

LIONS PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD 11

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO OUR FELLOW LIONS OF MICHIGAN!



Lions attending the recent Council of Governor's meeting in Flint take a moment by the tree to wish everyone a very merry Holiday Season!

2019 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM – STRENGTHENING OUR FUTURE



The Michigan Forum planning committee is pleased to announce PDG Ronnie Martin as the Keynote Speaker for this year's Forum.

PDG Martin is the LCI New Club Development Consultant. He has personally sponsored over 130 Lion members and has taken part in the development of 14 new clubs in his district alone. Join us on February 23, 2019, at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, as together, we strengthen our future as Lions.

New Things are on the Horizon for Lions: We have changed the way we interact with each other over the last few years. Texting is a new way of communication for many, for example. Our organization is changing in the United States! Technology is our future and we need to embrace this change. We don't need to throw out our tried-and-true methods, rather be open to a new way of thinking as to how WE SERVE. ~PDG Ronnie Martin

Sixteen Informational Breakout Sessions

1. New Voices –IPID Jenny Ware
2. Membership/Recruitment– PDG Ronnie Martin, LCI New Club Development Consultant
3. Broadening our Horizons" It's hard for anyone to think outside the box when we're standing in the middle of it –PDG Jeff Mayuiers
4. Hi, I'm new here. Which way do I go? PDG Karen Routson
5. D.A.D. Grant – Lion Roger Blackwell & Team
6. 100 Service Projects for small to large Clubs-PCC Justin Faber, PDG Dave Wineman
7. Public Speaking –PDG Rock Wood
8. Retention –PID Esther LaMothe
9. The Importance of the Club Tail Twister –PCC Jim Pettinato
10. Keeping Members Motivated and Engaged- TBD
11. Beaumont Silent Children's Fund- Kris Rutkowski
12. Leadership Institute – PCC Paul Hemeryck
13. Mentoring-PID Dennis Cobler
14. Social Media – VDG Michael Scott
15. LCIF Empowering Service –PDG Connie Shelton
16. Creative Leaders! Water Color Art Class – PDG Craig Bishop

For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING Events:

DECEMBER 25TH
Merry Christmas!



JANUARY 1ST 2019
Happy New Year!

JANUARY 12, 2019
MD 11 Convention Committee
10:00 a.m., State Office
White Cane Committee
12:30 p.m., State Office

JANUARY 14, 2019
Michigan Forum Committee
7:00 p.m. Teleconference Call

FEBRUARY 22, 2019
MI Forum Group Service Project
Holiday Inn Gateway Centre.,
Flint

FEBRUARY 23, 2019
Lions Michigan Forum
Holiday Inn Gateway Centre.,
Flint

Check our website for updates
and additional information
www.lionsofmi.com



> PRIDE NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Pride
WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*There are wooden ships,
There are sailing ships,
There are ships that sail the sea,
But the best ships are friendships,
And may they always be.*

-Brian Mulroney, Former Canadian Prime Minister

*Wishing you a beautiful holiday season, and all the best
in the coming New Year.*

Cheers, Friends!

Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director



2019-2020 COUNCIL CHAIR SELECTED



At the December Council of Governor's meeting, the First Vice Governors met to interview six outstanding candidates for the position of Multiple District 11 Council Chair, 2019-2020.

We are pleased to announce PDG Jeff Hunt as the newly elected Council Chair, who will begin his official service July 1, 2019. Congratulations to PDG Jeff, and a sincere thank you to all of the candidates.

I've been a member of the Bay City Lions Club since October 1979. I became a lion in December 1979 when our club had their annual Christmas party for vision challenged grade school students. The following spring I was elected to our club sight/hearing board. "We Serve" came to life as I saw how we helped local residents with their vision and hearing problems. I was definitely hooked.

Since that time I have the pleasure of serving with many other lions, as we worked to make our communities better. I've held various positions over those years at both the club and district level including 5 years as Cabinet Secretary. I had the honor of serving in both the 11D1 District Governor and MD11 Vice Council Chair positions during 2017-2018 as our Lions Clubs International celebrated 100 years.

Also serving with me for the past 9 years is my wife, Laura Hunt, PCS and Past MD11 Publicity Chair. As many of you know, it is imperative to have buy-in from family and I would not have been able to make this commitment without her support.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Council year 2019-2020 and all the wonderful things this energetic and talented group can accomplish.

PDG Jeff Hunt

GUIDING LION TRAINING PDG JEFF MAYUIERS GLT

One of the greatest advantages to being the MD11 GLT is the opportunity to travel and experience how Lions work and think differently based on their location within the state.

Not long ago I traveled to District E2 to work with District GLT Dave Zeller and hold a District Guiding Lion Training. Not sure what to expect, I arrived at the end of District Governor Gordon Harris' Cabinet Meeting. It was refreshing to see a Cabinet Meeting attended by so many district club presidents, secretaries and members from all around the district.

Up to that, all my traveling has been to train individual clubs, but here as we started training were club members from all over the district. I thought to myself, oh my gosh, what a concept State of Michigan....let's do more of these District Governors and District GLT's. Let's offer District Club Officer Training, maybe 2 districts together? Hum a change? Thinking outside the box just a little? All I can say is District E2 I had a blast and you taught me some things as well. Thank you!

Remembering Leadership is an action not a position.

MD11 GLT Jeff Mayuiers
wjmayuiers@gmail.com





DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S Spotlight

GOVERNOR JOE BOGAR 11-D1



Reporting activities online to LCI allows Lions to shine as an organization. Lions Club International has encouraged clubs to report activities so we can show the impact Lions have on the world. Reporting of activities allows LCI to share data with partners like The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to combat Diabetes and other causes.

We know Lion Clubs do Service. That is what we do -We Serve! The problem is, not all clubs are not reporting activities. As a case in point I will explain what we are doing in our district to increase the reporting of activities.

In each of my Governor Newsletters, I start a paragraph with: I would like to celebrate the following clubs who have reported their Activity and Membership reports. I name the clubs and finish with a (smiley). Every month since November 2016, I have been celebrating in my column in the District Newsletter.

In that first year 2016-2017, we had 6 clubs reporting both reports every month. They were Auburn-Williams, Gaines Area, Grand Blanc, Kingston, Mayville and St. Charles. The number of clubs who at least reported one month was 25 of 38 clubs. In 2017-2018, the number of clubs reported at least one month was 34 of 38 clubs. There were 10 clubs reported both reports every month. They are Auburn-Williams, Flushing, Hemlock, Gaines Area, Lennon, Linden, Kingston, Mayville, Otisville and St. Charles. Did you notice we had five clubs report every month for two years?

You might ask why I listed these clubs in this article. It is one of three possible reasons why the increase of clubs reporting and hours served in my District in-

creased. It is about giving recognition. Who does not like to be recognized for their efforts? About three months after I started reporting clubs, I started to receive phone calls asking why their club wasn't being included in my column in the District Newsletter. I asked "Is your Secretary reporting your Activity and Membership Reports?" Guess what the answer was? "No, but they will!"

The next reason was District Leaders conducted Officer Trainings at a site in each Region. We asked each club who had new officers to come and ask each Secretary who was not reporting, to attend the training. As a District Governor and former educator, I believe in Lifelong Learning, training and educating our Lions is a key to success.

The last reason for the increase in reporting is because of what I learned in Indianapolis at Governor-Elect training. Lions from Outside of Chicago reported 100% completion of activity reports and 97% of membership reports. How did they accomplish this? Using their GST Action plan—

1. Club reports are due the 2nd to last day of month
2. The GST would contact clubs who have not reported:
 - Send a personal email reminder 3 days prior to due date
 - Phone calls to clubs 2 days prior to due date
 - Send email thanking clubs who report.

Lions 11-D1 Activity Reporting

Year	16-17	17-18	Improvement
Least # reporting in a month	11/38 = (29%)	20/38 = (52%)	9 = (23%) increase
Most # reporting in a month	20/38 = (52%)	26/38 = (68%)	6 = (16%) increase
Most # reporting at least one month	25/38 = (66%)	34/38 = (89%)	9 = (23%) increase
Hours of Service	20,206	32,830	12,624 = 62% increase

As you can see from the data, District 11-D1 still has room for improvement. Change is always a work in progress! Lions we need to get the word out about what our incredible service organization does. Sending data about our activities to LCI provides us with statistics. We can then share these stats with people in our communities to spread the word of service. Who knows? Impressive data could convince someone to join a Lions Club- We Serve!

Lifelong Learning and Service with a Smile :)
Governor Joe Bogar 11D1

Editor's Note: This article in last month's edition has been edited with corrections.

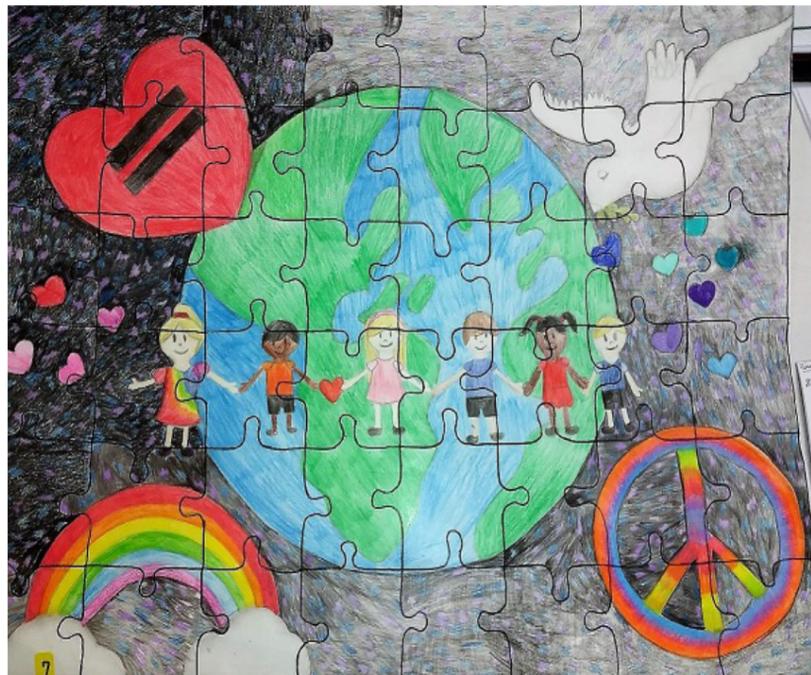
PEACE POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

*"When everything fits together, Peace is the glue.
 That glue is unlimited."*

Why Kindness Matters
 By: Jenna Highberger

Congratulations to our Multiple District 11 2018 Peace Poster winner, Megan Larkin. Megan is an 8th grader at Dryden Jr. High, and the contest was sponsored by Almont Lions Club, District 11 D2. Governors from around the state brought the winning poster from their district to the recent Council of Governors meeting and voted for the overall state winner.

District D2 also produced the winning Essay Contest submission by Jenna Highberger. Jenna is an 8th grader at Almont Middle School. Congratulations to both Megan and Jenna, who will each be awarded a \$300.00 check from the Lions of Michigan.



Picture this. You're sitting in the cafeteria at lunch and you see a kid sitting in the far back corner eating their lunch alone. What would you do? A few things run through your mind. Ignore them and continue to eat lunch, or go over and talk to them and also try to become their friend and buy them a snack. The right thing to do is option two. As you walk over there you feel that you are doing something good.

I believe kindness is important for a few reasons. You can make someone's day. According to stopbullying.gov around 28% of U.S. students in grades 6-12 experienced bullying. And about 20% of U.S. students in grades 9-12 experienced bullying. Those numbers could be reduced if people started standing up for people who they see getting bullied.

Even just doing what you think is a simple act of kindness could seem like a big deal for someone else. An example of that is, in winter if you were driving home from running errands...You're just staring out your window just eating the taco that you got from Taco Bell when you see something. You tell your mom that you just saw a homeless person. You open the door and run over to the person and hand them some tacos, a drink, and a heavier coat than the one that they have on. You also put ten dollars in the bucket on the ground.

The person tries to stay calm while thanking you for the food, drink, money, and, coat. You say that it is not a big deal. An act like this is kind in a few different ways. You giving the person the coat help them to stay warm, they probably haven't eaten in a while so the tacos are a good idea as well. If they haven't eaten in a while, the drink that you gave them probably fixed the problem of them being thirsty. The \$10 that you gave them they can use to buy some more food later.

If only a few people in the world were kind, the rest of the people would be rude and are negative. If there were more negative people, there could be a more negative outlook on everything. That wouldn't be good, because if almost everybody was negative, it could rub off on the few kind people. Also if there was no kindness left in the world how would poor or homeless people get some of the things they may need? Another thing that could happen if there was no kindness in the world is, there could be more fights.

In conclusion, kindness is extremely important for multiple reasons. With kindness in the world, we can try and prevent more fights and try to cut down on bullying. If there was no kindness, poor or homeless people may not get the things that they need to survive. So please remember to be kind to everyone.



> LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM

LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM FOR LIONS ABOUT LIONS

Plan now to attend the Michigan Forum February 22-23, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint.

Friday night we will carry on our newest tradition of a holding a large, group service project. This year's special guest will be PDG Ronnie Martin, LCI New Club Development Consultant.

Up to 16 breakout sessions will have a strong focus on the club level: Service, membership, retention, new club development, leadership and more. Whether you're a seasoned member or a new Lion, the Michigan Forum is for YOU.

Join us as we continue tradition of service and leadership through Lionism!

LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM EXHIBITORS AGREEMENT

EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2019

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2019 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Flint, Michigan on February 23, 2019. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$50.00/\$85.00. The charge is fully refundable only if, for any reason, the forum is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives.

The undersigned releases the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 and its agents from any and all liabilities that may arise or be asserted as a result of participation in this exhibition. The Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. will determine the eligibility of any company or product for exhibit. Acceptance of an exhibitor for the MD 11 Michigan Forum does not imply endorsement of the product or services, nor does rejection imply lack of approval of the product or manufacturer.

Exhibitors shall take precautions to provide security to safeguard their property during show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. nor the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint (nor legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), nor their members, officers, directors or employees shall be responsible for injury to any person or persons for loss or damage to property belonging to the exhibitor or any person or persons while in transit to or from the hotel or while in the hotel property or otherwise. The exhibitor assumes complete responsibility and liability for all injury to any and all persons or property in any way connected with exhibitor's display caused by the exhibitor, his agents, representatives or employees. The exhibitor indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. and the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint (and legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), their members, officers, directors and employees against any and all liability whatsoever arising from any or all damage to property or personal injury caused by exhibitor or his agents, representatives, employees or any other persons.

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL
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EXHIBITOR TABLE, ONE LUNCH TICKET
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PLEASE RESERVE A DISPLAY TABLE FOR ME ON FEBRUARY 23, 2019 AT THE MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE, FLINT, MICHIGAN

Name:	
Business:	Club:
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DO YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP? <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Show your PRIDE at the Forum with an advertisement or announcement in the official proceedings booklet. Space is limited, and price is affordable!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 MD11 CONVENTION



The MD 11 Lions Convention planning committee is working on the convention, to be held in Auburn Hills at the Center Point Marriott. This beautiful hotel will be home to over 250 Lions May 16-18, 2019.

For those of you who have never attended the MD 11 Lions Convention in the past, you are encouraged to attend! Leader Dogs for the Blind will be the sight of our

pre-convention picnic on Thursday, May 16. We are excited to once again showcase a State Project by holding our event at their beautiful facility. Transportation and tours will be available for the "kick-off" event.

LCI 3rd Vice President Brian Sheehan will be our guest speaker. Known for his passion, enthusiasm and humor, VP Sheehan is a favorite among Lions and we look forward to hearing from him.

Watch for complete details on breakout sessions and events, and mark your calendars now from May 16-18, 2019.

LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING OPTIONS

2019 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2019 Lions of Michigan Forum Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos you support the Michigan Forum.

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

- 1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3" \$10.00
- 2. 1/4 page ad 3.6x4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal)..... \$15.00
- 3. 1/2 page ad 3.6x10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal)..... \$25.00
- 4. 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4" \$40.00
- 5. full page ad 7.5 x 10" \$50.00

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table (includes one lunch ticket) and run a full page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

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5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911*

Name: _____
Lion Lioness

Billing Address: _____
(street) _____
(city, state, zip) _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____
email address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Please note that all ads
MUST be prepaid.

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MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

Registration **FORM**

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to Michigan Lions Forum, 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911, Telephone 517-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____
 Address _____
 Club Name _____
 District _____
 Contact Phone _____
 Email _____

Names of Registrants
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$40.00/person* \$ _____
 *Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and proceeding booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received before February 8, 2019. **After 2/8/19 \$45.00.**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

Check here for the forum book on CD
 (For visually impaired only)

REGISTER EARLY!
 This event will fill quickly!

HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE

Flint

Lions Room Rate is \$85
 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint, MI 48507
810-232-5300

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE:
 February 8, 2019**



Large Group **SERVICE PROJECT**

Join us Friday night, **February 22** as we work together on a large group service project! Club members attending may report service hours to LCI.



MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



STRENGTHENING OUR FUTURE

FEBRUARY 23, 2019

Enjoy statewide fellowship with **LIONS, LIONESS, AND LED** Club members

Every Registrant Receives:
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS BOOKLET containing information on breakout sessions & speakers

COMMEMORATIVE PIN LUNCHEON PROGRAM

\$40.00 price is for reservations received before February 8, 2019.

After 2/8/19 \$45.00.

Mail registration form to:
 Lions of Michigan State Office
 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
 517-887-6640 or Fax: 517-887-6642

Schedule of **EVENTS**

Friday, February 22, 2019

Registration 7:00 p.m.
 Large Group Service Project 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
 Hospitality Suite - The Fillmore 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Registration 7:00 a.m.
 White Cane Supplies, Exhibit Tables 8:00 a.m.
 Opening Remarks/Welcome 8:00 a.m.
 Session 1 Breakout Sessions 8:30 a.m. (choose one of four)
 Session 2 Breakout Session 9:30 a.m. (choose one of four)
 Session 3 Breakout Session 10:30 a.m. (choose one of four)
 Session 4 Breakout Session 11:30 a.m. (choose one of four)
 Lunch, White Cane Scholarships, Keynote Presentation, & Closing Remarks 12:30 p.m.
 Door Prize Drawings 2:45 p.m.



2019 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired
 Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office
 Attn: Scholarship Committee
 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
 www.lionsofmi.com
 Phone: (517) 887-6640
 Fax: (517) 887-6642
 email: lions@lionsofmi.com



Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31st annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	()
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email Address					
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity			
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.					
How did you hear about the scholarship?					

Education Information

High School you attended		
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?		
Have you been accepted?		
What do you plan to study?		
What are your personal and educational goals?		
How will the scholarship funds be used? (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____		

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.	
Special honors and awards	
Special talents and training	
Applicant's Signature	Date

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33rd ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

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1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000
4th- \$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500
7th-\$400 - 8th-\$300 - 9th-\$200 - 10th-\$100

SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$750 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club
250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

The PRICE is RIGHT

\$10.00 Per Ticket

It's RISK FREE

No Promotional Costs & No Sales Commitments

*** DRAWINGS ***

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 4, 2019
Lions of Michigan State Office - Lansing

FINAL DRAWING

May 18, 2019
MD 11 Convention - Auburn Hills, MI

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

Please send _____ tickets for the Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes to:

Club: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE
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What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



Lions of Michigan Foundation - Holiday Shoppers Gift
33rd Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

Donor's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Honoree's Name: _____

Honoree's Email Address: _____

Honoree's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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THE LIONS AIRFORCE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



The Lions AirForce began in 1991 in Il-C2 by both the DeWitt Lions and DeWitt Breakfast Lions Clubs. War "bonds" were sold to raise monies for the design and construction of the planes. Their first flight/"parade" was in 1993 in Laingsburg with 4 planes. They flew into the 21st Century the following Spring with 6 planes. In 1994, the red tri-wing plane and the Red Baron were born. Graphics were also added to both the planes and the trailers to promote the "Lions War on Blindness".

Since 1991, the Lions AirForce has participated in over 6 international parades, many parades in every district in Michigan as well as their conventions. The AirForce averaged between 10-20 parades per year and ad a squadron of 36 -40 Lion AirForce members, from over 4 districts. In 2003, the Lions AirForce moved from DeWitt to Stockbridge for its new residence.

During the summer of 2017, we gathered in Stockbridge to pause and remember our joyous times together as a squadron. We thank you for your help in raising funds and raising the public's awareness of the Lions and Lioness.

It is with proud and happy hearts that we served as your ambassadors. Our AirForce is now in the good hands of the Shriners.

WILD about LEOS-At the Michigan Forum!

LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

The Lion Pride (USPS 978-200) is published monthly for the Lions members of Multiple District 11, Michigan, except for the combined issues of January/February, April/May, July/August and September/October, at Lion Pride Magazine, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911. Lions receive the publication for annual dues/subscription rate of \$4.50. Advertisements must reach the above address by the 15th of the month for publication in the following month's issue. All clubs must send their own news and pictures to their district editor, allowing ample time for the district editor to forward the copy to meet the deadline stated above. Clubs or individuals must send their information to their district editor, not to the publication.

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The next wave of Lionism is through our younger program, the Leo Club. Leadership, Experience and Opportunity are the the foundation to building up our youth and engaging them early in community service. The number of Leo Clubs in Michigan is growing. The age group of 11-30 is an untapped source of innovative ideas, able bodied energetic youth who are looking to volunteer their time to make a difference in the World. Starting a club seems daunting, but with the help of Lions Club International and your State Leo Coordinator, it can be very rewarding. Clubs are either 11-18 Alpha or 18-30 Omega, and require a little bit of legwork to get started. There is a step by step guide available to help your Lions Club get started, and you may contact Lion Amy Anderson, State Leo Coordinator at aanderson@volinia.org for more information.

For those existing Leo Clubs, SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, February 23, 8:30-4:30, WILD about LEOS One Day Drive In Event will be happening at the Michigan Lions Forum. This event will be held at the Holiday Inn Flint - Grand Blanc Area (5353 Gateway Center, Flint, MI 48507). Contact State Leo Coordinator - Lion Amy Anderson for registration materials and questions (aanderson@volinia.org). There will be an Escape Room, 4 different breakout sessions, buffet lunch and 3 make-and-take service projects. Looking forward to seeing you all there! -Lion Amy Anderson, Leo State Chair



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UPCOMING

DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES

2019

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER
11 A1	April 12-14, 2019	Wyndham Garden, Ann Arbor, MI	IPID Nicolin Moore
11 A2	April 12-13, 2019	DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City, MI	PID Mel Bray
11 B1	April 12-13, 2019	Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale, MI	PID Dana Biggs
11 B2	March 22-23, 2019	Four Points Sheraton, Kalamazoo, MI	2nd VP Haynes Townsend
11 C1	March 23, 2019	Dominican Center at Marywood, Grand Rapids, MI	ID Tom Gordon
11 C2	March 15-17, 2019	Comfort Inn & Suites, Mt. Pleasant, MI	ID Gary Brown
11 D1	April 12-14, 2019	Shanty Creek, Bellaire, MI	IPID Joyce Middleton
11 D2	April 5-7, 2019	Quality Inn, West Branch, MI	PID Linda Tincher
11 E1	April 26-27, 2019	Quality Inn, West Branch, MI	ID Pat Vanette
11 E2	May 3-5, 2019	Alpena Ramada Inn, Alpena, MI	TBA
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Saturday, February 2, 2019

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Michigan Hotel Recommendation!

In an effort to be housed in the same hotel while in Italy, Lions are encouraged to check the Holiday Inn Garibaldi Hotel as their first choice. This hotel is closest to the MiCo Center, where the convention will be held. The room rate is \$184.04 US before taxes and added service fees. More information available at LCIcon.com

Application for LMASB 2019 Band Tour – Milan, Italy

Legal Name (please print) _____

Age ____ Grade in School ____ Sex: M F I plan to audition: In Person By Tape

Address _____

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Phone (____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

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High School you attend _____

Instrument Played _____

Specialty: Flag Drill Twirler

This student is a member of our high school band.
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Mail completed application with \$20 non-refundable audition fee to:

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Membership must be certified by the band director.

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Our challenges are great. But where there's a need, there's a Lion. Now, more than ever in our 100-year history, Lions must rise to serve. Our mission is pure, our hands and hearts ready. It's time.



11 A1

DG Shirley Kelly
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Detroit Mid-City Lions Club President Marguerite Bodiford, Lions Sanual Mixon, and Lions Harriet Robinson stopped to pose for a picture with their adopted child and his family at the Penrickton Center for Blind and Disabled Children's Annual Christmas Party.



Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions' members, 1stVDG Norris Turner and Lions LaVerne Bronner-Wilson, Debra Beckon and Lamar Reed, passed out information on diabetes after Sunday services at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, November 25th



Bedford Township Lions Club's Chevron recipients received their awards in the company of DG Shirley Kelly, 1st VDG Norris Turner, and 2ndVDG David Wilbert.



Westland Lions Club worked a Halloween Candy Event On October 24th at Westland City Hall with other nonprofits of Westland. All the members passed out candy so the children of Westland could be safe and have fun. The Club donated \$100 towards giving back for the event.



Highland Park/Detroit Downtown Lion Bridget Officer was awarded her Chevron by DG Shirley Kelly at the Club's annual visit.



11 A2

DG Jack Patton
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Richmond Lions Club hosted their Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 8th. St. Peter's Lutheran Church/School donated their space for the morning. Children could visit with Santa and receive a free gift. A professional photographer was on site for individual or family photos and Lions KidSight was

also set up for free eye screenings. Several Leader Dog puppies and their trainers were in attendance for children and parents to visit with.

The event is a community service to area residents in which free will donations were welcomed. 100% of the profits go toward the Goodfellow Program and are used for those in need within the Richmond community.

Lake Orion Lions Club partnered with Skalnek Ford for Lake Orion's Christmas Basket Program. Skalnek asked the community to help fill one of their Ford EcoSports with toys to donate to the Lake Orion Lions. Skalnek Ford also donated a toy for every car or set of tires they sold by December 13th.



Berkley Lions Club raised funds at the Fall Food Fest and presented a check for \$1,300 to the Michigan Donor Family Council and a \$1,300 check to the Gift of Life Foundation of Michigan. Pictured: Berkley Lions Club President Alan H. Kideckel presenting check to Michigan Donor Family Council President and CEO Patty Jo Herndon, and hear recipient Mike Roman.

New Haven Lions Club participated in the Village of New Haven Lighted Parade on November 24th and took 1st place for their float!



Ray Township Lions are once again showing their appreciation for our men and women in the military this Holiday Season. They shopped for and packed 10 boxes filled with some of the necessities that they don't always have, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, shaving cream, batteries, lotion and foot powder. They also included a few goodies like candy and coffee. These boxes are delivered to those in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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DGarden City Lions hosted a charity event on December 14th. 15% of every order from the Garden City Arby's was donated to the Garden City Lions to help those in need of glasses and hearing aids.

Bedford Lions decorated a tree again this year for the Bedford Public Library.

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Eastpointe Lions are hosting a Euchre Night on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the Blue Finn Bar & Grill in Warren, MI. Cost is \$15 per player. For more information, please call Lion Randy Lewis at 586-202-7858.

Richmond Lions are having a Bowling Fundraiser on Sunday, January 27th, 2019.

Fraser Lions Club hosted their Annual Black Friday Euchre Tournament on November 23rd.

Center Line Lions handed out hot chocolate and apple cider at Center Line's 66th Annual Tree Lighting in Center Line Memorial Park on December 8th.

Clarkston Area Lions provided KidSight vision screenings at the Shoes for Kids distribution on Saturday, December 8th. Lake Orion Lions walked in the Lake Orion Lighted Christmas Parade on December 1st.

New Baltimore Lions' Winter Fest 2019 will be January 25-27. Come for food, drinks, and fun for all ages. Proceeds go to support the New Baltimore Lions Club charities throughout the year. Follow the event page on Facebook for important updates and reminders.



> REGION NEWS



11 B1

DG Roger Spriggs
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Branch Area & CO-24 Leo Club wrapped over 100 books donated by District 11 B1 Reading Committee for the 'Lights of Love' and Dinner with Santa event on December 1st. They labelled each book with a Branch Area Lions Club sticker and the age range of the reader.

Dexter Lions provided journals to all the 3rd graders at Wylie School, with the Webelo scouts helping with distribution.



Jackson Host Lions held their first community "Parade of Checks." Checks and certificates were presented by Roberta Sexton, club president, to Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, Special Olympics, St. Luke's Clinic, Girl Scouts Hear of Michigan, Jackson Friendly Home and John George Home.

Ann Arbor Host Lion's November Feast for Families Service Project was once again a huge success. Lion Alex Teska led this project, collecting food items to assemble 26 Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the UMHS Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools Project. This was ten more than assembled last year! Their Care Coordinator, Theresa William-Gilchirst, joined the Lions at their November membership meeting, stating, "The holiday baskets that the Lions contribute go to support our families during the holiday season. The generosity makes a huge impact on our families who are often struggling with income, utilities and basic health services."



New Voices – DG Roger Spriggs and CC Barry Allen take a break after unloading a full size truck and eight foot trailer of finished blankets and materials for the Lakota Project heading to South Dakota.



11 B2

DG Fran Grabowski
BERRIEN • CASS • KALAMAZOO
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The Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club recently donated \$5,000 to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan Yeager Family Pet Shelter in St. Joseph.

The Lions Club donation qualifies for an ongoing \$700,000 two-for-one Yeager Challenge Grant, which means the Humane Society will receive a

total of \$15,000 from this donation.

\$5,000 from the Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club Foundation and \$5,000 in matching funds from the grant will go to the Humane Society's Capital Building Fund. An additional \$5,000 in matching funds will go to the Humane Society's Endowment Fund.

Pictured L-R: Taylor Michael, of the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan, at left, accepts a \$5,000 donation from Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Jerry Orlaske, center, and Andy Menchinger.

The Smoke Vision Care staff sold snow cones again this year at the Buchanan Summer Thrill On The Hill event. Proceeds from their sale were generously donated to the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club Sight Fund. Smoke Vision Care staff and a few Lion members were on hand recently as Dr. Steve Smoke presented



a \$600 check to Lions Sight Fund Chairman Mark Nixon. Special thanks to Drs. Steve and Brenda Smoke and their entire staff for their support of the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club. Lion President Mark Tumbleson presents a Centennial Award to Lion Dick Gault for his 58+ years of Lions service.



Kal Haven Trail Lions recently observed the Bloomingdale High School robotics club entry that won last year's rookie team entry in an area competition. 10 students participated in the club that must build a robot in 6 weeks that will accomplish a given task. This robot was tasked with picking up a box and moving it to a specified location. Another robot the club built was required to climb a rope. Pictured are team co-captain Lilly Livsey (red shirt) demonstrating their robot to Lions John Stassek, Bill Gingas and Kathy Richardson. Currently, the Bloomingdale team is ranked 83rd of 451 teams that compete in the state contest. Congratulations Bloomingdale robotics club!

The Richland/Gull Lake Area Lions Club donated \$300.00 to the Richland Community Library. Pictured from left to right are Lion Justin J. Ridderman - Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Michigan Real Estate, Lion Robert Kennedy, and one of our newer members representing the library Lion Karen M. McConnell. The library has a great selection of LARGE PRINT books for those who are visually challenged. The Richland/Gull Lake Area Lions Club also donated \$250.00 to Scout Troop 294.



The Mattawan Lions Club put together 300 stockings to pass out at their village tree lighting with Santa evening.



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Adrian Breakfast Lions donated \$600 to the YMCA to sponsor Santa, and \$200 to Associated Charities for toy purchases. Lions Hazel Jacobs and Maxine Gritmaker will be shopping for the toys. They also purchased \$320 worth of children's books from Scholastic Books for children meeting Santa and to support the library program.
Ann Arbor Host continue their annual Terri Lynn nut, Koze nut and Frog Holler Fruit sales.
Battle Creek Cereal City Lions helped out at the Zoo-Boo, Adopt-A-Highway, Fort Custer, and the food pantry.
Bedford Area Lions continue their cherry juice sales every Tuesday, 3-6pm at the clubhouse. Their Soup & Salad Supper will be held on January 17th from 3-6pm.

Blissfield Area Lions Club is planning their annual reverse raffle which will be held on February 2nd, see Dick Saxton for tickets. The club donated \$500 to Wreaths Across America to place 500 wreaths on veterans' burial sites in Pleasant View Cemetery.
Homer Lions are planning a Lions Open House/Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser for January. Jackson Cascades donated 14 blankets for the DG project.
Manchester Lions helped sponsor the Manchester Christmas in the Village which included a Christmas Tree decorating which was done by the WISD Leo Club. Manchester is the first LCIF "Model Club" for donating over \$10,000 to the Foundation.

Michigan Center Lions held their Breakfast with Santa on December 1st.
Napoleon Lions had their Annual Stuff the Bus project, bringing in over 1000 pounds of food and \$470 in donations.
North Jackson Lions raised \$703.95 in Lions Mint sales.
Pennfield Lions donated Christmas Baskets for 40 families from the Pennfield community.

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Projects Night - A HUGE thank you to the Lions of 11-B2 for an amazing Projects Night! We had a fun night with a lot of camaraderie and fellowship and best of all, over \$52,000 were donated to our eleven International, State and District projects, that's more than a 10% increase from last year. Everyone should be proud to be a part of this district.

The Colon Lions co-sponsored the 81st Magic Get-Together along with Abbott's Magic Company. Coincidentally, the Colon Lions celebrated their 81st Anniversary!

Three Rivers Lion, Paul Judsen was awarded the Key Award in recognition of recruiting

new members to the club. Paul has been a member of the club for fifty-one years and has brought in dozens of new members during that time.

Edwardsburg Lions Club decided to spend \$200 and create "Smile Bags" for children with cancer. Younger children had coloring books, crayons, sticker books, handheld games, and a small toy in their bags. The older children had project books, word books, a packet of pencils, and handheld games.

Edwardsburg Lions Club sent a \$1,000 check to the Lions of North Carolina (State Office) to be used where needed most for the devastation of the floods.

Edwardsburg Leo Club is proving to be larger than this past year

as 70 applications were given out at the Edwardsburg High School during 3 lunch hours.

Lawton Lions contributed \$300 to their local library for large print books, sponsored the Lawton Summerfest parade, and hosted royalty for Van Buren County 4-H youth fair.

Mattawan Lions Club sponsored Trivia Night at Antwerp Township Community Center on October 27th and Projects Night (formerly Parade of Checks) on October 30th.

Portage Lions Club members walked their neighborhoods to collect used eyeglasses and sunglasses on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of October.

Bangor Lions Club hosted their Bangor Apple Festival on October 13th.

11 C1



DG Gregg Wehby C1
 ALLEGAN • BARRY • IONIA • KENT
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Alto Lions hosted their Alto Area Lions Children's Christmas Party on December 8th. This yearly event has been held in Alto for over 60 years. The Lions have been hosting it for over 25 years. Lion members purchase the gifts with a generous grant received from Meijer along with the support of local area businesses. Gifts are then sorted by age group; each child 12 and under who attends Alto Elementary, and other children of that age in the community receive a gift. Any remaining gifts are donated to Flat River Outreach. Meanwhile, Santa works the crowd handing out candy canes and listening to Christmas wishes. KidSight was also on-site providing vision screenings as part of the event.

Fruitport Lions wrapped up their Thanksgiving Food Basket program on Saturday, November 17th with the help of 30-35 volunteers; they filled 140 boxes with a turkey or ham, along with all the extras. They joined forces with the Fruitport Township Departments of Public Service for Shop with a Cop/Hero. The Lions held their first night of shopping at the Harvey St. Meijers in Fruitport. Sixteen children shopped for their families. The wonderful event included the help from the local Boy Scout Troop, parents and Lions wrapping the presents.



Grand Rapids Lions Club recruited help from 17 GVSU Lions Club members for the Grand Rapids Lions Club's annual Holiday Shopping. There were 40 visually impaired kids & underprivileged kids. Each child was given a \$100 gift cards (donations from GR Lions members & Meijer) to buy presents for the family members on their list. The GV Lions students worked with Grand Rapids Lions to help the kids shop and wrap the presents to take home.

Lakewood Area Lions are in the 5th year of collecting coats and boots for those in need. Collections are made in 18 locations around the Lakewood Area, and distribution is through Manna's Market as the 1st group of coats are delivered this fall along with 80 pairs of kids boots.



Lakewood Area Lions also completed their 11th KidSight Event of the 2018 calendar year on December 1st at the annual Sunfield Christmas Festival. KidSight is a charter project for the Club which has now completed 7 years of Vision Screening. This year there were 226 kids screened with 6 referrals, and some excellent feedback from parents of the referred kids. Lakewood was also able to help the Alto Club in 2 of their major Vision Screening Projects.



Marne Lions served a BBQ supper during the 6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Carols at the Marne Memorial Veterans Park on November 24th. A visit and photo with Santa was available at the Fire Station. A generous donation from a local business provided presents so every child received a gift from Santa. Others had the opportunity to play cards and decorate cookies.



Rockford Lions marched with the Rockford Leos in the Santa Parade on December 1st. Their sleigh was not red but "Big Blue" had to do! The weather was chilly, but spirits were high. The club also sponsors the local Boy Scout Troop - who were also right behind them in the parade. Everyone had a great time!

11 C2



DG Michael Golden
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The Olivet Lions Club's 2nd Annual Olivet Harvest Dinner was a huge success thanks to the Olivet Lions Club, area churches, Olivet College, Olivet High School Link Crew and many others. The community residents and friends came out to support this event for a worthy cause. Pictured is Sharon Palacio of the Olivet Good Neighbor Food Pantry accepting a check for \$3,250 from Olivet Lions Treasurer, Gale Knoll.

MSU Lions embraced the holiday spirit early by organizing the floats for and joining the parade at Silver Bells in the City. Michigan's capital was beautifully lighted and was a joy to experience.



Hartland Lions showed their support by ringing the Salvation Army bell at the Hartland Kroger's.



DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club President Greg Houghtaling introduced Lion Amy Schupska of the Holt Lions Club, their speaker about the Leader Dog Puppy Program - KISMET - is her current puppy of 12 she has raised since 2004. The pups are kept for 15 months in a home to learn basic obedience skills before being selected to be trained as Leader Dogs. Of the 500 puppies raised each year, 50% are selected for Leader Dogs for the Blind and the others find different career paths as "helper dogs", etc. After training at the Rochester facilities, the dogs are matched to an individual who spends six weeks working with the Leader Dog before going out into the world. The training costs around \$42,000 and clients pay ZERO.



Grand Ledge Lions had Brad Walton from Midwest Mission Distribution Center, as their guest speaker on November 13th. Mr. Walton presented amazing information about the Center's ability to provide services for people by working with many other organizations, programs and volunteers.



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Martin Lions Club held their 65th Anniversary Celebration on November 10th.

Muskegon Northside Lions will be celebrating 40 years of service on Sunday May 19th to the Northside community and beyond.

Grand Valley State University Lions Club members recently adopted a highway through MDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program.

Cedar Springs Lions Club Pancake Breakfast fires up January 19th from 7am to 11am at the United Methodist Church at 140 S. Main St., Cedar Springs. \$8 buys all you can eat sausage, bacon, hash browns, scrambled

eggs, warm syrup, juice, coffee, and hand-crafted pancakes!

Casnovia/Kent City Lions held their annual Breakfast and Silent Auction event at the Old School on December 1st.

Rockford HS Leos used the proceeds from a recent donut sale to buy food for two families that they sponsored during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Coopersville Lions served over 20 dozen donuts and 11 gallons of cider to the area's ghosts and goblins on October 31st.

Whitehall/Montague Lions worked in coordination with

MDOT to clean up litter along their designated portion of Colby St. in Whitehall on October 12th. On October 13th, their members volunteered at KidSight to provide free vision screening to kids at Sam's Club in Muskegon.

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St. Johns Lions Club had a 70th Anniversary Celebration dinner on Wednesday, November 14th. The club was chartered on November 20, 1948.

Bretton Woods Lions delivered six Thanksgiving baskets to needy are families on Tuesday, November 20th. The Bretton Woods Lions are also having another blood drive on January 5th at St. Gerard Church. As always, you can contact the American Red Cross office in Lansing to schedule a donation.

Brighton Lions held their White Cane Drive December 7th & 8th. MSU Lion's Yankee Candle fundraiser is open to online orders until January 9, 2019. Candles make great gifts - simply use the order code 990106007 at [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/bb0b66ee3662d3907d652661d/files/ff004e6b-2e03-424b-b2d2-ce1ed13efb40/electronicLetter.pdf)

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Elsie Lions Club will be hosting their 26th Annual Wild Game Night on Monday, January 14, 2019. Potluck starts at 6pm - bring a dish to pass, Elsie Lions will provide the drinks, rolls and potatoes. Guest speaker will be active outdoorsman Dan McMaster, speaking on wild life and pheasants in the past, today and the future. Raffle tickets will be sold for sports items and a hand-painted Outdoor Wildlife picture.

East Lansing/Meridian Lions are collecting empty medicine bottles. Remove the labels, clean the inside and send them to an

East Lansing/Meridian Lion. All bottles are sent to a mission in Ohio to be sent to third-world countries.

Grand Ledge Lions marched in the Santa parade on Friday, December 7th to promote their club and Lionism as they approach their 75th Anniversary.

Holt Lions Club welcomed Furry Chung as their speaker on November 15th. She is from South Korea and a student at MSU. She is pursuing a degree in business. When finished she hopes to find a job in the U.S. She introduced the Club to her home and family in South Korea, and spoke about college life away from home.

> REGION NEWS

11 D1



DG Joe Bogar
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Saginaw West Lions supplied the materials and Lions Dennis Becker, Tony Zazo, and Bill Welsh built a handicap ramp for a Senior, Karl Bank, that lives in Saginaw Township.

St. Charles Lions had ninety Childhood Cancer Care Bags delivered to Hurley Hospital on November 19th from the Lions Clubs of D1. The backpacks will be given to pediatric cancer patients who are in the hospital and receiving cancer treatments there. The bags, which were assembled at the Fall Conference, held over \$2,500 worth of items

Mayville Lion PDG Ron Johnson was the proud recipient of the Leader Dog President's Award. Pictured with him are VDG Steve VanTol and Mayville President Ken Bragg.



such as crayons, coloring books, colored pencils, lotion, lip balm, gift cards, warm socks, puzzle books, Playdoh, silly putty, and art kits. All of these items were donated by approximately 30 of D1's 38 Lion and Lioness clubs!



Millington Lions participated in the Christmas in the Village event on December 3rd. The Millington Lions handed out Christmas popcorn to those stopping by the Popcorn House.



Shields Lions Club members pose, the day after Thanksgiving, with their "Honorary Member" of the Club as they prepare for the Club's display at the Thomas Township Christmas Train at Roethke Park.

11 D2



DG Jack Kriete
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Marlette Lions Club had six members out assembling a 28 foot long aluminum ramp on December 1st in Hemans. The team started in the snow and after 5 hours they finished in cold rain. This was the third ramp built by the Marlette Lions in the last 10 years as they continue to find projects that demonstrate our motto "WE SERVE."



Applegate Lions Club finished their Annual Fundraiser at Westerns Tree Farm in Applegate on December 9th. This year they were able to be on site on November 23rd, 24th and 26th, as well as December 1st, 2nd, 8th and 9th. Pictured is Project Chair Deb Kochanski – Steeb.



Port Huron Host Lion Don Spinks presented Lion Don Dudas with the Melvin Jones Award at their Club's monthly meeting. The Port Huron Host Lions also had 16 invited prospects in attendance so it was a very special night.



Memphis Lions hosted District D2's Fall Conference on Saturday, November 3rd at Memphis Elementary School. This year the focus was on diabetes, due to the rapid spread of the disease and pre-diabetes.



There were three separate professionals presenting to the Lions on the adult type-2 and type-1. Pendrickton Center gave an overview of all they do with multi-handicapped children, also there was training on how to report on "MyLCI" website for club officers, and a session on the use of the KidSight trailer and camera. All these sessions were appreciated by the attendees. Kurt Seblay of Pendrickton Center was the keynote speaker. His presentation was very informative and fun.

Representatives from St. Johns/Providence Hospital, McLaren Hospital, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), along with the Director of Pendrickton Center were there to provide information.

District Officers in attendance included Governor Jack Kriete, 1st Vice District Governor Don Spinks, 2nd Vice District Governor Sami Makhoul, PCC Terry Bowerman, PDG Peggy Farnsworth, PDG Wes Wagester, PDG Chuck Belesky, and Cabinet Treasurer Steve Langford. All Region Chairmen and three Zone Chairmen attended.

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Otisville Lioness held their Annual Craft Show on November 10th.

Gaines Area Lions host their Fuddrucker's Fundraisers on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Fuddrucker's of Flint. Present this flier to the cashier and a portion of ALL sales will be donated to the Gaines Area Lions Club.

Linden Lions participated in Linden's Holiday Happening on December 1st, towing a float in the parade and serving hot chocolate and cookies later at the VFW hall.

Hemlock Lions made Christmas decorations for the community and held their Christmas Party on December 10th. Bay City Lions hosted their Cookie Walk on December 7th.

Chesaning Lions received Top Dog Club for donating to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Frankenmuth Lions volunteered for the Thrivent Food Drive for the Veterans on November 11th.

Freeland Lions hosted their Freeland Community Christmas Party on December 1st.

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Harsens Island Lions Club had another successful Thanksgiving Day Dinner at their clubhouse. 85 people were served, including six carry out orders.

Algonac Lions Club hosted a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisers on November 10th.

Marine City Lions Club held their Merrytime Christmas Craft and Bake Sale on December 1st.

Metamora Lions Club hosted their Holiday Magic Show on December 8th.

Deckerville Lions Club had their Holiday Fresh Pine

Wreath Class on December 1st. Attendees could purchase a wreath or create their own to take home.

Port Sanilac Lions held their Crafter & Vendor Fair on December 8th. They had Hand Crafts, Vinyl Designs, Sandy Beads LLC, Tupperware, Origami Owl, Thirty-One, Paparazzi, Chalk Couture, Avon, Lula Roe, Young Living Oils, and more.





11 E1

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The Stanwood Lions Club held their annual gun raffle drawing on November 4th at Frank's Sporting Goods in Morley, MI. Judy Dowell, president of the Stanwood Lions, drew the winning tickets. First place winner was Henry Spedowski from Stanwood. He won a Savage 30-06 or \$350 in cash. The second place winner was Ken Welch from Morley, MI. He won a \$100 gift certificate from Frank's. The third place winner was Joe Aldrich, also from Morley. He won a \$50 gift certificate from Frank's. Proceeds from the raffle go toward Lions service projects in the Morley/Stamwood area. Pictured is President Judy Dowell presenting Tanner Havens with a Stanwood Lions Club friendship banner in appreciation for the help Frank's has given the Lions Club over the past years.

The Manistee Lions hosted a Thanksgiving Bingo at the Manistee Senior Center and presented a Check for \$200 to their Food Bank. This was to support the "In Their Shoes" Poverty Awareness Project.



The Midland Lions rang bells for the Salvation Army in November and will continue to do so throughout December. They will also host a Christmas Party for special children from the Midland Public Schools, and serve a Christmas lunch and pass out gifts to seniors at the Trailside Senior Center. PDG Pete Conarty is pictured ringing the bell.



Harrison Lions Barb Sovey - 20 years, Anne Rowe - 15 years, and Karen Trzeciak - 10 years received chevrons from DG Al Roeseler on November 7th.



Mesick Lion Sheila Ferrel, a Region Chair and District 11E1's Global Service Chairperson, was presented a "New Voices" award from International President Gudrun Yngvadottir for her work in promoting Service in District E1. Pictured is Lion Sheila and DG Al Roeseler.



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The Boyne Valley Lions partnered with MSU Extension Services and Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital to conduct free diabetes screening on November 14th to mark World Diabetes Day. During the four hour event 25 people were screened at the Boyne City Hall. The Boyne Valley Lions along with their partners are working to raise awareness of the impact that diabetes has on the individual and to promote the role of the family in the management, care, prevention and education of the condition. Pictured: Gretchen Stetler from MSU Extension Services and Lion Ken Allen



The Grayling Lions Club gave out picture frames to kids who had their photos taken with Santa at the Christmas Walk on November 17th at the Artisan Village. Pictured: Lions Carla Jean Gingerich and Carolyn Rakoczy handing a picture frame to Onna Parker



The Oscoda Lions held their annual Thanksgiving dinner, savoring a great meal put on by the Oscoda Lioness, and enjoying the fellowship of the gathered Lions Club family. The Club presented some checks to a few community organizations that help others. The following received donations totaling \$3000: Food Bank of Eastern Michigan's Food Give-away Program, Christian Woman in Action, Loaves and Fishes Café, Iosco County Humane Society, and OAS Backpack Program. Pictured: President Robert Tasior and Treasurer Julie Burrell presenting Dee Cunningham with a check for \$500 for Christian Woman in Action



The Petoskey Lions were both privileged and saddened to sponsor the final Red Cross Blood Drive at the Petoskey collection building on Friday, November 2nd. The Blood Drive collected 51 lifesaving pints of blood with a goal of 42 pints, which Red Cross Manager termed "an amazing way to end this era." Pictured: Red Cross employee, Rita Serba, collecting blood from donor, Bill Breedlove, the last donor at the Petoskey collection building.



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Coleman Lions donated 10 turkeys to the Coleman Food Pantry to be given to families along with other items for a Thanksgiving basket.

Midland Lions held a banquet to honor the Midland County Cross Country runners from five high schools in October.

Cedar/Maple City Lions celebrated the holiday season with Christmas for the Kids on December 2nd.

Frankfort Lions delivered their Christmas Candy the first week of December.

Fremont Lions had a great turnout for their 2018 Fremont Lions Christmas

Party. Attendees made contributions to the True North Toys for Tots program.

Kingsley Lions made 25 beautiful wreaths on Saturday, November 17th.

Mesick Lions' 2018 Breakfast With Santa on December 1st was a huge success. The kids had the chance to make various art pieces to take home, and were given goodie bags after their families were finished with their pancakes and sausage.

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Boyne Valley Lions presented Eta Nu with a check to fully outfit 10 needy children this year at a cost of \$100 each.

Central Lake Lionesses provided eye screening for over 100 elementary children at Central Lake Schools on November 10th.

Oscoda Lions Tony, Rick, Bill, and Chuck spent four hours completing their first aluminum ramp.

East Jordan Lions Club is hosting the East Jordan Christmas Village in the Tourist Park once again. Displays will be open until January 6th.

Elk Rapids Lions hosted their first free community dinner on Saturday, December 1st.

Oscoda Lions held their Annual Lunch with Santa on Saturday, December 1st. Over 240 children saw Santa and received a gift from him. Over 340 lunches were served.

Roscommon-Higgins Lake Lions passed out free hot dogs at the Ausable Bakery as part of Christmas in the Village on December 1st.





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