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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! WE SALUTE OUR LION VETERANS

In September 1970, a young Bob Bobee set foot at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. Twenty-eight members of the unit made up 101st Airmobile MP. Twenty-six of them went to Saigon, and Sgt. Bobee and one other were sent to lcorp, near the DMZ.

Sgt. Bobee was the only one sent to Base Camp Eagle, where he was assigned to the V-100 Platoon. V-100 Platoon is a wheeled tank that delivered supplies to different fire bases. In addition to deliveries, he worked with CID Provost Marshall Office, picking up convicted soldiers and transporting them to jail.

In March of 1972 the 101st MP stood down. Sgt. Bobee was transferred south to Saigon at Mac V Headquarters to patrol the area of Saigon where he did a large amount of Pro Marshall duties. During the time spent in Saigon, his unit was the 716th Military Police, which was tasked with guarding the airport, among other areas.

Like many veterans, there are many stories to be told, both good and bad. Sergeant Bobee left Vietnam in 1973. He became Lion Bob Bobee in 1994, advancing to District Governor, MD-11 2011-2012, and is an active member of the Warren Lions Club

– PDG Sergeant Bob Bobee

(picture)  
Sgt Rudy Rosales (from Lansing, MI) and Sgt Ray Robins waiting to be shipped out when the 199th Infantry Brigade was deactivated in October, 1970

A LIFE OF SERVICE

I’m Lion Ray Robins, PDG, I now have 24 years of Lions service. I had many years in a different type of service. I’m a military brat, living my entire life until I was 20 in and around Air Force bases. We moved a lot; I lived in Texas, Hawaii, Japan, California, Montana and ended up in Michigan with my father where he worked for the Department of Defense. I’m the only person I know that graduated from two high schools, ten day apart in two different states!

Military families make many sacrifices to support the service person they live with. Wives or husbands and their children have to live their life on someone else’s terms. You are encouraged to support those unsung veterans whenever you can.

In 1969 I was drafted and I spent a total of 22 months in the Army and now I can say:

I’m a veteran of the United States Army. I’m a veteran of the Vietnam era military. I’m a US Army, combat veteran. I was a member of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, 2nd of the 3rd Infantry Battalion (The Old Guard), Echo Company, Recon Platoon.

My first five months I was a Radio Operator for the First Squad then Second Squad and finally the Platoon Radio Operator. We got shot at and we shot back. We were lucky and the guys I knew made it back home.

The second five months I was a REMF (not polite to use in speech and mixed company.) I ended up with a rear area job far from the front lines. I was one of the 9 support soldiers that supported the tenth combat soldier.

So remember: many served, but most were not hardened combat soldiers. Some of us suffered, most of us were inconvenienced in many other ways. Some suffer from PTSD, most did not. Some had health issues, so did I but that doesn’t define me.

After our service ended, we went our separate ways and led different lives. You can’t recognize us without us wearing a Veterans hat. Most veterans are the people you can depend upon to get a job done, to volunteer and to serve when needed.

Each veteran of service in the US Military has his/her own story, most of us don’t bring it up, but we are proud of it. Many veterans of my era were drafted, like I was. The new, younger veterans are now all volunteers and have the desire to serve, a great quality for being a Lion.

We all serve in our own way; ask a veteran how he/she wants to serve today.

US Army Veteran Robins became a Lion in 1995, serving District 11 C2 as District Governor 2011-2012. PDG Ray is an active member of the Holt Lions Club.

(picture)  
Fire Base Mace - the View of the helicopter landing field at Fire Base Mace, June 1970

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1-30  
Diabetes Awareness Month

November 21  
MI Forum Planning Committee 7.00pm - Teleconference Call

November 23  
MD 11 Convention Planning Committee State Office 10.00am

NOVEMBER 28   
Happy Thanksgiving

December 6  
VDG Training   
Wyndham Garden Hotel  
Ann Arbor

December 6-7  
3rd Council of Governors Meeting  
Wyndham Garden, Ann Arbor

February 21-22, 2020  
Lions Michigan Forum

Check our website for updates and additional information   
[www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)

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PRIDE NEWS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S PRIDE

WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

Where does the time go? It seems I was just starting my training as Executive Director here, but it’s actually been 8 years! What a whirlwind. I am now working with my 8th Council of Governors, 8th Council Chair, 4th Administrative Assistant and our 3rd International Director. One thing remains constant: The dedication of Lions across our state.

Lions give back to the community in ways you never know will impact an individual. A Lion’s testimony was recently sent to me by Lion Doug Seward, a member of Hale Lions Club in MD 11 E2. As a young child he was aware of Lions by their signs posted around his community, but didn’t give it much thought. As a young college student hoping to study in a special program in Japan, he struggled with how to fund a full, academic year without any guarantee of employment. His father was a minister, invited to speak at a local Lions Club. What do you think happened? You guessed it – he shared his son’s story and Lions helped support his trip.

Young Doug Seward never forgot, and the experience fundamentally changed him.

Later in life he was compelled to give back for the help he received and joined Lions. His career as a mentor offered many ways to serve, and becoming a member of the largest service club in the world became part of his ministry and desire to serve others. As stated by Lion Doug,

“When we come together with others in shared purpose, we magnify the power of our shared values, resources, virtues and aspirations.”

Amen!

The next few weeks inspire giving, kindness, generosity and treasured time with family. For many, our Lions Family is the bond that keeps us together in our world of service, and extends well beyond the New Year.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving full of gratitude!

Yours in Service,

–Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S Spotlight

GOVERNOR STEVE VANTOL, MD 11 D1

“DIVERSITY IN LIONISM”

As Lions we all have a Service Journey. That’s what Lions do…We Serve and Move Forward in service to our communities and beyond together. President Choi has chosen his theme for the year, “We Serve Through Diversity.” That defines Lions even more clearly, because that is what we are. We are a global organization with 1.4 million members; large and diverse.

The first thought when mentioning diversity is ethnic diversity. Of course, clubs sometimes have different ethnic backgrounds right within the club but the place to see the real cultural ethnicity of membership in Lions is at the International Convention. It is not uncommon to be shoulder to shoulder with a person half way around the world. This year at the International Convention Africa was voted to be a new Constitutional Area. What does this mean? Weren’t there Lions Clubs in Africa prior to this year. Yes, there are 30,000 Lions in Africa, but now Africa will have an International Director. This will give the diverse continent of Africa a voice on the International Board of Directors. Who can better explain the diverse economic and cultural needs of the country than a representative from the country? Lions membership exemplifies ethnic and cultural diversity.

With that many diverse cultures, it leads to a lot of diversity in service. Some tasks are monumental but attainable when “we work together”. Diabetes our newest initiative is found throughout the world. As Lions together, worldwide, we are dedicated to fighting the diabetes epidemic to improve lives and strengthen families. On that same note, District 11D1 has a very new club, Great Lakes Bay Area Sports Lions Club. This club wants to work together with other clubs to meet larger goals. Uniting in harmony we can do more.

This brings us to a more home-based diversity, Specialty Clubs. Great Lakes Bay Area Sports Lions Club, as mentioned before, is a Specialty Club. You might think the membership of this club is addicted to sports and that all members are or must be sports minded. It may well be, but not in the way you think. They want to assist area schools and communities in raising funds for sports and youth. Putting “sports” in their name allows them to draw unique members and access unique service funding sources. It must be remembered as stated on the Lions International website, ”Each person looking to serve brings unique experiences, skills and perspective with them. And each new member can help us do even more good in our communities. Let’s recognize the good in all, and make sure those who are ready to make a difference have an opportunity to serve as Lions.” That’s what a Specialty Club offers, a chance for unique experiences and skills to be used serving.

Serving is joy to the soul. It gives the giver more than it gives the receiver. The Lions Service Journey is diverse in membership and service. The service projects are as diverse as the population. But, no matter the size or diversity of the service project, it encompasses four components, “learn, discover, act, and celebrate.”

Needs in a community is diverse. Food, clothing, medical, comfort, mobility assistance, housing, transportation, emotional support, friendship, cleanliness, education, and the list goes on. Learning of a need in a community is not hard; look around, call a community service agency, visit a school or assisted living. The need is there.

Discovering how to fill the need takes a little more time and effort. As Lions, we have all had to make phone calls or searched the web to find resources. Sometimes the project needs money, sometimes it needs materials, and sometimes it needs a human’s touch. Whatever it takes, a Lion on a mission is unstoppable. The need will be met, no matter how uncommon or diverse it may be.

Acting on the need is the fun part. Each Lion has a passion and many Lions with the same passion gets things accomplished. There is camaraderie and joy in serving. We have all made food, collected money, sold tickets, put up tables, took down tables, spent endless time at the computer, drove to a venue, and stood in the cold. It is all for the endless variety of causes Lions serve and Lions love doing it.

Celebrating the joy in the completion of a service project is sometimes an outward activity and sometimes personal joy. Many Lions enjoy fellowship in a meal or drink after the completion of a service project. Worldwide Lions celebrate the diverse service projects completed and have made friendships that are as diverse as its worldwide membership.

We Serve and Move Forward together as Lions.

DG Steve and Lion Deb VanTol

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SPOTLIGHT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S SPOTLIGHT  
GOVERNOR PAUL HO DGE, MD 11 C1

“HELEN KELLER’S SPEECH”

Helen Keller was a guest speaker at the Lions International Convention at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on June 30, 1925. She used that opportunity to ask our early Lions members if they would agree to adopt the title of “Knights of the Blind” in her crusade against darkness. The attendees at the convention, representing nearly 900 clubs, accepted her challenge and agreed to support her efforts to foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. This opportunity gave every Lion and every Lions Club, then and now, a common goal and desire to help those in need who were deprived of vision and/or hearing. This commonality among Lions has helped to grow Lions International into the largest humanitarian service organization in the world.

We, as Lions, should all be proud of the part we play in our local communities where we live, work and play by giving of our time and resources to improve the quality of life for ourselves, our families, friends and neighbors. As we celebrate 100 years of Lionism in Michigan in both peninsulas this year, always remember what drew us to the Lions in the first place...Service. We all have an obligation to ensure that our clubs remain strong and our membership remains engaged and we try to grow our respective clubs through retention and recruitment. Lions Clubs across our state may vary from 2 members in a club to over 100 members in another club, but we are all Lions no matter the size our club. We still provide service to our communities and fellow men and women who need assistance because that is what we do as Lions. We also need to recruit and encourage new leaders for our clubs to be healthy, thrive and stay relevant.

Vision, hunger, environment, diabetes and childhood cancer now serve as what I call the 5 service pillars of LCI. For nearly 95 years and counting, vision has been an emphasis for Lions and the upcoming year of 2020 can serve as a renewed rallying call for Lions across Michigan to continue our efforts to end preventable blindness and continue to assist those who are blind or visually impaired.

Helen Keller’s speech from 1925:

Dear Lions,

I suppose you have heard the poetic legend which represents Opportunity as a capricious lady who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn’t opened quickly, she passes on never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won’t wait, you have to go out and grab ‘em. I am your Opportunity, clothed in visibility. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn’t say what you are to do when several beautiful Opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you are to choose the one you love the best. I hope you will choose me. I am the youngest, and the opportunity I offer you is full of splendid possibilities of service.

The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind and was called into being by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our problems that has been reached so far. It embodies a new idea in our work, unity of effort, which is scientific and modern. It will render impartial assistance to all classes of the blind. It will make the efforts of local organizations more effective, more fruitful in results.

The time has come to regard the work for the sightless as a whole, in which the kindergarten, the school, the library, the workshop, the home for the aged blind and prevention are seen to be parts of a great movement with one end in view, namely making life more worth living for the blind everywhere. Beside the young blind, for whom existing institutions are supposed to provide, there is a large class of men and women who lose their sight when it is too late for them to go to school. Those who are in the dark from childhood are hard pressed to find their place in the work of the world; but the man suddenly stricken blind is another Samson, bound, helpless, dependent, until a way is found to unchain him.

Try to imagine how you would feel if you lost your sight tomorrow. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night, your work, your independence gone! In that dark hour wouldn’t your heart cry out for a friend to teach you how to live in the dark?

That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation for the Blind will be to all the blind if people with sight will only give it the support it must have. Adequately financed, it will help the blind in every emergency of their lives.

You have heard how I was taught—how a little word from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind, and I found myself, found the world, and found God! It is because my teacher cared about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will triumph over blindness.

This is the opportunity I offer you, Lions—to foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness, no little deaf blind child untaught, no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you, Lions—you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind—will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in my crusade against darkness?

Governor Paul Hodge

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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LIONS CELEBRATE

“NOT YOUR FATHER’S SOCK HOP”

The purpose of this event is to combine Lion’s fellowship with the collection of needed winter items for three worthy causes.

Join us for some upbeat music by a local Lion D.J. as well as some time to make special memories using an old-fashioned photo booth. Come as you are or dress for the occasion. Awards will be given out for “most spirited individuals” both in dress as well as over-all spirted. The most coveted award will be for the individual or Lions Club with the most collected packages of socks.

In keeping with the title of the event, we will be collecting men’s, women’s and children’s socks.

The “entrance fee” is a 6 pack of socks or 3 boot socks (as these are often more expensive).

Please note that during the winter holiday and early 2020 months, “buy one get one free” socks are often available. Be sure to “sock-up!”

The Collections will Benefit Three Local Charities

Men’s Homeless Shelter

Women’s Homeless Shelter / Domestic Violence Shelter

Title One Elementary and Middle School

SAVE THE DATE

2020 LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM

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THE 2020 MICHIGAN FORUM

Friday February 21

Forum Service Project

Saturday,

February 22 -

16-Breakout sessions to choose from

Luncheon

and Keynote speaker

Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Grand Blanc, Michigan

100TH ANNIVERSARY!

March 21, 2020

Join us in celebrating our 100th anniversary! That’s 100 years of community service!

Windsor Lions

Caboto Club – 2175 Parent Ave, Windsor

The Club that made Lions International

Ticket $45.00 US

Pins $5.00 US

Plaques $78.00 US

Can reserve table for 10

Hotel rooms have been blocked for those who may need to book one

Holiday Inn use Group Code QWE/Association – 517-966-1200  
King $134.99; Queen $134.99

Hampton Inn use Group Code WDL – 519-972-0770

King $139; Queen $139

For more information contact: Lion Dave Balmos [davecarol@sympatico.co](mailto:davecarol@sympatico.co)

519-791-8714

WHO’S WHO IN 2019-2020!

JOIN US MAY 14-16, 2020 IN BEAUTIFUL HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

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LIONS SPOTLIGHT

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM A VISION FOR THE FUTURE!

FEBRUARY 22ND 2020 HOLIDAY INN

GATEWAY CENTRE, GRAND BLANC, MI

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Gary Abud: Author, Science with Scarlett; Education Consultant; 2014 Teacher of the Year and Double Cornea Transplant Recipient

(pictures)

Science with Scarlett!

Gary designates 15% of the proceeds from the sale of this book go to Eversight, one of our State Projects which is dedicated to the work of

making vision a reality for individuals who need their sight restored.

EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT  
Michigan Lions Forum 2020: A Vision for the Future

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2020 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Holiday Inn Flint-Grand Blanc Area, Flint, Michigan on February 22, 2020. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of $50.00 or $85, which includes ad in proceedings booklet and one lunch ticket. The charge is fully refundable only if, for any reason, the Forum is canceled or moved to another city in a 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 released 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 the exhibit. Acceptance of an exhibitor for the MD11 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 member, officers, directors or employees shall be responsible for injury to any persons for loss or damage to property belonging to the exhibitor or any person or persons while in transit 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 In 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 or his agents, representatives, employees or any other persons.

Exhibitor Table Only: $50.00

Exhibitors Special

Exhibit Table; 1 Lunch Ticket and Full-Page Ad in the Michigan Forum Proceedings Booklet for just $85.00!

Please reserve a display table for me on February 22, 2020 at the Michigan Lions Forum held at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre – Grand Blanc, Flint, Michigan

Name

Business

Club

Billing Address

(City, State, Zip)

Home Phone

Business Phone

Email Address

Cell Phone

Do you require an electric hook-up?

Enclosed is my check for $

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m.

Public Speaking

Leo Clubs: The Future of Lions (Panel)

Diabetes

How to Run a Great Meeting

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m.

Eversight

How to Market Your Club in Your Community

Diversity

MyLCI/MyLion

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m.

Childhood Cancer

Lioness to Lions

Strictly by the Numbers

Harness the Power of Lions

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m.

Understanding Dementia & Maintaining Your Brain Health:

Now and for the Future

Millennials and Beyond/NAMI

2020: A Vision for MI Lions’ 2nd Century of Service

Creative Watercolor Class (limited to 30 participants)

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships,

Keynote Address by Mr. Gary Abud

2020 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM

ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2020 Lions of Michigan Forum

Proceedings 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” - $15.00

2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8” (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3” (horizontal)- $20.00

3. 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10” (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

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Rent an exhibitor’s table (includes one lunch ticket)

and run a full page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just $85.00!

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Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan Forum

5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

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Lion Lioness

Billing Address:

(street)

(city, state, zip)

Business Phone:

Email address:

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CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Included is a print ready ad or message

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Please design my personal or business ad to read:

Ad Size: 1/8 page 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page full page TOTAL COST: $

Signature:

DATE:

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103RD CONVENTION NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR 103RD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2020

Welcome to our 103rd International Convention in Singapore -

noted as the second safest city in the world by the Economist Magazine and one of the most expensive cities globally. Here are a few facts to round out your experience.

1) Singapore is 12 hours ahead of Detroit time; Airport code: Singapore (SIN) and Detroit (DTW)

2) Travel from Detroit to Singapore is 22 hours and 9400 miles. Detroit to Australia is 23 ½ hours and 9900 miles.

3) Singapore is located 85 miles south of the equator with its average humidity above 50%. Weather is considered tropical year-round. Daily rainstorms are possible any time but usually peak in November and December. Daily high temperatures are around 88° F, rarely falling below 85° F or exceeding 91° F. Daily lows are around 79° F and rarely fall below 77° F.

4) Singapore receives predictable haze and smoke from the slash & burn agricultural fires in nearby Sumatra, Indonesia. Travelers with respiratory problems should check the “Haze in Singapore” website.

5) No visas are required for the International Convention and those Lions staying 30 days or less. You should have a copy of your travel itinerary for customs officials.

Watch upcoming issues of the Lion Pride for more details on this exciting city and the 1003rd LCI Convention!

- PDG Bill Simpson, International Convention Chair

The 2020 Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in Singapore from June 26th to 30th 2020

INVOLVE A VETERAN PROGRAM

Involve a Veteran Program

Service to others has many faces.

Those who serve their country have made great contributions and great sacrifices. Lions Clubs International recognizes the commitment and passion of these individuals. As a way of welcoming them into the global family of Lions, the organization offers veterans and active duty service members an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions Club.\*

Lions International provides opportunities for leadership, personal fulfillment, and relationship building through community and global service activities, easing the transition to civilian life and

connecting individuals who share similar life experiences.

Veterans and active duty service members have incredible experience to offer any Lions Club they join, or any new club they bring together. They don’t just know how to get the job done – they know how to do it with teamwork and strong leadership. Their adaptability and practical service experience can create tangible contributions to their community, continuing the momentum of a life led in service to others.

Lions International is a place where kindness matters, and the ‘Involve a Veteran’ program offers servicemen and women the opportunity to be a part of our global service mission.

\*See Veteran Program Qualification Criteria and Certification Form for complete details.

2020 LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP

2020 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for Visually Impaired

Three $3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee

5700 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: 517-887-6640

Fax: 517-887-6642

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from op-tometrist or ophthalmologist or letter

1. from vocational counselor).

2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students

3. must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or ac-cepted by an accredited trade or

4. business school, college or university.

2. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).

3. Must submit two letters of recommendation.

4. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.

5. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).

6. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30th annually.

7. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation.

5. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of

6. documentation. Two weeks notice required).

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all appli-cations during January.

2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name

Phone

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 at-tend?

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)

Tuition

Books

Housing

Specialized Equipment (please specify)

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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CLUB NEWS

LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME - CLASS OF 2019

The motto for the 2019 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Class should be "pay it forward." This year's inductees have served our

association for an average of 40 years and sponsored countless new members into Lionism. In addition, they set aside time throughout

the years to volunteer for many other charities and community service organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Michigan

Special Olympics, the Masonic Lodge, Meals on Wheels, Future Farmers of America, Gift of Life and the American Red Cross.

The Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Lions of Michigan Foundation, and its purpose is to both recognize and preserve a record of the

services performed by extraordinary Michigan Lions. Each Michigan Lions District may nominate one living and one deceased Lions

member per year for induction into the Hall of Fame. Nominations may be initiated by an individual, a Lions Club or Lions District,

however, all nominations must be endorsed by the District Cabinet that represents the District where the nomination was initiated. All

nominations must be received by the Lions of Michigan Foundation by March 1 of each year - 5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, MI 48911 -

www.lmsf.net - [info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net) - 517-887-6640 (Voice) - 517-887-6642 (Fax).

JOHN MORGAN

11-A1 District

Governor, 1979-1980

TONY CAPOZZO

11-A2 District Governor,

2007-2008

GEORGE COLE

11-B2 District Governor,

1988-1989

JAMES DUNN

11-C2 Cabinet

Secretary, 2001-2002

ALICE ZAJAC

11-D1 District Governor,

1997-1998

TERRY BOWERMAN

11-D2 District Governor, 2005-

2006 - Council Chair, 2008-2009

LYNN MAST

11-E1 District Governor,

2006-2007

(picture)

PDG Tony Capozzo's sons

(Charlie, Nick and Scott)

accept his 2019 Hall of Fame

Induction Certificate from

Tony's long-time friend and

Richmond Lions Club

member Keith Rengert

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LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP NEWS

BEAR LAKE CAMP 4 OUR KIDS

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For Our Kids is a 5 year capital campaign to raise $500,000 that

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GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR NEWS

FIRST, WE DO, THEN WE REPORT!

As the world's largest service organization, it is important that we report all of our service activities. Most of are accustomed to hearing about the number of members that we have worldwide. However, when we are asked how many projects are done or the number of people served, we are less likely to know this number or even heard these statistics. Many Lions and Leos don’t know these facts because the people who have access to the information has been limited in the past. And those that have access to the information often haven’t shared the information widely.

Well that all changed in July of 2019 with the adoption of the myLION reporting platform. The myLION platform allows access to this information to any Lion or Leo. You will be able to see the number of people served, the number of projects completed, and the number of people served per club member.

In the past, Lions use different credentials, user IDs and passwords, to access different applications. With the recent changes, each Lion will have one user ID and password for myLCI and myLION. As additional applications are added this username and password will work for them as well. This is known as a universal login for all our Lions systems. Your Lion Account gives you access to myLCI (for officers), myLion and Shop.

If you already have a myLCI username and password, you’re set and don’t need to create a new set of credentials for myLion. Your credentials will become your Lion Account credentials. If you are a new user who is not registered before, you’ll be asked to create a Lion Account.

There are two key things that a club can do to help a Lion get registered for a Lion Account and using myLion.

First, update every club members’ information in MyLCI, and most importantly, provide a personal email address or mobile phone for EACH club member.

Next, make sure you club secretaries provide every Lion with a copy of their Member ID. Once members are logged into myLion they’ll be able to access and control their personal data. Until they are registered, they’ll still need support.

myLion is one platform that can be used on your desktop computer, laptop, tablet, mobile phone, or any device with a web browser. When many of us think of myLion, we think of the myLion mobile application, the first version of myLion that was available. However, myLion is now also available as a website, so you can access it from any device with a web browser.

myLion, whether you login on your laptop or open up the app on your phone, helps us connect and serve. It helps us do what Lions have always done, more easily. With myLion you can:

• Plan upcoming service activities, meetings, and fundraisers and take advantage of new, Lions driven service planning resources related to all of our global causes.

• Club officers with reporting access, can quickly report service activities on myLion.

• myLion users can directly send messages to one another-they can

even send group messages which makes coordinating any kind of Lions event easier.

myLion is new, but it’s core features- planning, connecting, reporting, and controlling our information- are not. Instead, myLion combines the great work that Lions do on one platform, making it easier to manage activities, keep club members updated, and encourage participation in our association. Many of myLion’s features support the day to day activities of any Lion or Leo.

Training on my myLION is important. Some Lions and Leos have found it easy to use while others have not. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in training, there are two videos posted on youtube that can help.

How to report a past activity:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kP3498MrHxE>

How to report a future activity:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npuTGERBctE>

As many people learned in the in-person training, it is easier to report a past activity while a Club Secretaries and Club Presidents gets used to using the new reporting software. There are advantages to reporting a future activity as you can invite club members to participate by sending them an invitation.

As the world's largest service organization, it is important that we report all of our service activities. myLion allows reporting of activities by placing them in the 5 major categories that LCI is focusing on for the next 100 years of service – vision, hunger, environment, pediatric cancer, and diabetes. In addition, there is a miscellaneous category for items that don’t fit in the other areas. Just remember your service event isn't done unit myLION is done.

To complete the reporting of a service project, myLion has provided an asterisk by all mandatory fields. The “continue” button won’t turn to a bright orange color if a required field is not entered. There are several fields that are required that were not required in the past. Some of these items include: number of Lions involved, number of Lion hours served, and number of people served.

Once an activity is reported, it will turn the club’s metrics but his does not happen immediately. If you are finding that your club’s metrics are not changing after 24 hours, use one of the methods below to obtain support and problem solving. It is important to remember that only service projects change the banner’s metrics. Fundraising and meetings do not change the metrics.

If you are having problems with the software and already have a username and password, please follow the steps in myLION for "Support" on the top of the banner bar. You will need to identify yourself by lion’s member number, club number, phone number, and what issue you are having. Someone from LCI will address your issue.

In addition to using the “Support” tool within the application, Lions Clubs International is available to help any user who needs assistance creating a Lion Account or the myLion platform. There are several ways to contact the team for support:

• MyLion Support phone number: 630-468-7000

• MyLion Support email: [www.mylionsupport@lionsclubs.org](http://www.mylionsupport@lionsclubs.org)

• Support Hours: Monday- Friday, 8:00am – 4:30 pm CST (Chicago time)

If you are having a simple issue, that you do not believe is related to the programming, you may also reach out to your district resources or to me for problem solving. I would be happy to see if I can help resolve your issues.

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Lansing Host Lions Club has completed a project that started in 2011 as a plan for a sensory garden at Potter Park Zoo, dedicated in 2012.

In 2014, Justin Taylor of Earth Tones Landscaping was commissioned to design a waterfall. With help from Cottage Gardens,Potter Park Zoo director, Cindy Wagner, and Ingham County’s, ground was broken in late August 2019.

Lansing Lions President Roger Boettcher was instrumental in making this vision a reality, and not only does the Centennial Waterfall commemorate Lions of Michigan 100th Anniversary, but Potter Park Zoo’s 100th Anniversary, as well. Sadly, Lion Roger’s right-hand man, Lion Ken Harvey, Master Gardener passed away unexpectedly six days prior to the dedication of the waterfalls. He was a Lion with 41 years of service.

Thank you, Lansing Lions, for this beautiful gift to Potter Park Zoo and our community!

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Bedford Township Lions raced in the "Bedrace to Aid Children, Inc" 2019. With our Leo's joined by Lion Garnet Francis dressed as a Lion on our team, they came in 4th in the adult division. We also donated $5,000.00 to this very worthy cause. It was a beautiful, fun day for everyone involved!

Canton Lion Timmy Pickett invited Dr. Nelson Cauthen to speak to Lions today. He talked about a good program on teaching children to read before kindergarten. Thanks to both you guys for all you do in your jobs to help us all.

Livonia Lions Club assisted Kids Coalition Against Hunger and 140 volunteers packing over 45,000 in just over two hours last Saturday at St. Edith Church. Two-thirds of these meals will be distributed in and around Livonia, the remaining will help replenish the 500,000 meals recently sent to the Bahamas for disaster relief. Lion Pride!!

Pictured are Lions Kevin Burke, Al Blanchard and Kohl's Cares volunteers.

Wyandotte Lions Club Park, located on the corner of Vinewood and Ninth is a hidden gem! Each year, the Wyandotte Lions Club donates $250 for the Playground sponsorship. The City of Wyandotte does a great job of maintaining the Park. This year new safety mulch has been applied under the play equipment!

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Grosse Pointe Lions 21st Annual GP Lions Club Jingle Bell Walk/Run (2.2 miles)- Nov. 23

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The Royal Oak Lions Club had a great time at our Sporcle Trivia event at the Berkley American Legion Stanley J. Fons Post 374. We raised a lot of money for the Leader Dogs for the Blind! We are thankful for our fearless leader, Lion Laura Mastracci.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club is installing a barrier-free playground at River Bend Park off 22 Mile Road between Shelby & Ryan Roads.

The Richmond Lions Club supports community projects supporting our children, residents and businesses. Club member Joyce Rodzos took on the scarecrow contest by providing our scarecrow lion at the corner of Main and Division.

The New Baltimore Lions Club partnered with the New Baltimore Civic Club for their 2nd annual coat drive/cold-weather gear giveaway in early November. They collected over 300 coats to give away. Any coats or cold weather items not picked up during the giveaway weekend were donated to churches, hospitals and charities in the local area, as well as organizations in Detroit.

The DeVos family again took on the trick or treat event at the Richmond Fire Hall on Halloween where club members and volunteers join businesses and service organizations with activities and treats for kids.

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Become a Puppy Raiser! Leader Dogs for the Blind is currently looking for more people who are interested in serving as a volunteer puppy raiser. By “raising” a Future Leader Dog, you’ll help a person who is blind or visually impaired gain confidence, and the ability to travel safely and independently. Raising a Future Leader Dog won’t only change someone else’s life- it will also change yours! For more information about raising Leader Dog puppies, visit <https://www.leaderdog.org/volunteer/raise-a-puppy/>

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District 11-B1 Lions Clubs are super when it comes to service! We were able to deliver 3 van loads of yarn to the Coldwater Lakeland Correctional Facility on October 24th. We have had great support from clubs with cash donations, yarn donations and some clubs are now also making cancer caps. The inmates at the Lakeland Correctional Facility will be using the yard to crochet cancer caps for us to distribute to local hospitals where there are children with cancer. This will be a District 11-B1 project for the year. Thank you to the following clubs that have already contributed to the Childhood Cancer project: Battle Creek Host, Battle Creek Cereal City, Clark Lake, Dexter, Pittsford, Jackson Eye Openers and Region 3. If clubs still wish to donate to the Childhood Children's Cancer Cap Project, please send checks to the District Treasurer, Anita Hoyt or send yarn to PDG Bert Sexton who is the chairperson for the District of Childhood Cancer.

Blissfield Area Lions Club. Abby Sanchez, Blissfield Migrant Program coordinator, Matthew Yeager, Trades Instructor at the Optical Lab at Gus Harrison Correctional Facility, and Stan Masters, Blissfield Area Lions Club President worked collaboratively to provide an eye exam and eyeglasses for an elementary student and a middle school student in October. This is the first year of an agreement with the Michigan Optical Lab to provide eyeglasses for Blissfield students. Eyeglass donations from Lions Clubs across the State provide the opportunity for training for prison workers to learn new skills in the optical field, as well as providing services to local students who need eyeglasses.

The Albion Lions Club is pleased to announce that they received a grant from the Community Foundation's Riverfront Development and Environmental Fund in the amount of $799.72.

During the last two years, Lions Clubs celebrated their centennial with "Legacy Projects." With the approval of the City of Albion, the Albion Lions undertook beginning the refurbishing of the bridges and bench behind the large pavilion in Victory Park. The Park is a gathering place for family reunions, "Swingin' at the Shell," one of the best disc golf courses in the country, school groups, three-on-three basketball, tennis, kayaking, and walking. Victory Park is a treasure for the community, but it requires a good bit of maintenance. The Albion Lions have always had an affinity for the park and have planted trees there in the past. Because the Albion Lions are officially twinned with the Lions in Noisy-le-Roi, France, and they had received our support in replacing the trees that were destroyed in the straight-line-winds at Versailles, they sent money to buy and to plant new trees. The Albion Lions next project was to re-stain and refurbish (replace some planking) the three bridges and the bench as the Kalamazoo River cascades through the park. Given the harshness of winter and a cool last summer, the Albion Lions did not finish their refurbishment. This work will be the completion of that project.

The Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club partnered with Washington Intermediate School District Teacher Consultants for the Visually Impaired to donate braille materials to the Louis Braille Memorial Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Bangladesh!

They sent braille materials they can no longer use in education due to the transition from English Braille Code American Edition to Unified English Braille Code.

The library seeks and accepts braille materials from both English braille codes and provides free services to children, youth, and adults who are deaf blind, deaf, partially sighted, visually impaired, and physically handicapped in Bangladesh.

The Munith Lions Club helped with funding and human resources for refurbishing the Munith Lions Community Park. Along with refurbishing and repainting picnic tables, new playground equipment was installed along with a library exchange box and dog waste station. A new bicycle repair and tire pump station was also included. Dreary weather and rain did not stop the communities from coming together to participate in or enjoy the festivities of the Munith Lions Club annual Halloween Parade. Grand Marshall George Brewster of Brewster Tire led the procession, with the festive sound of the Stockbridge marching band filling the air. The Henrietta Fire Department was on hand giving demonstrations of the new Lucas chest compression machine, on loan to the township. The Munith Lions Club presented them with a check of toward the purchase of their own Lucas chest compression machine.

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Dexter Lions Christmas Tree Sale, beginning November 29, Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Rd., Dexter.

Ann Arbor Lions Host Feast for Families--12 food baskets will be provided to families; food baskets will contain a complete Thanksgiving dinner for 12 families

Marshall Lions Dec. 2nd, 55th Annual Marshall Christmas Parade, Marshall, MI from 7 PM to 8:30 PM, Marshall Lions Club will be having an entry including KidSight Trailer. Please contact Timi Perry at 269-420-7179 for questions or more info.

Dexter Lions Apple Daze, Community Festival run by Dexter Lions; Staffed two football games; dedication of alternative education building, named for Dexter Lion Lou Ceriani; reprint of coloring book for distribution in the community; distributed candy at Halloween in the Park.

Jackson Lions Host Daffodil planting- 44 volunteers- 2,400 bulbs. JAXPO- Business fair. Shared booth with Pearl Vision. Did Kid-Sight screening in conjunction with- 12 screens- no referrals. Passed out Pearl Vision/Jackson Host bags to fair goers. Kicked off Nut sale fundraiser- our largest. Decorated the Denton Street Bridge for Halloween- paid for with member equity.

Manchester Lions 50 Christmas blankets and neck scarves made/delivered for Maggie’s Wigs 4 Kids- Christmas Party, 42 Christmas necklaces beaded on 10/8 for Maggie’s Wigs 4 Kids also delivered on 10/11. Manchester and Battle Creek Cereal City took part. Supplied CRC with Weekend Kids Meals canned goods $300.00 worth.

Jackson Eyeopeners 12 members worked on Candy Days, Oct. 3,-5, 24 hours total, $665; One member joined other Lions Clubs to plant daffodils at Sharp Park, for 2 hours; We donated paper products to Bennett School; 5 members served lunch at Jackson Interfaith Shelter, 8 hours; we collected 75 pair of used eyeglasses; one member volunteered 20 hours at Hospice.

Jackson Cascades The club members including Lion James Van Slette, Lion Sam Barnes and Lion Looja Tuladhar attended the Daffodil plantation event organized by Jackson County Daffodil Society. Total of 2200 bulbs were planted in Ella Sharp Park on 10/05/2019. The guest speaker Wendy Wright Lars Carlson from “Together We can Make a Difference” spoke at our general meeting on 10/28/2019

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Just like previous years, the Paw Paw Lions were heavily involved with making Paw Paw’s Wine & Harvest Festival a hit. Their Brat Booth made sure there was food and drink available at a reasonable price. The duck race was a record breaking start as the ducks refused to get to far away from the starting drop point.

Eventually with the help of the Boy Scouts and Lions the ducks were coaxed towards the finish line. The Duck Race beneficiaries, each getting a (real) check for $1,300. L-R: Lion Janet Wartman with the American Cancer Society Gold Together Program (Childhood Cancer), Scott Dean with Great Lakes Burn Camp, Lisa Mearing & Autumn Zick with Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Duck Race Chair Lion Tammie Graboswki, and Lion Starr Rife with Blue Star Mothers.

Buchanan Galien Lions are gearing up for their annual nut sales. Lions, Leos, family and friends from the community helped package the product. Distribution stands will be set up and sales begin on October 28th and will run until mid-Dec or all product is sold.

Bloomingdale Gobles Kal Haven Lions Patsy Richardson and Bill Gingas helped assemble 130 breakfast packs for the Bloomingdale elementary Hand 2 Hand program. Organized by the Bloomingdale Methodist and Journey churches, the program prepares breakfast, lunch and dinner food packs to send home on weekends with students participating in the program. Shown above are volunteers assembling breakfast packs.

Portage Lion Amy Blankshain helped a student to fit into their new shoes that the club provided for kids heading back to school

The newly chartered Lawrence Leo Club was inducted by District Governor John and Zone Chair Amy Thackston on October 23rd. Pictured far left is ZC Amy then DG John Postelli and the new Leos. Welcome Leos!!!!!

Several Paw Paw Lions, along with members of the Country Quilters, made character pillowcases for the children at Bronson Children’s Hospital. The 80 finished pillowcases and hero capes, were delivered at Projects Night.

The City of Portage hosted its annual Monster Mash party last October 19, 2019 at Ramona Park. Portage Lions Club were one of the sponsors of this event and gave away 40 lbs of candies.

Citizens everywhere were invited to participate in this family-friendly event. Attractions included trick-or-treating, themed balloon animals, obstacle courses and a haunted hayride down a forest trail.

Members present were: Pres. Laura Berry as Glenda, Sec. Elvie Marfil as Lion, Tres. PDG Bill Phillips as Oz, MC Amy Blankshain, Tamer Jarrod Permenter as Tin Man, 2nd VP/Director Ruth Phillips as Scare crew and Cub Alaina Marfil as Dorothy.

Sturgis Lions enjoyed a potluck supper at the home of incoming President Elizabeth Datkovic, where they planned objectives for the coming year. Their last project, the Larry Frisbee Golf Tournament, (a joint endeavor with the Centreville Lions Club) was a resounding success! Sturgis Lions are also answering the call to serve by volunteering to help with functions at the Sturgis-Young Center for the Arts, and at Sturgis school athletic events.

Three Rivers Lions honored PDG Lion George Cole as was inducted into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame in August. Lion George’s nieces wanted his memory to live on and his award to be displayed in his home club so they donated these items. Along with his award placed in a shadow box are his DG gavel and pin, roster book, and some of his other pins.

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White Pigeon Lions hosted a ham and bean soup dinner on October 11.

Coloma Lioness Lions will host a Give Back Tastes Great Event on October 16.

Coloma Lions will host the Great Pumpkin Derby on October 26.

Covert Township Lions will host an authentic Tamale dinner on November 2.

St. Joseph Lions will host their Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show on November 2.

Mattawan Lions will host a Holiday Carnival on December 7

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Grand Rapids Lions Club celebrated their 100th Anniversary on November 6th, 2019. Brian E. Sheehan, 2nd Vice President of Lions Club International, was the guest speaker for the evening. Their celebration also included dinner, a video presentation and a performance from the band Mid-Life Crisis.

The Muskegon Northside Lions honored Vietnam veterans at a dinner with over 200 people who were privileged to hear Medal of Honor recipient Jim “Doc” McCloughan speak.

Muskegon Host Lions Club celebrated their 100th Anniversary on November

10th, 2019. Lion Terry Sabo and PID Dennis Cobler had the pleasure of speaking at the 100th Anniversary dinner...... one hundred years of service by the Muskegon Host Lions Club.

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The Fruitport Lions Club has partnered with the Fruitport Fire Department this year to sell Christmas trees and take donated winter-wear clothing for children. All proceeds from tree sales will be donated to local children’s charities. Monetary donations will also

be accepted. This service starts November 29th and goes through December 22nd every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the North Pole Ice Cream Shop.

Sparta Lions Club The parade is coming soon!!! We are happy to announce that it will start Friday, November 22, 2019 at 5:45 pm with a procession from Family Farm and Home down main street and stop in front of the Christmas Tree that is located in the Dollar General Parking Lot, across from the Eagles Club. After the floats are parked, Santa will light the tree and the street lights and then the floats will hand out candy and if weather permits, the Dance with Me float will put on a quick show. If there is anyone that would still like to add a float, please email [mawrightwayapp@gmail.com](mailto:mawrightwayapp@gmail.com) for details.

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The DeWitt Lions Club President Patrick Donlon introduced Ms. Nichole Lundy and Mr. Andrew May from FYZICAL Therapy and Balance Center, DeWitt. They informed the den on the importance of Balance; The three SENSORY Systems of the body and how they work together. Next, they offered tips on “How you can HELP yourself” and “How FYZICAL Therapy Can HELP” One way is a FREE Fall Risk Screening. Statistics are

that (1) every 11 seconds an older adult is treated in ER for a fall; (2) 1/3 of People over 65 fall annually; and (3) Every 19 minutes an older person dies due to a fall. Sobering stats for all of us. President Donlon thanked them for their enlightening program and presented Ms. Lundy and Mr. May with a DeWitt Lions Breakfast Club pen.

Grand Ledge Lion, Lt. Col. Terry Dankenbring, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Honored. On November 8, 2019, the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs at Lansing Community College will honor three Michigan men who served honorably in the Armed Forces with distinguished service to our country. Lt. Col. Terry Dankenbring, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), has been selected for induction into the LCC Veterans Memorial. Lt. Col. Dankenbring was inducted during the 10th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the Lansing Community College downtown campus. Terry Dankenbring began his career in the Air Force in March of 1959 and served as a navigator/bombardier in the B-52. During the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, Terry accumulated nearly 5000 hours of flying time in the B-52 and in 1966 flew 12-hour missions over Vietnam with 115 combat sorties. Two years prior to his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in December of 1958, he married Nancy Haueter and in 1963 a daughter (Delee) was born. Delee followed militarily, and served also in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Major in 2006. Terry served out of at least eight different military bases, including the Pentagon and Wurt-smith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan from which he retired on June 1, 1983. Lion Terry started his service as a Grand Ledge Lion on November 1, 1986. Congratulations to Lt. Col. Terry Dankenbring, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) for an honor well deserved.

District Governor Becky Hamilton made her official visit to the MSU Campus Lions Club. DG Becky attended the meeting, observed the usual, unusual nature of Campus Lions Club meetings. Meeting in a large lecture hall meeting room with mostly empty seats seems normal to the MSU Lions. DG Becky got a chance to meet the Club President Alexa Wright and some of the other officers. She then inducted 16 new Lions into to the MSU Campus Club. Another 6 of the 22 new members will receive their Lion Pins and Membership Certificates at a later time. Things move fast at a Campus Club; the new members’ induction ceremony was halfway through the first semester. There will be another recruiting drive at the start of the next semester with more new members again soon. In between meetings the MSU Lions are busy with school and doing more service activities than any other Club in the District.

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Ovid Lions Club

Carriage Days food court sales totaled $2191.50. Our profit for the weekend was $1144.30. Last year sales were $1571.31, and our profit was $662.62. Thank you to all who helped make it a great weekend.

Olivet Lions Club

On October 14, 2019, the Olivet Lions in conjunction with area churches, Olivet College and Olivet High School hosted the 3rd Annual Harvest Dinner. 100% of the proceeds, $3040, were donated to the Olivet Good Neighbor program food pantry.

Bretton Woods Lions Club

Red Cross Blood Drive. Chairperson Lion Karen Kaercher, Volunteer Hours - 30 hours and 30 minutes; Frank Baldwin and his wife, Cathy, also assisted. There were 55 Total Donors, 51 Presenting Donors, 46 units were collected. No Double Reds were collected at this donation event.

Holt Lions Club

October 27th the Holt Lions Club, Delhi Township Fire Department, and Parks & Recreation Department hosted “Halloween in the Park.” It was a lot fun for all. There were about 1200 people (adults and kids dressed up) and 30 venders passing out gift certificates and lots candy for everyone.

Health items to loan

Health items to loan/donate—Contact Lion Dunn, DeWitt Lions Club for Canes, Crutches, Walkers and Wheel Chairs.

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Swartz Creek Lions president Kerry Morgan visited 5 clubs (Gaines, Linden, Fenton, Lennon and Grand Blanc) and presented them with appreciation certificates for assisting with the club’s annual spaghetti dinner/fund raiser.

St Charles Lions Club partnered with the Freeland Lions and the St. Charles National Honor Society students to play Bingo with Veterans at the VA Hospital in Saginaw. It was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon! $120 in prize money was awarded to 11 Veterans. The students and Lions were happy to have the opportunity to serve together.

Mayville Lions Club On October 26th, held their 5th annual “Made in the Thumb” showcase, which was a huge success. The hall was full of vendors selling quality, unique items. Pictured is Grace Middleton, winner of the 2019 Youth Exchange district essay contest. She recently visited her sponsoring club Mayville and shared her fond memories abroad. Mayville also had a surprise visit in October from Inter Director Justin Faber.

Grand Blanc Lions held their 5th annual “Turkeys in the Park” with help from the Gaines Lions and Fenton Lions. We braved cold temperatures to ensure local children had a fun time painting pumpkins, jumping in a bounce house, getting their faces painted, and enjoying donuts, cider, and hot chocolate. We also raffled off 20 frozen turkeys.

Frankenmuth Lions Club recently donated 400 Pocket U.S. Constitutions to fifth grade students at Frankenmuth St. Lorenz Middle School, Frankenmuth Ritmueller Middle School, Immanuuel Lutheran in Frankentrost, and Birch Run Marshall Greene Middle School. This is

an annual project for the club which includes a lesson plan for teachers to use. Many schools use these materials on Constitution Day, September 17. The booklet contains the Constitution & Declaration of

Independence. At the back of the Constitution there is a topical index. In the center of the booklet are 24 perforated flash cards. The questions on the flash cards include the information the students will learn. The Frankenmuth Lions Club has participated in this project for the past 9 years, which is part of the “A CONSTITUTION IN EVERY 5TH

GRADERS POCKET” project started by a Lions member in Colorado in 1996.

During the special October 18th, 19th, hunt for disabled persons, the Mayville Disabled Veterans support group - VFW, American Legion and Lions Club - working with Wheelin Team 457, sponsored a hunt for a group of disabled veterans. Hunting from their wheelchairs, with a selfimposed rule of 8 points or more, all but one of our veterans bagged a nice buck. The largest was this 11 pointer dropped by Mike Leonard.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

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Bay City Lion Al Eichhorn was given recognition by District Governor Steven VanTol for recruiting 21 new members in the last year and a half. The Bay City Lions membership is up by 10 members over last year to 218 in part because of Lion Al. He continues on his goal of 30 new members by the end of 2019 & each week brings several guests to the BayCity Lions luncheons.

Flint Downtown Host Lions Club recently obtained two eyeglass recycle containers that will be placed in separate optometrist offices. They are planning a joint 100 year anniversary party with the Saginaw Lions Club and would like to express their gratitude to the Millington Club for assisting them with this endeavor. A soup luncheon fundraiser is being planned for after the holidays.

Flushing Lions Club took the Top Dog Award for District 11D1 as they contributed in 2018-19 a little over $10,000 to Leader Dog. The award consisted of a plus dog, a certificate to the effect of the Top Dog status, Top Dog Pins for the Club and an Award Badge for our awards banner. To top that off Lion Kristin Shively was awarded the President’s Award for her contributions to the school. She has raised 7 puppies from the raisers program and gave birth to a number of litters of puppies turning them back to the chool in 7 weeks. In total she has provided between 43 and 45 puppies to the program. She was also the organizer behind acquiring the Top Dog Award.

Lion Kristin Shively and three other members, Yetiva Allen, Irene Spinney and Peggy Yats made Dryer Balls from wool that was mostly contributed to them and sold them at various craft shows along with other crafts they made to raise the $7,500 that were pledged over a three-year period to support naming a Kennel for the club. The project was finished in just over one year. Keep in mind that one half of that team of Flushing Lions are legally Blind. There was also the start of a scrap metal drive which occurred at the same time.

11 D2

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Memphis Lions Club presented the Superintendent and Principal of Memphis Schools certificates of appreciation. Brad Gudme and Susan Hankins have been working with the Memphis Lions on several events.

This is a give and take when it comes to what the Lions and Schools interact with. We start off the year with the school’s “Winter Carnival” which includes KidSight screening. We generally screen 70 or more children. We go into “Arbor Day” with trees for the 4th graders. The 5th grade class goes on a “Story Book Walk” on Lions property; the Leos take over the walk showing the children book pages that are laminated and secured onto a post. There is also a demonstration on trying to walk with a cane while blindfolded. Our puppy raiser brings the puppy and explains about Leader Dogs for the Blind. The children also experience braille on pages and try to read the material. In September we do “Constitution Day” with pocket constitutions. The Leos also come over to the Elementary School and assist with quizzing the 5th grade class. Memphis Lions sponsors the Peace Poster contest with children 11-13 years old. They create a poster that epitomizes a theme that Lions Clubs International establishes each year.

Capac Lions organized Trunk and Treat at the elementary school in Capac on Oct 18. We served 538 kids with candy. This keeps the kids off the street and into a contained environment. Five Capac Lions were involved with this event.

Lexington Lions celebrated their 80th. Anniversary with an open house and after a “Dinner – Dance Halloween” party There were a lot of Lions there IPDG Jack Kriete and 1st. Vice District Governor Dr. Sami Makhoul and other officers from the District. Lionism is about.

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Euchre Almont Lions Every 2nd Sat at 7:00 PM 222 Water St. Almont Sept. thru May food at midpoint

Euchre Applegate Lions 1st. & 3rd. Fridays at 6:30 pm 2630 Sherman Rd. Applegate food served

Bingo Pearl Beach Lions Thu. at 6:30 PM 9590 Phelps,Clay Twp.

Bingo Lexington Lions Fri. at 6:30 PM 6964 Huron, Lexington

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Big Rapids Lions Club members spend hours during the fall working the concession stand at Top Taggart Field, Ferris State University. They are joined by spouses, students from the College of Optometry, and Lions from other clubs to assist. Funds raised from this effort are used to support local organizations, club projects (such as delivery of dictionaries and constitutions to school children), and to organizations supported by Lions (such as Eversight and Lions Foundation). Lions getting ready to work! and PDG Harry Johnson and Melissa Wynn from the Baldwin Club.

Big Rapids Lions getting ready to work! PDG Harry Johnson and Melissa Wynn from the Baldwin Club assist Big Rapids club members.

Stanwood Lions Club was offered a Dining with Diabetes class. The class was held the week of October 21 and A1C testing was done.

Stanwood Club also hosted an "end of the season" night celebration for children with special needs that are in the equestrian group. Each participant was given a prize.

Coleman Lions Club celebrated 79 years of service to the Coleman area with their 10th annual Charter Night Dinner and Auction in October. Around 140 guests attended this year, the most ever! This year’s Heart of a Lion awards went to two non-Lions, Shirley McCallister and Norine Hall, who regularly help with used glasses cleanings. Our thanks to the many District Lions who were able to join us this year; from the Lions Clubs of Baldwin, Big Rapids, Cedar-Maple City, Midland, Onekama, Shepherd, and White Cloud.

Coleman Lions and "Friends" cleaned up a stretch of US 10 in October. Six Lions and five friends, including a former Peace Poster winner and her family, collected 27 bags of trash.

Crystal Lions Club held a KidSight screening at the annual Crystal Halloween party in the Community Center. Lion Laura Smith operated the camera while Lions Christina Low and Ann Roeseler handled paperwork. Lions Fred Low, Doug Smith, and IPDG Al Roeseler greeted and recruited families. Nineteen children were screened during the 1 1/2 hour party, with two referrals.

Greenville Lions Club had its first annual community-wide thank you breakfast at Castle Brewing Company with an invitation to those who attended to make a donation to the local food bank.

Greenville Lions wanted to show our appreciation for the support the community has given to our various projects. Two shopping carts of groceries and $186.00 in donations were collected for the Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Midland Lions Jim and Pat Dunlap made a trip to Ferris in Big Rapids to deliver the eye glasses that our Lions have collected since last Fall. Lion Pat is pictured with this year’s haul. Most of the glasses are collected by our Lions Mint Route volunteers: Al Ducham, Pat Dunlap, Ollie Juengel, and Doug Ward.

The Midland Lions Club also hosted an annual banquet honoring the Midland County High School Cross Country Teams. Midland Lions have hosted this program for more than 40 years and Lion Eldon Dean has chaired it for many years. We have chosen to do this because Cross Country runners do not get a lot of recognition. This year runners from 3 of the schools attended with their coaches and family.

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Sand Lake Lions Club – Annual Variety Sale, Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 9 am – 3 pm at the Sand Lake Methodist Education Building

Windsor Lions Club - 100th Anniversary Celebration

11 E2

DG Dave Zeller

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East Jordan Lions Club recently presented a check for $3000 to Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop in East Jordan. This completes the Lion's pledge of $14,000 to their building fund. Pictured are King Lion Greg McGeorge, and Carol Weidlich, Crossroads treasurer.

Cheboygan Lions Club members listen to Staci Przybylowicz of Cheboygan, talk about her experience with her new K-9 partner Sandy, and the training they went through at Leader Dogs for the Blind, at Rochester Hills MI.

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp building crew continues to be busy. Lions Ann, Tony, Chuck, and Bill Gaines recently completed a ramp for a resident on Cedar Lake Road. The next door neighbor of the ramp recipient was so appreciative of our efforts to help the handicapped individual that he sent a thank you note and a donation of $50.

Hillman Lions Club first project of the year with the fifth graders, we made cards with the students on Monday and then had snacks. Thanks to Linda Harris, Carleen Klein, Lisa Ferguson and Mark and Jan Pankner for providing snacks. A special thanks to Carleen Klein for cutting out all of the really neat decorations that the students used on their cards. The next day we delivered them to the residents of Medilodge. Both the students and the Medilodge residents really enjoyed the visit.

Oscoda Lions Club Paul Bunyan “Five K Raffle” was a tremendous success. All 3,000 tickets were sold prior to the Paul Bunyan Festival and over $12,000 has been added to our activities budget to support our many community projects.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

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Boyne Valley Lions Club August Donations United Way - $211.00 toward support of the 211 number.

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