



PAWS-N-CLAWS



A SPECIAL STORY

I had the opportunity to attend a service project put on by the Huron Valley Sunrise Club in May, and met a very special volunteer. She reminded me of the powerful impact Lions have on the people they touch, both firsthand and sometimes second, and I thought you might like to hear her story:

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 in Ann Arbor. 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.

This was the first time Coriell had been back to the Ronald McDonald house since she lost her son twelve years ago. Though the project was in no way designed to benefit her, she seemed to take comfort, and almost a sense of closure along with the families comforted that day.

Pictured above from left, Cathy Koning of the Huron Valley Sunrise Club and Cathi Coriell.

CORA

In January, TLC Eyecare and Laser Centers contacted the Ann Arbor Host Lions to gain help for Cora, a 50 year old patient of theirs. Cora's vision was deteriorating rapidly and she was in desperate need of cataract surgery. Her surgeon agreed to provide his services free of charge, the lens implants were to be donated but there was still a need to cover the surgical center fee to perform the procedure.

Ann Arbor Host applied for a grant from the Lions of Michigan Foundation and was awarded \$1,000 to cover the surgical center fees. Cora had surgery on her right eye May 20 and is scheduled to have the same procedure on her left eye on June 3.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!!

Happy Birthday to our June babies: LuAnne Bullington, Bill Brogan and Caroline Chipman.

We will celebrate birthdays this month during our June 16 Potluck.



KIDCARE

On May 17, the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club, along with the Manchester Lions, joined together to assemble and donate 20 totes with summer fun and personal care items to Manchester Community Services.

This was the third Project KidCare distribution since last fall, and again, another success. Special thanks to Siobhan Gorman of the Manchester Lions, Debbie and Harold Link, Lisa Langley and volunteer Sarla Kothary.

WEAR YOUR PRIDE!

Here's a perfect example of Lions wearing their pride (with a little help from the Ann Arbor Host, of course)!

11-C2 PDG Tobey VanRiper liked our new Tshirts 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.



WELCOME, NEW OFFICERS!

District Governor Elect Terry Walters joined the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club on May 19 to install the new officers. Small trinkets were given to each officer to both remind them of their duties, as well as to encourage them to have fun serving others.

In addition to the installation, Walters outlined the incoming Lions Clubs International President's visions he has for the upcoming year under the motto "Move to Grow."

VESTS

There are still a few extra Lions Club vests available for those who missed the first order. One small and two medium are available at \$38.70, and one extra large at \$42.70. Contact Lion Howard.

WHITE CANE RESULTS

The results are in! The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club raised \$963.07 in White Cane contributions this year.

Thank you to Bill Brogan, Alison Claerhout, Howard Conlon, Bill Farrand, Don Kiel, John Krienke, Lisa Langley, Kevin Ross, Bryan Singer, and John Su. Also, a special thanks to 11-B1 District Governor Roberta Sexton for volunteering her time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2: Lunch meeting at Weber's with guest speaker Megan McKinley from the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative.

June 16: Potluck Lunch at the Michigan Eye-Bank. RSVP to Alison by June 5.

July 6-10: Lions International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

July 21: Lunch meeting at Weber's with a guest speaker from the Sierra Club to discuss coal mining in Michigan.