



# PAWS-N-CLAWS

**Lion Alison Claerhout**

**May 2009**

## ANN ARBOR HOST LIONS CLUB GOLF BENEFIT

The annual golf benefit will take place at the University of Michigan Golf Course on June 22. All members are asked to visit stores/businesses they frequent and encourage them to sign up as hole sponsors. Please see Bill Farrand for sponsorship forms to take to local businesses.



**WE REALLY NEED EVERYONE TO PITCH IN THIS YEAR AND MAKE THE GOLF OUTING A TRUE CLUB EFFORT.**

## BUDDY DAY RESULTS

Thanks to dedicated Lions such as yourself, Buddy Day was, once again, a great success! One hundred seventeen Lions Clubs volunteered their time on April 8 at Secretary of State Branch Offices across Michigan and signed up over 5,054 people on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

Thank you Don Kiel for taking this project on and representing the Host Club in this effort!

## A CLUB AWAY FROM HOME

Lion Ana Torres, PhD. From the Costa Rica Lions Club made a visit to our club on April 21. As she has family living in Ann Arbor, she frequently visits the area and would like to make our club her *club away from home*. In a short address to the group, Lion Ana offered ideas for possible ways in which our clubs could partner with hers to make some wonderful things happen in the world. Ana suggested that we may want to help her club plant trees, support a Costa Rican ophthalmology clinic or an endoscopy clinic, create a student exchange program or even have one of our members visit her club.



Lion Ana will send more information about these possible partnerships and the club will be kept posted as we explore opportunities.

## CONGRATS ANN ARBOR HOST!

We have had, and continue to have, an exceptional year as a club!

I thought you might like to know that individual members and the club as a whole received several awards at this year's district convention in Chelsea:



- Alison Claerhout was awarded the "Outstanding New Lion of the Year" for Region 1, Zone 1.
- Lisa Langley was awarded a "Kenneth E. Lautzenheiser Fellow Award."
- John Krienke was awarded "Lion of the Year" Region 1, Zone 1.

• John Krienke was also awarded the highest honor an individual can earn in our district, the "Wendell Doty Award."



• Howard Conlon won the Albion Heritage Bed and Breakfast district raffle drawing.

- The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club earned the distinctive "Cultural and Community Activities" banner patch.
- And last but certainly not least.....**The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club received the Region 1 "Club of the Year."**

Congratulations to each of you for your dedication and service to others. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Collin Ross and Dan Reynolds for ensuring that we had a miniature NASCAR to enter in the district race, Howard Conlon for actually racing the car and Bill Farrand for proudly carrying our banner during the parade of banners.



I hope that you are all as proud of our club as I am!

Lisa

**MAY BIRTHDAYS!!**

Happy Birthday to our May babies: Margaret Wolfe, Marilyn Lindenauer, Art Gallagher and Barbara Smith.



We will celebrate birthdays this month during our May 5 meeting.

**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
- combated 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**

**May 5:** Lunch meeting at Weber's with guest speaker, Nancy Stoll from Natural Area Preservation.

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

**May 15-17:** Lions State Convention

**May 19:** Lunch meeting at Weber's with guest speaker, VDG Terry Walters.

**July 6-10:** Lions International Convention in

**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](http://annarborlions.org).

**LEARNING ON A WHOLE NEW LEVEL**

When studying about the Middle East this past January, students at Burns Park Elementary in Ann Arbor decided to take their lesson one step further. They wanted to help the countries they were learning about by collecting eyeglasses for those in need that part of the world.



The students contacted Lisa for help with their project. With Lisa's guidance, our club supplied the school with two eyeglass recycling boxes, and provided them with written material about other Iraq missions the club supports. The Host club also purchased a short DVD for the students from Lions Club International about the journey of recycled eyeglasses and how the glassed help people throughout the world.

In total, the students were able to collect 88 pairs of eyeglasses, which will be sent to Arizona Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, where they will be processed and shipped to Iraq for people in need.

**2009-2010 PROPOSED OFFICER LIST**

| OFFICE              | CURRENT                    | PROPOSED          |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>President</b>    | Lisa Langley               | Lisa Langley      |
| <b>1st VP</b>       | Howard Conlon              | Howard Conlon     |
| <b>2nd VP</b>       | Kevin Ross                 | Kevin Ross        |
| <b>Secretary</b>    | Collin Ross                | Collin Ross       |
| <b>Treasurer</b>    | John Krienke               | John Krienke      |
| <b>1yr Dir.</b>     | Bill Brogan                | Bill Farrand      |
| <b>1yr Dir.</b>     | Jack Pyle                  | Harold Link       |
| <b>2 yr Dir.</b>    | Bill Farrand               | Bill Brogan       |
| <b>2 yr Dir.</b>    | Harold Link                | LuAnne Bullington |
| <b>Lion Tamer</b>   | Donald Kiel                | Alison Claerhout  |
| <b>Tail Twister</b> | <i>Appointed as Needed</i> |                   |