



# PAWS-N-CLAWS

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## **WELCOME, TIMOTHY & MARGARET CONNORS!**

The Ann Arbor Host Lions are pleased to welcome new members Timothy and Margaret Connors to the Club!



Timothy, a Washtenaw County Trial Court judge, and Margaret, a retired prosecuting attorney, joined the Club after Timothy became a member of Midwest Eye-Banks' Board of Directors. After learning about the Lions when they attended a board meeting in Chicago, they were impressed by the organization, and wanted to get involved.

Margaret is a lifelong Ann Arbor resident; Timothy has lived here since he was a freshman in high school.

"We're pretty much ingrained in Ann Arbor," Margaret said.

The couple has been married for almost 15 years, and have four children.

In their spare time, they enjoy going to movies and traveling. Being involved in their community is also important to them.

"We care about helping," said Margaret.

## **WELCOME, ZACH RIBBLE!**

Zach Ribble is one of the three newest members of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club.

After receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Integrative Public Relations in 2008, Zach interned with the University of Michigan in 2009. He enjoyed the Ann Arbor area and wanted to move back. In September, he joined the Community Engagement team at the Michigan Eye-Bank and was immediately interested in joining the Lions Club.



Zach is a U of M fan and likes the Detroit Pistons, too. In his spare time, he plays sports, works out, enjoys reading a great mystery and attempts to complete crossword puzzles.

As a Lion, Zach looks forward to volunteering at the Winter Camp for the Blind on February 5, and is currently on the planning committee for the Family Health Fair on March 27 at the Ann Arbor Community Center.

## **NEW MEETING DAYS**

**It's official! The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club will now meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 12:00 p.m. sharp at the Ann Arbor City Club on Washtenaw Ave.**

## **LIONS IN SIGHT**

Lions International President Wirfs came up with a great idea to get Lions back into the public eye. The Lions in Sight Campaign was an International initiative that encouraged clubs and districts worldwide to organize public awareness events during the last two weeks in January 2010.

To do our part, the Ann Arbor Council of Lions worked together to create an article and 30 second Public Service Announcement (PSA) about the Lions and our efforts with sight conservation in the Ann Arbor area. The PSA is listed below. Special thanks to Huron Valley Sunrise Club President Jack for putting the PSA together and passing it on to Lucy Ann Lance.

**TODAY, TIMES ARE TOUGH.**

**THE THREE LIONS CLUBS OF THE ANN ARBOR AREA (THE ANN ARBOR HOST, ANN ARBOR EVENING, AND THE HURON VALLEY SUNRISE) ARE HELPING THOSE WITH LIMITED FINANCES TO RECEIVE VISION CARE.**

**LION DEBBIE LINK, SIGHT CONSERVATION OFFICER, WORKS WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL WORKER TO SCHEDULE EYE EXAMS.**

**LAST YEAR, THE ANN ARBOR COUNCIL (REPRESENTING THE THREE CLUBS) FUNDED 117 EYE EXAMS AND EYEGASSES FOR ANN ARBOR AND YPSILANTI RESIDENTS.**

**SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT ARE DR. GARY MOSS OF HENRY FORD OPTIMEYES AND SVS VISION.**

**IN ADDITION, LIONS CLUBS FIGHT BLINDNESS THROUGH THEIR WHITE CANE DRIVE IN MAY.**

**FIGHT BLINDNESS BY SUPPORTING THE LIONS CAUSE.**

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LIONS, CALL JOHN KRIENKE AT 971-8151.**

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE TO THE FIGHT AGAINST BLINDNESS, PLEASE MAKE OUT YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: ANN ARBOR COUNCIL OF LIONS CLUBS, P.O. BOX 3440, ANN ARBOR. MICHGAN 48106.**

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Copy prepared by Jack Stankrauff, President, Huron Valley Sunrise Lions Club.

## CONGRATS, HOST CLUB!

The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club received two Move To Grow Awards from DG Terry Walters at the Zone meeting this past week in Jackson. We were recognized for membership growth, community service, meeting programs and contributions to our community. Way to go AA Host!



## FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club is partnering up with the Ann Arbor Community Center to host a FREE Family Health Fair at the Ann Arbor Community Center on Saturday, March 27 from 11-4 p.m.

Our relationship with the Ann Arbor Community Center originated during our most recent Project KidCare. Our club provided backpacks and hygiene kits for the Center to distribute to children in need, and has since blossomed into a wonderful partnership.

If you'd like to join the planning committee for the Health Fair, or know of a possible vendor, please contact Lion Lisa at 734-887-2307.

## EYEGLOSS RECYCLING

Clague Middle School in Ann Arbor has joined us in our efforts of eyeglass recycling by holding their own eyeglass drive amongst the students and teachers. The drive began January 20, after an email went out to the parents of the school's 700 students informing them of the project. So far, 20 pairs of glasses have already been collected.

The school's Media Specialist, Michelle Rodriguez, was inspired to start the drive at the school after she saw a collection box at Curves. She plans to keep the box and continue the drive as long as possible.

This is the second time we've worked with Clague Middle School in terms of sight restoration and awareness. The first being our club's participation in Clague's Disability Awareness Day in December.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

Happy Birthday to our February babies: Darcel Tolle, Amy Mueller, John Krienke and Jean Ellis.

Birthdays will be celebrated at the February 3 meeting.



## THE PINS ARE IN!

Spread the word about the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club by sporting our new pin! The general theme of the pin was created to reflect that of Lion Don Kiel's pin when he served as District Governor.



Each Ann Arbor Host Lions Club member can receive one pin for free. Additional pins can be purchased for \$2.00 each from Lion Howard Conlon. He can be contacted at 734-222-6374 or conlonh@sbcglobal.net.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 3:** Lunch meeting at Ann Arbor City Club with guest speaker Ginny Sielert from Paws with a Cause, NOON.

**February 5-7:** Winter Camp for the Blind, Battle Creek.

**February 6:** North Adams Cash Party

**February 6:** Blissfield Reverse Raffle

**February 9:** Project KidSight at Community Daycare.

**February 13:** Valentines Dinner/ Dance- A.A. Evening Lions Club, Eagle Crest Marriott, Ypsilanti.

**February 17:** Lunch meeting at Ann Arbor City Club, NOON.

**February 17:** Region 1, Zone 1-Zone Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Hosted by E.M.U. Lions, Ypsilanti.

**February 20:** Michigan Lions Forum, Lansing.

**February 25:** Mini Cabinet Meeting @ 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Vandercook Lake.

**March 3:** Lunch meeting at Ann Arbor City Club, NOON.

**March 5-9:** Council of Governors, Lansing.

**March 17:** Lunch meeting at Ann Arbor City Club, NOON.

**March 20:** Mini Cabinet Meeting @ 9:15 a.m., Vandercook Lake.

**April 16-17:** District 11-B1 Convention, Clarion Hotel in Ann Arbor.

**April 18:** Cabinet Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

**April 21-May 3:** White Cane Week

**May 21-22:** Multiple District Convention, Mackinaw Island.