



PAWS-N-CLAWS

Lion Alison Claerhout

April 2009

HOST FUNDRAISER GOES INTERNATIONAL!

11-C2 PDG Tobey VanRiper liked our new T-shirts so much that he bought two to take as gifts for members of a Lions Club in Honduras during his district's eye mission to the country in late March.

CHARTER NIGHT

On March 20, 2009, under the direction of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club, twenty college students from Eastern Michigan University gathered together to unite as one and form the Eastern Michigan University Campus Lions Club.



Over eighty Lions from all across District 11B-1 joined the charter members at the Tower Inn in Ypsilanti to support their efforts.

"It was a beautiful ceremony," said Lion Lisa Langley, President of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club.

Special thanks to Lions Linda Polter, Blissfield Lions Club Member and the EMU Campus Club Faculty Advisor; Guiding Lion John Krienke; District Governor Roberta Sexton and PDG Jack Ferguson of Lions Clubs International.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!

Happy Birthday to our April babies: Charles Carey and Bryan Singer.

We will celebrate birthdays this month during our April 7 meeting.



PENRICKTON CENTER

Josiah Osburn, President of the Ypsilanti/EMU Campus Lions Club and Lion President Lisa Langley traveled to Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Michigan, on March 20 to spread a little cheer.

The duo planned to brighten the day of a few of the residents at Penrickton, but had no idea that it would, in fact, brighten their own as well.



Langley and Osburn arrived at Penrickton around 1:00 p.m., armed with Dr. Seuss books to read to the residents in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday.



"As soon as we hit the door, one resident named LaRon, an eleven year old, excitedly asked if we had brought *Green Eggs and Ham*," said Langley.

Of course they did and then the fun began. LaRon and two other children listened intently, with LaRon joining in whenever he could remember a line.

"He knew the story well, as he listens to this book on the computer at the Center," said Langley.

The hour flew by as Osburn patiently read and answered questions. At the end, LaRon turned his head in the direction of Osburn and Langley and with great sweetness and sincerity, thanked them for spending time with him and said how much he appreciated their visit.



There was one final question before the visit was over. "When will you be back?" asked LaRon.

Soon... very soon.

WEAR YOUR PRIDE!!

To spread the word about the good work we do as Lions, the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club has designed a T-Shirt to show people how we serve our local and global community.

The Royal Purple 100% pre-shrunk cotton T-Shirt displays the Lion's Logo in goldenrod on the front. The back of the shirt reads as follows:

This T-Shirt...

- restored sight to a blind person
- built a home for a family
- recycled eye glasses for the needy
- combatted preventable blindness worldwide
- sent a youth on a foreign exchange
- provided a guide dog for a blind person
- helped create a poster for peace
- made the planet a little greener
- sent a blind child to summer camp
- provided supplies for natural disaster victims
- taught kids what it means to be responsible citizens

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T-Shirts range in sizes Youth Large through 3XL and can be purchased from Lion Alison for \$16.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7: Lunch meeting at Weber's with John Fike, who will speak to us about diabetes prevention.

April 8: Buddy Day @ Secretary of State Offices statewide.

April 17 & 18: 11B-1 District Convention.

April 21: Lunch meeting at Weber's with a guest speaker from the Michigan Eye-Bank's new *I Joined!* Program, presented by Lion Gary Babcock.

May 8-9 & 15-16: White Cane Collections

BUDDY DAY REMINDER

Buddy Day is a wonderful opportunity to educate Michigan residents at your local Secretary of State Branch Office about the importance of joining the Michigan Organ Donor Registry to help save and enhance lives.

This year's *Buddy Day* is **Wednesday, April 8**. Thank you Lion John and Lion Don for volunteering for this event.

UPDATED WEBSITE

Lion Alison is busy updating our club's website. Take a look every week and watch it grow with new information: annarborlions.org.



2009-2010 PROPOSED OFFICER LIST

OFFICE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
President	Lisa Langley	Lisa Langley
1st VP	Howard Conlon	Howard Conlon
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