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DEXTER: New Lions Club chartered for Cedars of Dexter members

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DEXTER — United Methodist Retirement Communities' senior living community Cedars of Dexter now has the privilege of having its own Lions Club chapter.

Cedars of Dexter is a 60-unit assisted living retirement community that was carved out of the Gordon Hall property in a deal that helped the Dexter Area Historical Society purchase Judge Samuel Dexter's home from the University of Michigan.

The first units began selling in 2008 and since then a great deal of the Cedars is occupied by Dexter community members new and old.

A charter banquet was held on Sept. 24 at St. Andrews Church of Christ, where top Lions from Lions Club International approved the June 6 charter. The banquet was attended by 92 Lions Club members and their family members.

The club has 23 charter members and is sponsored by the long established Dexter Lions Club.

Lions Club District 11-B1 Governor Barry Allen inducted the Dexter Cedars Lions Club.

The new club's officers were inducted by newly elected International Director Esther LaMothe.



Back Row (L to R): Ermil Jones, Leila Bauer, Suzanne Stevens, John Hale, Margie VanMeter, Heidi Ford, Terri Hamad, Bob Parmer. Front Row: International Director Esther LaMothe, Beverly Baker-Jones and Elena Lavsatida.

Members from other neighboring clubs in District 11-B1 were present and handed out gifts to members of the newest club chartered in the district.

The new officers for the Dexter Cedars Lions Club are President Emil Jones, Secretary Heidi Ford, Treasurer Leila Bauer, Vice-President Terri Hamad, Membership Chair Bob Parmer, Director Beverly Baker-Jones, Tail Twisters including Suzanne Stevens and Elena Lavsatida, Lion Tamer John Hale and Chaplain Margie VanMeter.

The meal was prepared by Frank Schramm and members of the Dexter High School Leos Club assisted.

Two Dexter Lions will operate as Guiding Lions for the new club for the next two years. Terry Walters and Dick Dettling will serve in those roles.

The Dexter Cedars Lions Club work with the Dexter Lions Club on the upcoming Apple Daze festival.

“Club members are anxious to get started and provide service and support to the community of Dexter,” Walters said in a statement.

The Dexter Cedars Lions will meet monthly on the second Wednesday each month at 1 p.m. at their club house.

Attempts to contact Walters, Dettling and Dexter Lions Club President James Warden were unsuccessful as of publish.

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