



# PAWS--CLAWS

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**May 2010**

## DISTRICTS COME TOGETHER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Members from the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club, Manchester Lions Club, Kalamazoo West Lions Club and Michigan Eye-Bank staff joined 'Team Michigan Eye-Bank' to take the plunge for Special Olympics at the Lawson Ice Area on Western Michigan University's Campus on March 20. Contestants



competed in a costume contest before jumping into an icy cold swimming pool inside the rink to raise funds for Special Olympics of Michigan.



"Although the water is cold your heart is warm. The Special Olympics is such a deserving charity and it felt great to raise money and take the freezing plunge for such a great cause," said Jessica Alamdari (pictured left), Manchester Lion and Michigan Eye-Bank staff member.

Although the event took place on the first day of spring, the forecast said otherwise with snow and freezing temperatures. To mark the occasion, the team decided 'Spring' would be the theme of their costumes and consisted of a butterfly, a caterpillar, a honey bee, beach boys, a gardener, and a spring.

"The Polar Plunge was a fun way to raise money for a great cause," said Amy Mueller, Ann Arbor Host Lion and Michigan Eye-Bank staff member.

The group raised just under \$1,300, which will be used towards offering more than 17,000 Michigan residents with intellectual disabilities an opportunity to participate in athletic programs.

## JUNE POTLUCK

The second annual Ann Arbor Host Potluck will take place on June 16 at noon at the Michigan Eye-Bank on Venture Drive. Please bring a dish to pass and a silly gift for our white elephant exchange. This potluck will replace our regular club meeting scheduled for that day. RSVP to Alison by June 7.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS!!

Happy Birthday to our May babies: Art Gallagher, Marilyn Lindenauer and Barb Smith.

Birthdays will be celebrated at the May 5 meeting.



## 11B-1 DISTRICT CONVENTION

For those of you that missed the convention, here's a quick little recap!

The hotel lobby at the Clarion turned into a carnival Friday night, complete with games and even a clown. The Saline fiddlers wrapped up the evening with an outstanding performance.

At lunch on Saturday, Lion Lisa received a Lion of the Year Award for our Zone, and after dinner Lion John received a Melvin Jones Progressive Award for his outstanding work as guiding Lion for the EMU Lions Club.

Congrats Lion John and Lion Lisa, and thanks to all those in attendance to represent our club!



## VISIONS 2010

Join the Ann Arbor Council of Lions on May 12 in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College from 10-4 p.m. for VISIONS 2010. Those in attendance will learn about what's new in technology and services for the blind and visually impaired.

Contact Lion Alison to sign up for a shift at the AA Council of Lions table.

### WHITE CANE DRIVE 2010

By Lion Zach

It's not too late to sign up for the White Cane street drive! Last year, everyone did a great job as our club raised \$1,200 during White Cane Week. For this year, we want to shoot for \$2,400, which equals 30 eye glasses and exams to help the visually impaired.

Our Lions Club will collect funds on Friday and Saturday May 14, 15 and May 21, 22. If you would like to sign up for a two-hour shift, please contact Lion Zach Ribble at 734-887-2325 by May 5.

Thanks to Lion Bill Brogan, the Ace Hardware store on W. Stadium invited our Lions Club to solicit funds on Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Our other locations include Kroger, K-Mart and Downtown Ann Arbor.

Stay tuned during the week for Lion John Krienke to select one weekday (May 17-21), based on the weather, where our club will collect funds Downtown from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We will have four or more Lions stand on different corners.

Thank you everyone for helping our club raise these important funds that will help us continue serving the needy!

### 2010-2011 ELECTIONS

OFFICE	2010-11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
President	Collin Ross
1st V P	Howard Conlon
2nd V P	Alison Claerhout
Secretary	Zach Ribble
Treasurer	John Krienke
Membership Chair	Alison Claerhout
1yr Director	Bill Brogan
1yr Director	LuAnne Bullington
2yr Director	Bill Farrand
2yr Director	Kevin Ross
Lion Tamer	Amy Mueller
Tail Twister	Appointed as Needed
Immediate Past Pres.	Lisa Langley

## YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY HEALTH FAIR

The Ann Arbor Council of Lions has been invited to do adult vision screening and Project Kidsight at the Ypsilanti District Library Health Fair on June 12 from 11-4 p.m. Volunteers and trained Kidsight leaders will be needed to man the table and do screenings. To volunteer, contact Lion Alison at 734-887-2304.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 4:** 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Jonesville Lions @ 6:00 p.m. located at the Hillsdale County Senior Service Center, \$ 10.00 per person.

**May 4:** Tekonsha Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**May 5:** Lunch meeting at Ann Arbor City Club, noon.

**May 7-8:** Napoleon Leos Garage Sale-Napoleon Lions Clubhouse- 10:00 a.m.-6:00p.m.

**May 9:** Napoleon Lions Fly In Pancake Breakfast-Napoleon Clubhouse, 8:00 a.m.- Noon.

**May 9:** Dexter/Chelsea Lions Broadway Revue @ 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, \$29.95 with dinner. Located at the Encore Musical Theater, 3126 Broad St, Dexter. Order tickets at: [theencoretheatre.org](http://theencoretheatre.org).

**May 10:** Deadline for all Clubs (Secretary) to complete PU 101 for International

**May 16:** Bus trip to Firekeepers for Lions and guests to benefit New Club Clinton Lions. Contact Lion Richard Tallman at 517-536-4476. Bus pick ups at Napoleon High School, Meijers in Jackson, Tecumseh and Adrian. Leave at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and return at 8:00 p.m.

**May 17:** Vandercook Lake Lions Charity Texas Hold - Em.

**May 19:** Lunch meeting at the Ann Arbor City Club with Guest Speaker Lion Roger LaMothe from the Lions Recycle for Sight program, noon.

**May 21-22:** Vandercook Lake Lions Garage Sale

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

**June 2:** Lunch meeting at the Ann Arbor City Club, noon.

**June 5:** Clinton Lions Charter Night @ St. Dominic's in Clinton, 6:00 p.m.

**June 7:** Jackson Host Golf Outing.

**June 16:** Ann Arbor Host Potluck & White Elephant Exchange at the Michigan Eye-Bank on Venture Drive, noon.

*\*For more information on any of these events, contact Lion Alison at [aclaerhout@michiganeyebank.org](mailto:aclaerhout@michiganeyebank.org).*