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Lion Zach Ribble

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MEMBERS ENJOY SUCCESSFUL GOLF OUTING

Our Lions Club members had a fun time volunteering and participating in the Michigan Eye-Bank Golf Outing on June 21 at the exclusive University of Michigan golf course.



Before the shotgun start, the golfers were entertained with music from two bagpipers from a local Ann Arbor high school. After 18 holes of golf, our Club raised \$1,580 from the 50/50 raffle, prize raffle and hole betting.



"Everyone had a terrific time running the raffle, supporting the Michigan Eye-Bank, cooking hamburgers, brats and serving refreshments, and seeing even more

participants in the golf outing this year," said Bill Farrand.

In fact, there were 106 attendees, a golf outing record. Farrand said he enjoyed meeting all these new golfers, many including Lions, and hearing them talk about how much fun they were having.



The 11-B1 Lions District had members volunteer or participate from a variety of Clubs: Ann Arbor Evening, Adrian Breakfast, Chelsea, Jackson Cascades and Napoleon.



We thank each Lion who helped out to make this year's golf outing a success!

Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's Michigan Eye-Bank

Golf Outing — Monday, June 20, 2011.

WE PROMOTE BRAILLE!

Lisa Langley represented our Lions Club on June 22 when she visited the State Capitol Lawn to support the 2nd Annual Braille-a-Thon, an event where participants had a ton of fun while promoting Braille literacy. The event was sponsored by the Michigan Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (MPVI).



"I had a great time getting to know the 100 kids with little or no vision and their families who came to the event for fun, friendship and information gathering," said Langley.

Langley also enjoyed seeing how the kids participated in a variety of activities — Braille contests for tactile readers, games such as Braille Feud and Braille Bingo and entertainment like dancing and singing.



"I was amazed at how the kids boldly tried

new activities designed to stimulate their sense of touch," said Langley. "These kids were all determined, proud and happy. It was truly a great day to be a Lion, and I want to thank the Ann Arbor Host Lions for supporting this wonderful event!"

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL OF LIONS PROVIDES ADULT VISION SCREENING, PROJECT KIDSIGHT

At the Ypsilanti Township Library Health Fair, the Ann Arbor Council of Lions successfully screened 15 adults and 14 children for Project KidSight on June 12. In addition, 12 new people signed up for the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

Cathy Koning and Kay DeWhitt from the Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club joined Lisa

Langley for a great time screening children and helping save lives. All the vendors and attendees learned firsthand how Lions serve as Knights of the Blind!



JUNE POTLUCK RECAP

The Ann Arbor Host Potluck on June 16 ended the 2010 fiscal year on a great note for our Lions Club.



Members met for a nice lunch at the Michigan Eye-Bank. Each member brought delicious food to eat, and some even went through their old items at home to bring some “interesting” gifts

for the White Elephant exchange. All in all, members had a fun time as they laughed and smiled while exchanging these creative gifts!

HOST CLUB CONTRIBUTES FUNDS TO BUY OCULAR SCOPE FOR ANN ARBOR MOTHER OF FIVE

Melanie has been legally blind since birth. As a mother of five, she depends on a specialized, ocular scope that attaches to the front of her glasses to allow her to “see” her world. Unfortunately, this precious scope was stolen from her tote bag while she was riding the bus to the grocery store.

In need of help, Melanie reached out to our Club to help replace the scope. The great news is that our Lions Club teamed up with the Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club, the Huron Valley Sunrise Lions Club, Friends in Deed and the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop to pool our resources together and purchase a new ocular scope for Melanie. By donating \$1,000, we all took part in giving Melanie back her world! Now, that’s Lions in action!

WE SUPPORT TALKING WATCHES FOR PATIENTS WITH NEW ONSET BLINDNESS

At the June 16 meeting, Ann Arbor Host voted to allocate funds to help purchase talking watches for patients with new onset blindness at the University of Michigan.

The talking watch allows patients to self orient to time and reduce stress. Some patients need a talking watch because they have a disorder called ICU psychosis, which is an inability to distinguish the difference between day and night. The talking watch is an important mechanism designed to orient these patients to a particular time.

We made a real difference for these patients by contributing \$125 to provide 10 talking watches for the next year!



JULY BIRTHDAYS!!

We wish a Happy Birthday to all of our July babies: Bill Farrand, Florence Johnston, Lisa Langley and Jeanne Snyder.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6-10: Manchester Fair Parade — American Legion Hall

July 10: Bear Lake Camp 10th Anniversary Open House — 2:00 p.m.

July 10: Deadline for Governor’s Club Award of Merit — Send to Cabinet Secretary, Diane Schweda

July 19: Parma-Spring Arbor picnic — Spring Arbor pavilion

July 24: Michigan Forum Committee Meeting — Lions State Office — Lansing — 1:00 p.m.

July 29: Banner Night — Parma-Spring Arbor — Sandstone Congregational Church — 6:00 p.m.

July 31: Habitat for Humanity Bike Tour — From Cement City to Hell and back

August 1: Deadline for Submission of the 100% Secretary’s Award — Send to Cabinet Secretary, Diane Schweda

August 8: Clark Lake “Raft-O-Rama and Chicken BBQ” - Eagle Point Marina

August 13-14: Lions Leadership Weekend at the Michigan Eye-Bank — Ann Arbor

August 15: Jackson Host Lions Golf Outing — Lakeland Hills Golf Course — 8:00 a.m.

August 21: Leader Dog Orientation — Leader Dog School — Rochester

September 23-25: USA / CANADA Forum — Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 30: International Club President Excellence Award — Submission Deadline

October 3: District Governor Terry’s Appreciation Outing — Napoleon Lions’ Clubhouse — 3:00 p.m.

October 16: Fall Conference and Parade of Checks — Parma-Spring Arbor — Sandstone Church

**For more information on any of these events, contact Lion Zach Ribble at zribble@michiganeyebank.org.*