sponsoring a girl's softball team. They purchased hats and shirts for the entire team.

Items were screen-printed with the words, "Ortonville Lions Club" and "We Serve."



Every game they played, they wore those shirts, which provided great visibility and generated good PR for the Lions. The team came in first place as an added bonus.

### > Lions bring Liberty Day to schools

Fraser Lion Ron Holler distributed US Constitution and Declaration of Independence booklets, two related DVDs and lesson plans for teachers who wished to participate in Liberty Day. Fraser Public Schools and Saint John Lutheran School both plan to participate in the event. The Fraser Club plans to continue this service every year.



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**Membership is the essential piece**



DG Dan Shepherd

# 11 B1

> active with many projects



North Adams Lions Club President Butch Brunelle, presents a check to North Adams-Jerome Elementary/Middle School Principal Joni Leininger.

## Lions sponsor anti-bullying program

The North Adams Lions Club supported the North Adams-Jerome Public School by donating funds to support a "Nurtured Heart Approach" program to prevent bullying in school. It's a communication style that brings out the best in students.

After hearing a presentation by Elementary/Middle School Principal Joni Leininger and Counselor Jennifer Decker, the North Adams Lions Club approved a donation of \$250. The club learned of matching funds through the District, so they applied for a grant and received another \$250, making the total donation of \$500.

Principal Joni Leininger expressed thanks to the club for their continued support.

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## Napoleon Lions doing the job

The Napoleon Lions answered the call when a resident needed assistance with a handicap ramp. Eight Lion members showed up ready to work. This is the third ramp the Napoleon Lions have built in their community, and they are looking to build a fourth.

The club has also teamed up with Adams Farm Market to provide fresh vegetables to the Brooklyn Food Pantry. The club commits to an annual dollar amount that is paid to the Market. In return, the club picks up fresh vegetables such as green beans, peppers, cabbage, carrots and sweet corn. The Lions then take the produce to the Brooklyn Food Pantry for distribution.

> Lions shop for food bank

Adrian Breakfast Lions Club members participated in the "Supermarket Sweep." There were 15 teams consisting of three members each from agencies/clubs/organizations/banks etc. All of the entry fees and each team's cart merchandise/food/products collected during the five-minute shopping event went to a local food pantry. Each team was given a list of items to collect and the exact amount of each item, along with the product brand name.



DG Jerry Pearson

# 11 B2

> on the move



The Kalamazoo Lions Club has screened over 1,200 children this year.

Project KidSight is a program designed to detect vision problems in pre-verbal children.

## Eye screenings reach more kids

The new Pedia Vision camera has enabled the Kalamazoo Downtown Lions Club to screen more children over the past year than in the previous four years combined. Thanks to a new state-of-the-art digital camera, they have screened 1,295 children. Parents can see the results instantly, which is much different

than the old process where Polaroid style pictures had to be mailed to Children's Hospital in Detroit to be interpreted.

The screenings can help identify Strabismus (improperly aligned eyes); abnormal refractive error of the eye, which results in nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and cataracts.

In the last year, 290 children were referred to optometrists or ophthalmologists.

Lions team up

## Lions build ramp for handicapped individual

It all began one afternoon when PDG Bill Dill received a call from someone who knew of his involvement with the Bangor Lions Club. Rose Early explained that she and her husband had been avid supporters of the



Lions Club for many years. Her husband recently suffered a stroke and had to use a wheelchair. She hoped the Lions could build a ramp because the stairs at the house prevented him from coming home from the hospital.

PDG Bill called the Lawrence Lions Club, and they stepped up to the challenge. President Gordan Hover and a four-man team promptly installed a ramp at the Early's home. Rose and her husband were grateful that the Lions were so fast to respond.

> Vicksburg Lions hold annual picnic

The club's annual picnic was held on August 31 at the Lions Park and pavillion on Sunset Lake. Lions and guests gathered to enjoy a pot luck affair. Hamburgers and hot dogs were provided by the club.

Non-Lion volunteers who worked at summer festival were guests of honor. The picnic was followed by a business meeting with a report on the Summer Festival.



DG Ken Frary

# 11 C1

> work and play



Comstock Lions Club received a Certificate of Accomplishment.

IPDG Fran Osborne commended the club for putting FUN in Lionism during their fundraisers.

## Comstock Park Lions Club busy with many projects

On August 2nd, Comstock Park Lions served meals at Culver's Restaurant. 10% of the proceeds from the night went to the Lions Club. Mike and Terri VandenBos, Laura Weld and Mike and Barb Cote were the "servers."

The club participated in the Community Backpack Campaign for needy children in the area. Five hundred backpacks was the community goal. The Lions donated 20 filled backpacks! Mike VandenBos spent hours searching out bargains on items to fill the backpacks, and club members met at the Cotes' home for a family picnic and backpack stuffing. It was a worthwhile project and members had fun socializing as well.



The Comstock Park Lions Club also participated in the Annual Comstock Park Expo. The Lions offered free vision screenings. With the help of District Coordinator Belinda Cadena, they screened. Chairman Mike Cote did a fabulous job coordinating the event and was told that this was a record number of performed! The Expo was a wonderful way to serve the public and promote the Lions Club too.

## Rockford Lions reclaim historical cemetery

The Rockford Lions Club is continuing their work at the old Pioneer Cemetery. They are working with the Rockford Garden Club to restore the cemetery, a long neglected treasure in the community. They are hoping community members have old photos so that they can restore everything back to what it originally looked like.



# club happenings

## > district 11 C2

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**Bellevue:**  
Honored students of the month. Working on the annual golf outing.

**Holt:**  
Held Community Day. Gave away bikes to 14 kids.

**East Lansing-Meridian:**  
Operated MSU spartan Food Booth at U2 Concert.

**Lansing Delta:**  
Manned food booths at Delta Rocks Family Festival. Participated in Touch-a-Truck on August 13.

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**District Editor: Shari Johnson**  
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**Buena Vista:**  
Donated \$500 to the First Ward Community Center and sponsored a kids picnic. Gave \$200 to sponsor a softball team.

**Merrill:**  
Held pancake breakfast during the Merrill Farm Fest on August 6. Served over 400 people.

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**District Editor: Bruce Bronson**  
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**Almont:**  
Euchre Nights on the second Saturday each month.

**Snyderville:**  
Planning a wine tasting event to benefit KIDS (Kids in Distress Services).

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**District Editor: Deb Kreitner**  
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**Coleman:**  
Held second annual yard sale. Participated in Yoder's Amish Quilt Auction and Flea Market where they served hot dogs and polish dogs.

**Big Rapids:**  
Donated \$200 to Manna Pantry to be used to help cover transportation costs to bring food to the area from Feeding America West Michigan.

## > district 11 E2

**District Editor: Mitch Smith**  
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**Elk Rapids:**  
Various activities during Harbor Days. Purchased a hearing aid and eyeglasses.

**Oscoda:**  
Donated to Special Olympics, Great Fire Anniversary Committee, FISH, ARICM, Iosco Pride and local Baby Pantry. Held blood drive and provided five residents with eyeglasses.

**Hale:**  
Participated in roadside clean-up. Helped individual with glasses. Donated to Bear Lake, Eye Bank, Paws with a Cause and Diabetes Awareness.

**Hillman:**  
Donated to state and district projects.

**Rose City:**  
Held KidSight screening.

**Roscommon-Higgins Lake:**  
Donated to 2012 Winterfest for trophies.

## > district news



DG Ray Robins

## 11 C2

### > Lions are doing the job

sound bytes

#### > District Facebook Page

Hey Lions, Lionesses, and friends of 11 C2, be sure to do a quick search on Facebook for the district's new page: Lions of Michigan District 11-C2. There you can find updates to the latest happenings from the District bigwigs, get links to important web pages, and more. Just be sure to "Like" the page when you see it.



PID Chuck "Charlie" Weir passed away at the age of 82...

He was a longtime member of the Bretton Woods Lions Club and held many offices including Club President, Council Chair and International Director.

### Ode to Charlie

by: Lion Sally Spry

**Charismatic:** I think Charlie could have gotten \$100 for a burnt piece of toast if the auction was for a cause he believed in.

**Helpful:** I do not think there are many people who could say that Charlie has not helped them out at one time or another.

**Astute:** Charlie kept up to date and always seemed a step ahead as to what the next project or opportunity should be.

**Resourceful:** He could find ways to achieve a project's goals, whether through an auction, persuading clubs and members to support a project and so on.

**Laughter:** Oh my gosh, the hats, the songs, the sometimes unusual jokes.

**Intelligent:** Charlie was a very smart man. I wonder sometimes if his mind ever stopped thinking about new projects or ideas. Even with his limited vision,

Charlie still managed to drive (another story), run meetings, question, suggest and mentor so many.

**Enthusiastic:** The laughter, the smiles. Charlie was contagious.

Charlie was a mentor and a very good friend. Even though sometimes we met head-on, we could always agree to disagree. Besides, I would usually say yes because we all know Charlie could be quite persuasive if he believed in something. How appropriate that the International President's theme is "We Believe," because you see, Charlie believed.

Charlie could always make you smile and laugh. He just had a way about him that would make you feel warm and fuzzy, no matter what. He loved life and people and causes. Oh, and Charlie loved pudding push-ups.

Thanks to Charlie, I will always have that "Lion spirit all over me." But Charlie, I will also always have that Charlie spirit down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

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DG Don Hartwick

## 11 D1

### > Lions are highly visible



Gaines Area Lions weed and harvest the victory garden.

### Gaines Area Lions harvest food for pantry

The Gaines Area Lions have been sponsoring a victory garden. The community needs a sponsor to enable them to get a lease from the Genesee Land Bank. The club also provides water for the

plants, as well as for the volunteers who care for the garden.

People from the community have been picking peppers, cucumbers and beans. Somebody recently picked the first ripe tomato. With fall around the corner, winter squash will soon be ripe.

Some of the produce is used to support the local food pantry.

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### Banner Exchange was well attended

The Auburn-Williams club hosted the Banner Exchange in August. IPDG Doc McCray passed the banner to DG Don Hartwick.



#### Linden:

Donated \$500 for Somalia refugees.

#### Otisville:

Hosted the annual corn roast. Planning the 2012 Lotto Calendar. Attended PDG Doc McCray's appreciation dinner.

#### Kingston:

Held highway pick up. Three gas cards were raffled off. Held a bottle/can drive.

#### Kingston and Mayville:

Purchased a talking "Kapten Plus" GPS for a visually impaired individual.

#### Mayville:

Sponsored a blood drive which boasted 33 donors.

#### Zilwaukee and Saginaw West:

Held steak cookout. During the event, a local woman was named the Citizen of the Year for her service to the community.

#### Vassar:

Held a successful balloon travel contest at this year's Riverfest. Contestants bought a balloon for \$5 and released it. The balloon that went the furthest (determined by returned post card) won \$75.

#### Flushing:

Just finished up eight weeks at the "Concerts in the Park" with our concession trailer. Sponsored Kelly Miller Circus.



DG Margaret Oldenburg

## 11 D2

> active with many projects



The Almont (H.O.P.E.) Leo soap box derby car prepares for a heat during the Swinging Bridge Festival.

### Leo Clubs compete in soap box derby

A challenge was issued by Youth chairman Richard Fairman for the district's three Leo clubs to face off in a race. The Black River Soap Box Derby was part of the Swinging Bridge Festival in Crosswell, Mi. It was sponsored by the Crosswell Lions Club. The three clubs are the Almont Leos (H.O.P.E.), Pearl Beach Leos, and Applegate Leos (Unity).

There were some weather-related delays but it went off and was successful. First Vice District Governor Dave Hacker of Pearl Beach worked with race officials. Second Vice District Governor Wes Wagester of Almont took photographs.

Almont Leos (H.O.P.E.) placed second. First place went to Sierra Garcia in car #8, and third place went to Mia Mendoza in car #6. The Leo (H.O.P.E.) car was driven by Justin Feehan.

He had a strong pit crew helping him, including Leo advisor Patrick Ohlert and James Ohlert.



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### Emmett Lions award scholarships

The Emmett Lions presented checks to six scholarship recipients on August 10. The recipients were Rebecca Jackson (Memphis High School), Thomas Bolday (Capac High School), and Karrissa Ginzl (Yale High School), Jake Logi (Memphis High School), Matthew Schuman (Capac High School) and Kara Leenknef (Yale High School). Each student received a check for \$500.



Pictured (L-R): Rebecca Jackson from Memphis, Thomas Boday from Capac, and Karrissa Ginzl from Yale, with Emmett Lions President, Al Pilarski.

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DG John Monahan

## 11 E1

> on the move



Cadillac Lions serve lunch to bikers during the Make-a-Wish Ride...

(L-R): Lion Pete Buehler, Grant Harper, Mary Buehler, 2nd VDG Tim Anderson, Lion Bill Taylor.

### WAM - There it is!

The Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour, or "WAM" as it is affectionately known by riders, is a three-day tour across Michigan. 2011 marks the 24th year of riding to grant wishes! This is the Make-A-Wish Foundation's single largest fundraiser, which is responsible for granting hundreds of wishes each year for Michigan children with life-threatening medical conditions.

The tour starts in Traverse City and the route takes riders approximately 100 miles per day. On Friday

they had a lunch/pit stop in Cadillac at Forrest View Elementary School. Over 800 riders passed through for lunch between 8:30 AM-12 PM, and the Cadillac Lions were there to help.

This is the club's 5th year working on the project. The Lions meet, greet, direct, and clean up after the very appreciative riders as the catch their breath and relax their muscles for a few minutes before hitting the road again. They headed off to Big Rapids after lunch and the ride ended the next day in Chelsea, Michigan. The three-day event raised \$1,818,145 for Make-A Wish of Michigan.

community service

### Hesperia students learn about service dogs

Students at Patricia St. Clair Elementary School learned about service dogs, thanks to a visit from some retired and future Leader Dogs. Two retired service dogs

and a Leader Dog puppy-in-training accompanied Hesperia Lions Club President Scott Fessenden and Leader Dog trainer Kim Wattles of Honor Lions Club.

The presentation focused on Leader Dogs and Paws With a Cause. The Lions explained how the dogs are trained and how they help visually impaired and handicapped individuals. The students received pointers on proper etiquette for interacting with working dogs.



(L-R): Ashley Rumsey, Kim Wattles and Scott Fessenden pose with some of the service dogs who recently visited the school.

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DG Roger Houthoofd

## 11 E2

> work and play



Lion Bill Cooley and his wife Darlene (2nd on the right) have camped at the fairgrounds for years.

### Rose City Lions work behind the scenes

The Ogemaw County Fair is a major summer event in the area. Many thousands of hours are worked by organizations that keep all the concessions operating and the fair running smoothly. The Rose City Lions have helped at

the Fair for over 20 years by placing an American Flag display at the entrance to the fairgrounds.

The Lions have also manned the Grand Stand Concession Stand for well over 20 years. For six days, the Rose City Lions pop hundreds of bags of popcorn, grill hotdogs/polish dogs and keep the visitors well fed. The Lions have fun while they are working!

awards

### Alpena Lions honor long-time member

Past District Governor Jim Rau of the Alpena Lions Club recently received a 50-year membership pin. PDG Dave Zeller presided at the recognition ceremony. Rau joined the Lions in 1962. He served as club president in 1963-1964. This was followed by his election as District Governor in 1966-67. He also served as Council Chair.



The Michigan and District Lions have awarded him 38 appreciation awards. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Congratulatory messages were received from Congressman Dan Benishek, Sen. Carl Levin and Sen. Debbie Stabenaw. State Sen. Dan John Moolenaar personally thanked Rau for his outstanding service and presented a citation of appreciation signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, Rep. Peter Petallia and himself.

Rau recalled some personal memories, remembering the years when Lions went door-do-door selling light bulbs and brooms. He also listed the names of about 15 Lions who made significant contributions to the club and its projects over his 50 years. Rau finished his remarks with thanks for the recognition and expressed his hopes for the club's future.

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**Romeo Lions Club receives grant from Allstate**

Bob Hart presented a \$1000 check to Romeo Lions Club President Paul Lozzi. The check was from the Allstate Foundation.



**Troy Community Lions award scholarships**

The Troy Community Lions awarded two college scholarships to high school seniors from Troy Athens and Troy High Schools.

President Bill Gelement, presented the \$500 awards for academic excellence to Brittany Durant and Christina Manceor.



President Bill Gelement, Brittany Durant, and her parents.



President, Bill Gelement, Christina Manceor, and her parents

**Richmond Lion receives MJF**

Lion Joe Agosta is known around the city of Richmond for the time he gives to the community. He is widely recognized for his association with the Lions Club, as well as the Richmond Community Choir. He received a Melvin Jones Fellowship at a recent club meeting.

**Hazel Park Lion recognized for service**

Past President Gary Chamberlain presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Frances Presnell. She currently serves on the Board of Directors and assists in many fundraisers.



**Ortonville Lions honor member**

The Biggest Little Lion was given to Don Justice. The award is presented to a member for great service to the club and charring projects during the year.

The award is a hand-carved wooden stool with award-winners names for each year carved on top.

(L-R): Past award winners Herb Hogan (2008), Don Justice (2011), Liz Rheaume (2009) and Terry Rylance (2010).



**A Letter to the Lions from Fran Wier**

The family of Chuck Weir wishes to extend sincere gratitude to the Lions, Lioness, friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness during his battle with cancer.

Chuck wanted me to express his love for Lions and his beloved Bretton Woods Lions Club. Through his membership, he had many years of activity and it was his pleasure to be there. He truly believed the motto, "We Serve."

God bless you all.  
His beloved wife,  
*Fran Weir*

> district 11 B1



**Manchester Lions are highly visible**

Manchester Lions Club once again had the biggest contingent in the community fair parade, taking up more than a city block. It was led by 2nd VDG Barry Allen in his 1931 Model A Ford. He was followed by the Napoleon Community Band, pulled by Lion Myrl Clayton's antique truck, the Manchester Lions Club float, pulled by a John Deere tractor, and the Lions Air Force.

The float included Lions Youth Exchange students, Daniell Smith dressed as a Lion and Margaret Goebel and her Leader Dog puppy, Ellis.

**LIONS, TIGERS and ANGELS?**

On July 28th, 56 Lions and their friends and family boarded a bus in Battle Creek to attend a baseball game, the Detroit Tigers versus the LA Angels. Stops included a tour of the Michigan Eye Bank in Ann Arbor hosted by Lisa Langley and Alison Wright, who provided water and snacks in addition to the tour.

The bus trip was organized and hosted by PDG Craig and Jan Bishop. It included the game ticket, and a voucher for a hot dog and soda. 50/50 drawings awarded money and baseball hats to several lucky fans. Attendees included Youth Exchange girls Anni Kauhanen and Assi Alakoski from Finland at their first-ever baseball game. Though it was a warm day, it was cool to be with a great group of people for this fun event.



> district 11 C2

**Mason Lions clean up at Bear Lake Camp...**

Two Mason Lions helped paint the exterior of the arts and crafts building and helped clean the trails which weave throughout the grounds.



**Olivet Lions host car show**

Young and old alike turned out for the annual Olivet Lions Annual Classic Car and Truck Show. It was held at the Olivet College Square. Attendees viewed vintage cars under the shade of mighty oak trees. Trophies were presented for every class. Breakfast and lunch were served at the church. Hot dogs were available in the square. This event is held in conjunction with the Olivet Fireman's Fest.



**Bellevue Lions Club hosts District Corn Roast**

The 11 C2 District corn roast was hosted by the Bellevue Lions Club on August 16. Clubs from around the district enjoyed great food and fellowship.



**Hartland Adopt-a-Highway Crew**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute  
**November 11-13, 2011**  
R.A. MacMullan Center on Higgins Lake Roscommon, MI

**> district 11 D2**

**Historical society displays Algonac Lions charter**

Ken Hall used some antique boat mahogany to reframe the club's 1940 charter. It was then presented the Algonac/Clay Historical Society to be displayed in their museum until such time as the Algonac Lions request it back.

*Pictured (L-R): Joan Bully, Marilyn Genaw, Lee Chaney of the Algonac/Clay Historical Society; Gordon Bernhardt and Ken Hall of the Algonac Lions.*



**> district 11 E1**

**Michigan Night brings LMASB students and Lions together**

*by: 2nd VDG Tim Anderson*

One of the highlights of the International Convention in Seattle was "Michigan Night." The lions went on boat trip to Blake Island to enjoy dinner and an Indian folklore performance at Tillicum Village. The camaraderie was fantastic.

On the ride over, I had the chance to speak with some of the Lions All State Band students from District 11E1. They wanted to thank the clubs, district, and Lions in general for the opportunity to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime trip. A number of them came up to me to shake my hand and personally thank the Lions.

The cool part was when Band Director Lion Roger Weyersberg, after hearing I was in the band in high school, came over and proclaimed me an "honorary member" of the Lions All State Band - until I was asked what I played. When I responded, the drums, I was promptly informed maybe they should take back the title since percussionists don't really PLAY music. It was a fun night!

*Pictured McBain and Cadillac LMASB students, IPDG Laura Johnson and 2nd VDG Tim Anderson.*



**> district 11 E1**

**Lions make river trails accessible for the blind**

The Big Rapids Lions Club recently commissioned a Braille relief map to be installed at the trailhead at Riverside Park. The map identifies paved and unpaved trails, fishing platforms and seating areas.

The map is the second of three the Lions Club has planned for the Riverwalk.

The Lions raised money for the map through concession stand sales at Ferris State University and Big Rapids High School football games, spaghetti dinners and other fundraisers. "This is our part in giving back to the community," said Club President Jerry Nickles. "We encourage people to enjoy this beautiful trail."

*Pictured (L-R): Jim Nostrant, Dave Hamelund, Lions President Jerry Nickles, Big Rapids Mayor Mark Warba, Jim Chipman, Dick Perrin, Jackie Perrin, Bill Simpson, Dennis Gaymer and Grant Blakely.*



*The Coleman Lions were seen at the Midland County Fair where they sold raffle tickets. There were three great prizes, a 32" HDTV, a Garmin GPS and a camouflage sled. The raffle drawing was held on September 17.*



*The Honor Lions Club held their annual Kayak Raffle over the 4th of July.*

**Annual Lions Clubs Rose Day**



Saturday,  
October 15, 2011

**Sell between September 1 and October 2, 2011**

**Price \$15 per Dozen**

**Pick up flowers for delivery at selected designated locations on Friday, October 14 or Saturday, October 15, 2011**

**Help raise funds for Welcome Homes Vision Services and Local Club Projects**

**Raise Public Awareness for your club and Welcome Homes Vision Services**

**Contact Welcome Homes Vision Services to find out how your club can participate**



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## SIGHTING IN ON VISION

**SPORTING CLAY SHOOT**  
Saturday, October 1, 2011  
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the  
Grand Blanc Huntsman's Club  
in Grand Blanc, Michigan

The event will include a full day of sporting clay shooting, food, beverages and prizes. Also meet Honorary Event Chair **Bob Garner**, former host of Michigan Out-of-Doors.

Sign up as a participant or have **your Club** take advantage of the many sponsorship opportunities that include prominent signage at the event, free participant registration, food and more.

For more information on how to become a sponsor or to sign up as a participant, contact Alison Claerhout Wright at (734) 780-2638 or e-mail [awright@michiganeyebank.org](mailto:awright@michiganeyebank.org).



**CAPITOL CELEBRATION**  
Thursday, September 29, 2011  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the  
Capitol Lawn & Steps in  
Lansing, Michigan

Please join the Michigan Eye-Bank, Gift of Life Michigan, the Michigan Donor Family Council and the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan for the inaugural Donate Life Celebration to promote eye, organ and tissue donation.

The event will feature a remembrance ceremony honoring eye, organ and tissue donors, as well as guest speakers including Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

Lunch will be provided from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Alex Teska at (734) 780-2675 or e-mail [ateska@michiganeyebank.org](mailto:ateska@michiganeyebank.org).

To learn more about upcoming events, visit our Events Calendar on the Eye-Bank Web site at [www.michiganeyebank.org](http://www.michiganeyebank.org). You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see event photos, join in discussion and share your story!

