



PAWS-N-CLAWS

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WELCOME, AMY MUELLER!

Amy Mueller is the newest member of the Ann Arbor (Host) Lions Club. She decided to become a Lion after seeing their devotion to community service through her job at Midwest Eye-Banks, where she's the staff journalist.

Amy is recently married, and lives in Hartland with her husband, John, and their two spirited dogs, Pedro and Lola Bleu. In her free time, she enjoys reading, writing, running and playing soccer. She has lived in Michigan for most of her life, with the exception of the four years she spent in Missouri, where she attended college. She has degrees in journalism and political science. Before coming to the Eye-Bank, Amy worked as a newspaper reporter.

As a Lion, Amy hopes to get involved with service projects that will benefit the community.

80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please save Wednesday, September 16th for a luncheon in celebration of the 80th Anniversary of charter of our Club. It will be held at the Four Points Sheraton at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person.

If you have any photos or other memorabilia that would help us to plan program that truly reflects the people and activities of the Club through the years, please give them to Lisa. We will be sure they are returned to you.

If you have questions or suggestions, please let any member of the 80th Planning Committee know. Committee members include: Don Kiel, Lisa Langley, Collin Ross, Dan Reynolds, LuAnn Bullington and Florence Johnston.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September Service Project: 80th Anniversary

September 12: Hearing Impaired Picnic

September 16: Ann Arbor (Host) Lions Club 80th Anniversary Celebration, Four Points Sheraton in Ann Arbor, 12:00 p.m.

September 24-26: USA/Canada Forum, Memphis TN.

October Service Project: Eyeglass Collection

October 17: District 11B-1 Fall Conference at Sandstone Church in Parma.

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Pictured above, Amy helping out at the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club Golf Outing in June.

REMEMBERING DICK KING

As many of you know, long time Lions Club member Dick King recently passed away. Several memorials were given to the club in memory of Dick, including one with a special note inside.

"Please accept our small donation to your organization in memory of Dick King. Dick was a favorite neighbor of ours for many years and we will surely miss him!"

Each year Dick would call us about placing our order for oranges and grapefruit. And, when the order arrived he would deliver them himself, usually early in December. We knew when he appeared, it was time for Christmas decorating! He was our annual 'Christmas Spirit!'

Thank you for the many good deeds your group continues in Ann Arbor."

PROJECT KIDCARE

On August 19, the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club joined together and donated 11 lunchboxes and backpacks stuffed with school supplies and delivered them to the Ann Arbor Community Center for distribution amongst children in need.

Ann Arbor Community Center Director, Yolanda Whiten, was there to accept the backpacks and could not express her thanks enough. Lion Member LuAnne Bullington was present for the delivery and said, "Yolanda was extremely happy and very grateful. She kept hugging everyone."

According to Whiten, the Community Center usually receives 8-10 requests a year from families who can't afford to buy school supplies. This year, there were over 25 requests.

The Ann Arbor Community Center is one of many organizations the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club supports.

Influenced by a rich African American heritage, the Ann Arbor Community Center is a catalyst for transformation within the city and its greater community. With a primary focus on youth, adults and families, the Ann Arbor Community Center provides programs and services that promote self-reliance, social and economic well being, diversity and community involvement.

Thanks to community support, the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club will be celebrating their 80th Anniversary this month. For more information on how you can serve the community in this or other types of service projects, contact Lisa Langley of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club at 734-887-2307.

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.