

LIONS PRIDE WE SERVE

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LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM 2020

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE



We're off to an exciting start to 2020 with the Lions Michigan Forum February 21-22! Lions, Lioness and Leos from across the state will take part in a group service project on Friday evening. All attendees are asked to bring men's, women's and children's socks as your admittance to the sock-hop for donation to three area shelters.

Saturday's Forum offers sixteen breakout sessions over a four-hour period, with lunch to follow and the keynote address. Public Speaking, How to Run a Great Meeting, Marketing Your Club in Your Community and We Serve Through Diversity are just a few of the topics that will strengthen your leadership skills.

The Forum committee is excited to have Mr. Gary Abud as our keynote speaker this year. He is an award-winning author, educator and double cornea transplant recipient who, since having his sight restored, was moved to use his teaching gifts to make science fun for children. His partnership with Eversight has grown over the years, and a portion of proceeds from his book, Science with Scarlett, go to benefit Eversight. Look for his book-signing table in the Exhibitor area.

Be sure to check out the Exhibitors and Vendor tables at the Forum! Their attendance is an important part of the Forum and adds a fun, festive atmosphere to this ever popular event.

Make your reservations today at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc and plan to join your fellow members at the Forum. Contact the hotel at 810-232-5300.

BREAKOUT SESSION HIGHLIGHT BY VDG DAVID ANDERSON 11B1 HOW TO RUN A GREAT MEETING

VDG David Anderson was born and raised in Central Michigan with two brothers. He proudly served eight-years in the United States Air Force following his high school graduation where he became a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Air Force's Airman Leadership School.

He furthered his education by completing The Wharton School of Business' Wealth Planning Essentials Program. He is licensed by the state of Michigan for life, accident, and health insurance. David occasionally provides market commentary on WSGW radio's Ticker Tip and Money in Your Pocket segments.

Lion David volunteers with several non-profits including the Jackson Host Lions Club, Lions Clubs International's District 11-B1, and Saginaw Field and Stream. He is a member of Saginaw County's Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network and a 2018 graduate of their Leadership Saginaw County program. David attended the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute (2017), Graduate Institute (2018), and Masters Institute (2019).

Lion David and his wife Anna have six children. Their children are very active, which occupies most of their free time. When he is not busy with his family, VDG David enjoys shooting guns competitively and hunting.

In his session you will learn the ABC's of how to run –and enjoy– a great meeting. This session will cover key factors in how to run your meetings as a prepared, informed and engaged leader.



I.Meeting Basics	II.Before the Meeting	III.Leading the Meeting	IV.After the Meeting
Functions of meetings Types of meetings - Venue	Objective Prepare	Call to Order Meeting Fun, Engaging, Focused - Motion to Adjourn	Attendee-Evaluation Self-Evaluation

Friday Night Service Project at the Michigan Forum
Presented by the Global Service Team
Friday, February 21 - 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.
HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE, GRAND BLANC
"NOT YOUR FATHER'S SOCK-HOP"



7:30-9:30 P.M. Friday, February 21, 2020
Bring your donation of men's, women's and children's socks to benefit local shelters and schools

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 spirited. 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

For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING Events:

January
Hunger Awareness Month

February
Childhood Cancer Awareness

February 6
MD 11 GAT Applications Due

February 7-9
Winter Camp for the Blind

February 21-23
Lions Michigan forum
Holiday Inn Gateway Center

February 22-23
Council of Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn Gateway Center

March 7
Annual Lions Day at the UN
New York City

April 24-May 3
White Cane Week

Check our website for updates and additional information

www.lionsofmi.com



WELCOME TO THE MICHIGAN FORUM 2020!

> PRIDE NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Pride
 WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2020 arrived without fail, and along with a new year comes a time for reflection: Taking a look inward for self-improvement, letting go of the old and embracing the new.

Studies have shown that service clubs make communities stronger, more interesting and more engaged. Sounds like a New Year's resolution to me!

Lions Clubs were and still are, the backbone of a community, but we have seen a significant decline over the past 20 years in our state. It is not that our clubs have changed their focus or mission, but that American lifestyle has changed. We hear it all the time that there are fewer family dinners; that young people today are stretched thin with their kid's after school events and that overall, people just don't join service clubs like they did in the past.

Unfortunately, the amount of people in need has increased. Fortunately, Lions Clubs are keeping up with the needs even when membership has decreased.

If businesses are not keeping customers, the leaders generally make it top priority to find out why and correct the reasons. As customers "decline" so does income. Lion members are our customers – our revenue. Common sense says review the budget, make appropriate cuts and when you must, raise rates. That's where we find ourselves in 2020, Lions.

The last dues increase was in 2004 when the membership approved an increase of \$2.15/member from \$7.85/member, bringing the annual dues to \$10.00. At the time, we were 15,025 members strong.

As of this writing we have a membership of 9,946 in MD 11, which is down another 141 members from October 2019. At their recent Council meeting, the Governors made the difficult decision to propose an increase in dues to reflect the cost of living. You will be asked to support an increase of \$3.50 to take effect in July of 2020.

Budgets and financial reports are carefully reviewed and discussed throughout the year. Our investment accounts are reviewed to determine if changes are necessary. The bottom line: We can't continue to do the same thing and expect different results.

As we look to our future and our 2nd Century of Service in Michigan, we will continue to strengthen and grow our membership and serve members of our communities. Our motto was built on a solid foundation over 100 years ago and remains steadfast:

We Serve.

**Yours in Lionism,
 Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director**



S.A. DODGE RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED



The District Governors announced the recipients of the 2019-2020 S. A. Dodge awards after voting during the December Council of Governors meeting.

PDG Jack Becher's 55 year career as a Lion is characterized by his unflinching commitment, overwhelming dedication and a sincere love and passion for serving others. Prior to his service as Governor of District 11 A2, Lion Jack helped develop the Lion's Beaumont Silent Children's program, which has served over 500 children to date. He became a key instrument in the formation of the Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, a decision that was to dominate the next 30 years of his Lions career. Most recently Lion Jack wrote the LCIF grant that resulted in \$87,000.00 for Lions Bear Lake Camp capital improvements.

Lion Jack is a valued asset and a great leader in the district and at the state level.

PDG Jeff Mayuiers –During his year as District Governor PDG Jeff and his team broke a membership drought, moving from a 10-year negative to a positive 12-year member finish. He has served on the Lions Foundation as Trustee, Vice President and is the current President, and is on the MI Forum and MD 11 Lions Convention committee. For the past three years he has served as the MD 11 State Global Leadership Chairperson, and was just nominated by the First Vice District Governors to the position of Council Chairman, 2020-2021.

Lion Jeff completed every level of the Lions Leadership Institute, Lions University and FDI. His accomplishments have earned him speaking positions at the Michigan Forum, USA Canada Forum and the Indiana State Mid-Winter Conference, as well as numerous district events.

This mentor and valued leader throughout the district and state is very deserving of the S.A. Dodge Distinguished Service Award.

Awards will be presented on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at the MD 11 Lions Convention in Holland. Tickets will be available for purchase to the awards banquet. Congratulation to both of these outstanding Lions, PDGs Jack Becher and Jeff Mayuiers.



Awards and Honors



S.A.DODGE RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

DR. ROBERT MATHOG LIONS HEARING CENTERS DEBORAH LOVE-POOL SCHOLARSHIP FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING



Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers
Deborah Love-Peel Scholarship
for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



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 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____
 Alternate Contact Information: _____
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 Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____
 Current Grade Level: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____
 High School Attended: _____ Current GPA: _____
 List Community Service Activities:

ESSAY

Please submit a brief essay (no more than 2 pages) about yourself. We would like to know your academic interests, why you feel you are deserving of this award, how you plan to use the funds if you are awarded a scholarship, some of the challenges you have and currently face, and any additional personal information you would like to share. All or some of your essay may be published and distributed.

Note: There is no age limit for these scholarships. If you have been out of school for over 3 years please tell us in your comments why you are returning to school at this time, and please let us know what you have been doing during your time away from school. If you need additional information, please contact Lions of Michigan Foundation at info@lhcmi.org.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

We will be awarding up to four \$500.00 scholarships to deaf and/or hard of hearing students for higher education for the calendar year 2020.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- 1) Applicant must submit proof of hearing loss, examples: recent audiogram, physician's verification, or an IEP if you are a high school senior.
- 2) Applicant must be a resident of Michigan for at least 1 year.
- 3) Applicant must have current GPA of 2.6 or higher. If you have received a GED please attach a copy of your GED certificate. **GPA does not affect eligibility of the award.**
- 4) Applicant must submit documentation of registration into a college, university, or trade school.
- 5) Applicant must submit 1 letter of recommendation from either a relative, friend, or professional contact.
- 6) Applicant must submit a photo with your application to be used for publication.
- 7) Applicant must complete the waiver form and include it with your application.
- 8) Applicant can use a choice of media to submit their application:
 - i. Essay
 - ii. Videotape presentation
 - iii. PowerPoint presentation
- 9) Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2020.
- 10) Scholarship winners will be notified by June 1, 2020.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION
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WHATS UP!

The 'What's Up' concept is District 11A-1's plan to increase membership. Our emphasis will concentrate on Retention with a side benefit of new clubs and new members.

It is said that to continue to do the same thing, the same way, and expect a different result- is insane.

The Governor's Advisory Committee is having a series of Specialty Open Houses. The What's Up#1 will be our young adults/Millennials (18 – 38). There will be a panel discussion of 4-6 panelists addressing two questions:

- What are the prerequisites for young adults/Millennials to join a service organization?
- What does it take to keep them engaged?

The Open House will be on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired (16625 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48227).

To assist us in having a great discussion, we would like to have input from the community. We are asking everyone on social media to post these two questions to their young adults (18 – 38). Have them submit their comments by February 15th to any of the following:

- Text: 313.410.9778
- Email: mdgmt2018@gmail.com
- Facebook: Lula Gardfrey
- Instagram: Lula T Gardfrey

Remember, all comments are needed by February 15, 2020.

See you March 7, 2020, come and join the conversation. Please RSVP to the above addresses.

Lion Lula Gardfrey RC 3
 GMT Chair MD11

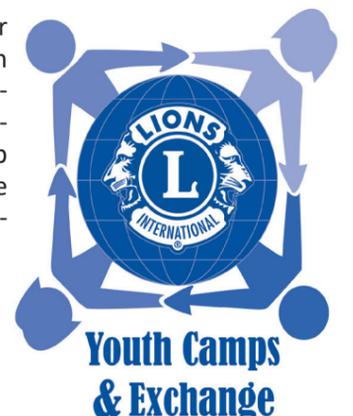
MICHIGAN LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE

Michigan is in need of host families for foreign exchange students this summer, from late June until late August. Part of their experience will be attendance at the Michigan USA Lions Youth Exchange & Leadership Camp, to be held July 26th - Aug 1. Michigan's camp was recently voted Top 10 in the world!



If you are interested in learning more about host-

ing a foreign exchange student in your home this summer, contact Lion Eileen Delaney, Youth Exchange State Chairperson, at lioneileen53@gmail.com for complete details. Information on the camp experience can be located on our website at www.lionsofmi.com under Youth Exchange.



> LIONS FORUM NEWS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER GARY ABUD TO ADDRESS THE FORUM**LOOKING TO THE PAST TO SEE THE FUTURE CLEARLY***By Gary Abud, Jr., Double Cornea Transplant Recipient and 2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year*

We all love helping people, right? That's what led us to get involved in community service—to become a Lion—in the first place, isn't it?

As humans, we are hard-wired to connect with each other; in fact, relationships are like our human cell phone signals. People begin to seek connections as soon as they "power up" and enter the world. And they never stop. Yet serving others—putting others before oneself—does not come naturally to people. If you've ever seen a piñata at a children's birthday party, this truth is self-evident!

But despite our best intentions, when the going gets busy, we can find ourselves just going through the motions—even in community service—we can fall into the trap of becoming disconnected with the personal "why" behind our reasons that led us to become a Lion. And that can inhibit our heart for serving others in the work we do and limit the potential of our clubs.

But you might be asking: how can this happen to a century's old organization?

The reality is it can happen to anyone and any team of people. That's why,

whether in the workplace, at home, or through volunteering, the solution to the problem is the same: stay connected to your "why."

For most people, their "why" starts with the supreme ethic of life—love. That means that when we are looking back at the love for others that brought us to our service, it helps us continue leading with love at the center of our being. And that will naturally keep us connected with the inspiration that brought us into the work we do, and fan into flames our passion for serving others.

Try this exercise with your club at your next meeting: Have partners pair up and interview one another, asking "What's your 'why' behind what brought you into community service like this?" Then, have two pairs join up to form a group of four and share out what they heard their partner say. At the end, get a couple volunteers to share their "why" to the whole group. In doing so, you'll look back, but that will help you to be ready to move forward.

So, remember: as we think about our vision for the future, we cannot neglect to look at the past.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LANSING HOST LIONS CLUB

The Lansing Host Lions Club chartered on January 20, 1920, making them one of the first few to form a club. Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary.

During their 100 years of service to the Lansing community, many things have changed. What has stood the test of time is their club's ability to continue service and outreach programs which began in 1921 when the club financed and constructed an administration building for Boy Scouts at their Clear Lake Camp, all the way into 21st Century projects such as the Sensory Garden and Centennial Falls at Potter Park Zoo.

Potter Park Zoo is home to the newest baby rhino in the world: a rare black rhino born Christmas Eve morning. Jaali, pronounced jolly, means "powerful" in Swahili. Lansing Host is a Jaali Club!

It was the home club of PID Bill Hanel, and they were the host club of the largest State Convention in our history with 3,600 attendees and the largest parade ever held at the time in Lansing, with 26 magnificent floats and 40 bands. To this day the City of Lansing has placed them in charge of the Sesqui-Centennial parade and for the past 35 years Lansing's signature Silver Bells parade. 1st Lady Nancy Reagan was a special guest speaker at a club meeting in 1984, and an invitation was sent to all Lions to attend the luncheon for a fee of \$12.50.

We are fortunate to have such longevity and dedication from club members who will lead us into our 2nd Century of Service!

LIONS CHALLENGE "JUST ASK!"

**Happy New Year
Lions of Michigan!!!
It's 2020!!**

Can you believe it has been 20 years since we parted into the century!!

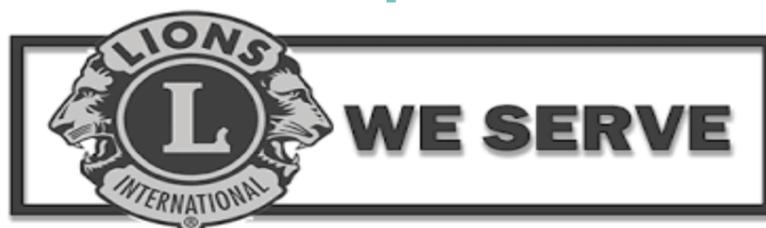
A new year means starting a new year and maybe trying some new things! But I am going to challenge you to an 'old' idea! Whaaaaaaaaaat you say!?!?! An old idea. We are trying to change, to become the new improved service organization!! How can we change with 'old' ideas? I believe that our association has been led by many great leaders through the years but one slogan comes to mind that will never be out of date!

Past International President, Joe Preston, challenged Lions to "Just Ask" and invite new members! I think this stands true today! How many of us have asked or invited one new member into our association in the last week?

Lions, let's make a New Year's Resolution to "Just Ask" and invite new members every week!!! If we don't ask, we will never know!



*Yours in Service,
PID Jenny Ware*



LIONS CHALLENGE: "JUST ASK!"

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM A VISION FOR THE FUTURE! FEBRUARY 22ND 2020 HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE, GRAND BLANC, MI

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2020: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE February 22, 2020 - Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc, MI 810-232-5300 \$85.00

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

- Public Speaking –MSGT (Ret.) Michael Nichols
- Leo Clubs: The Future of Lions (Panel)
- Diabetes: What Lions Can Do
- How to Run a Great Meeting –VDG David Anderson

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

- Eversight –Lion Alex Teska-Hicks
- How to Market Your Club in Your Community –PDG Marty Juel
- WE SERVE Through Diversity –PDG Evelyn Cooper
- MyLCI/MyLion –PDG Brent Beracy

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

- Childhood Cancer –Kids Kicking Cancer
- Lionsess to Lions –PID Ware, PDG Grabowski, DG Hamilton
- Strictly by the Numbers –PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer
- Harness the Power of Lions –Lions Mike Dengate & Beth Slade

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

- Understanding Dementia & Maintaining Your Brain Health: Now and for the Future
Lisa Dedden-Cooper, AARP
- Millennials and Beyond/NAMI –PDG Michael Gibbs & Lion Mikeala Ashburn
- 2020: A Vision for MI Lions' 2nd Century of Service –MD 11 State GAT Chairpersons
- Creative Watercolor Class (limited to 30 participants) –PDG Craig Bishop

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

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Gary Abud, Author, Education Consultant, 2014 Teacher of the Year

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Check her for the Forum booklet on CD (for visually impaired only) _____

EXHIBITOR'S 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 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 TABLE ONLY: \$50.00

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL

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UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	Miniature Plastic White Canes	1000/bag	\$140.00	
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	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
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	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$5.50	
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	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
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	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$3.00	
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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

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

Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan Forum
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

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Lion Lioness

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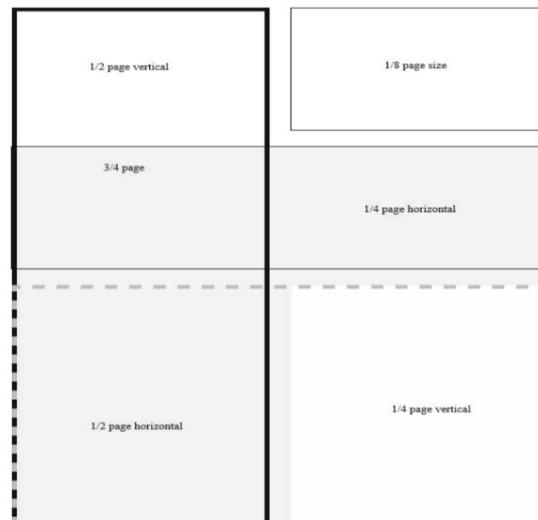
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> LIONS LMASB NEWS

LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND WHO WE ARE!

The LMASB has impacted the lives of many people throughout the world. They truly are our greatest ambassadors to the world as well as within our local communities. As the director of the band my philosophy is to promote and give the students an opportunity to experience the Lions motto “We Serve” through their gifts of music. 35 years after the band was formed, the Lions of Michigan voted for the band to become one of their five State Projects in both MD 11 and Single District 10. What an honor! My goal moving forward is not only to continue the success of the ensemble, but to try and expand its reach and range. As a state project I think this can be done.

As many of you know, being a musician is a work of love and labor. The amount of hours put in to learn the art form are immense. Our goal in the LMASB is to allow these students to share their talents and hard work with the world, through performance during LCI’s Convention, parade and additional service performances.

These performance opportunities for the LMASB have included orphanages, children’s hospitals, retirement homes, veteran homes, a home for children with incarcerated parents, schools from other countries, and other venues throughout the world. These are life changing performances. Band members are allowed to mingle and encouraged to talk to those they perform for and with. This is what they truly remember, creating experiences that last a lifetime. I feel confident expressing this as the director of the ensemble as well as a former member. While in high school I had the pleasure of traveling to Minnesota, Arizona, China, South Korea, Hawaii and Quebec. To this day, I still talk to my students about all of the great opportunities I had with the LMASB even 20 years later.

How are we funded? The staff does not take any monetary compensation—their expenses come from the administrative account. This supplements the hundreds of hours spent planning for, organizing, and teaching the students. In addition to the amazing experiences offered, the staff of LMASB is providing an excellent music education, a safe and secure trip, and watching over these students as if they were their own children....with love and respect. Club donations help to maintain the administrative budget. Your club is encouraged to donate with or without a band member in your district! The students represent the entire state and country, not just individual districts.

Your continued support of the administrative fund and student trips is greatly appreciated.

I truly am humbled and honored to have been given the opportunity to conduct and work with the very same ensemble that helped shape my life. Thank you for all that you do and what the Lions represent.

Thank you,
Jason Russell, Director of Bands Lions of Michigan All State Band



ATTENTION LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TRAVELLERS!

Come and explore the beautiful country of Singapore—a destination of great history, culture, and excitement. The Lion City is ready to treat Lions from all over the world to an international convention unlike any other. Where better to host the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention than one of the world’s most thriving countries? From both a cultural and economic standpoint, Singapore is a shining light. Much like Lions, the city-nation boasts a rich history as well as a bold future. It’s a global leader in technology and innovation. It’s diverse and accepting of all people. It has shown the power of the human spirit to do great things in the world—just like Lions.

Singapore is an island nation with 5.6 million people who speak a local colloquial English blended with Hokkien (the local Chinese language) and a few words of Malay and Tamil, just to make it interesting. Your English will be easily understood, especially if you are bargaining for that special purchase. Singapore is the world’s busiest shipping port and only rivaled by Tokyo as Asia’s premier financial hub.

Your sightseeing list should include the following:

- 1) The Maria Bay Sands Hotel 57th floor observation area. Since our convention is at the Sands Convention area, this should be a natural check off on your to do list.
- 2) The Singapore Flyer is one of the world’s tallest Ferris wheels. It is 100 feet taller than the London Eye Ferris wheel.
- 3) OCBC Skyway is an elevated walkway linking two super trees. Super trees are man-made structures decorated to blend and become green scenery.
- 4) The Changi, voted the world’s best airport for 2 years in a row. This airport

offers spacious accommodations for travelers, lots of green scenery, movie theaters, restaurants and amusement activities to keep the traveler occupied and the locals coming back to an entertaining venue.

Safe travels!

**Yours in Lionism,
Lion Bill Simpson PDG, International Convention Chair**



The 2020 Lions Clubs International Convention will be held in Singapore from June 26 - 30, 2020

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS..

2020 DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to the Multiple District 11 By Laws by the 2019-2020 Council of Governors

To be voted on at the MD 11 Convention, May 16, 2020:

Proposal #1

A resolution by the 2019-2020 Council of Governors - "Therefore be it resolved that recognizing the fact that the membership of MD 11 is declining, resulting in a loss of revenue, an increase in the annual dues in the amount of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) be requested.

It is therefore resolved that an amendment to the MD By-Laws, Article IV, Section 1 and Section 3 be approved. the proposed amendment shall be:

Amend By-Laws, Article IV, Section to read "The expenses of Multiple District 11 shall be met by an annual per capita tax of thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) and; Amend By-Laws, Article IV, Section 3 to read "Each cabinet secretary and/or treasurer shall forward to the Multiple District treasurer the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) from the per capita tax in semi annual payments as follows: Six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75) on September 15 and six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75) on February 15."

Proposal #2

A resolution by the 2019-2020 Council of Governors - "Therefore be it resolved that recognizing the fact that By-Laws Article XI - Committees, Section 5 - Ad Hoc Committees serve at the pleasure of the council of governors for one year unless requested by subsequent councils.

The proposed amendment shall be: Amend By-Laws Article XI, Section 5 - Ad Hoc Committees to read: The council of governors may create ad hoc committees to perform specific tasks. Membership of ad hoc committees may be at the discretion of the council of governors."

A1	April 24-26	Embassy Suites, Livonia
A2	March 27-29	Doherty Hotel, Clare
B1/D1	April 3-5	DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Rapids
B2	March 28	Lawton Lions Center, Lawton
C1	May 15	DoubleTree Hotel, Holland
C2	March 20-22	Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant
D2	March 20-22	DoubleTree Riverfront, Bay City
E1	March 27-28	Park Place Hotel, Traverse City
E2	April 24-26	Quality Inn, West Branch
SD 10	April 24-26	Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie
MD 11	May 15-17	DoubleTree Hotel, Holland

MICHIGAN LIONS WHITE CANE WEEK



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2020 MD 11 CONVENTION IN HOLLAND!

The MD 11 Lions Convention planning committee is hard at work planning the details of the 2020 convention, to be held in Holland at the DoubleTree Hotel May 14-16.

For those of you who have never attended the MD 11 Lions Convention in the past, you are encouraged to attend! Paws for a Cause will be our host for the pre-convention picnic on Thursday, May 14. We are excited to partner with Paws for a Cause and tour their facility. The picnic is a great opportunity to meet with Lion friends from around the state and affords everyone in attendance the chance to meet with our guest speaker in a relaxed environment. Transportation and tours will be available for this event.

At this time we are still working with LCI to confirm a speaker for the convention. Reservations at the hotel are now being accepted. Contact the DoubleTree by calling 616 394 0111. Use the reservation code LCM when making your reservations.

Watch for complete details on breakout sessions and events, and mark your calendars now to join us in Holland May 14-16, 2020!



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In efforts to keep you informed on the ongoing efforts of Lions Clubs International Foundation's response to the wildfires in Australia, LCIF has awarded Australian Lions with \$343,000. \$103,000 has been provided to purchase water tanks, which will be used to help combat the fires. In addition, four emergency grants of \$10,000 each have been approved for 4 districts.

In addition, Puerto Rico (MD51) has also been hit by a 5.8 magnitude earthquake, followed by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake this morning, damaging homes and business and resulting in widespread power outages across the island. LCIF has been in close contact with our Lions on the ground to provide emergency relief efforts.

Many individuals have asked how they can help. LCIF is currently accepting donations for both of these disasters as our relief efforts will be ongoing. Our Board of Trustees are meeting this week at headquarters and will be reviewing each of these disasters in detail. <https://www.facebook.com/donate/502862457078646>. Please share within your networks to help us raise awareness and gather the support of others.



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LCIF WEEK – January 13 – 17, 2020



Together, We Can. Together, We Will.

Changing the world. It's why you became a Lion. It's also why Lions Club International Foundation – OUR FOUNDATION – is empowering your service through its most ambitious fundraising campaign.

Campaign 100 is raising funds so that the Foundation can continue to “increase service impacts and expand our global causes. For decades, we've contributed to Lions' efforts in the focus areas of vision, disaster relief, youth and humanitarian causes. LCIF has added new global causes of Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Environmental issues, and Diabetes.

Thru LCIF Grants awarded to the Lions in Michigan in just 2018--2019, we have recently received \$47,000 for LOM Mobile Vision Sight; \$10,805 for Eversight Equipment; \$10,000 Tornado Relief; \$187,509 Michigan Defense Against Diabetes; \$86,577 for equipment & renovations for Lions Bear Lake Camp; \$34,155 for Community Walk-in Diabetic Center in 11D2; and \$100,000 for All inclusive Playground for Disabled Children in 11A2. In addition to these grants, District 11D2 used their Community Impact Grant of \$1,800 to feed and provide clothes to the Veterans in their area. **This totals \$477,846 that LCIF provided to MD11. As of November, Lions in Michigan have given to LCIF \$80,483 since July 2018.**

During LCIF WEEK, let's promote Lions Club International Foundation in your Districts and Clubs. We need to raise awareness of how LCIF helps the Lions of Michigan and perhaps plan some fundraising events during this time. **Post your fundraisers on Facebook, in local businesses, newspapers and Club/District newsletters.** Share your ideas and notify your District LCIF Coordinator. Also, in additional to raising funds, talk about the global causes. Hunger Awareness is for month of January. Childhood Cancer is for month of February. Educate your area about these two new causes and raise monies while you promote them in your areas.

Where there is a Need, you find a Lion.

Submitted by: PDG Connie Shelton
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Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers 2021 Hearing Care Calendar



Lions Clubs are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with hearing and vision loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to be "Knights of the Blind," and she declared that "the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus — the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Our new Hearing Care Calendar Raffle was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents. The calendars will cost \$20 each, and calendar purchasers will be entered into a bi-weekly raffle drawing with cash prizes totaling \$6,150.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of their hearing loss. As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

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- Passion for service
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- Are goal-oriented

If you have answered yes to many of these qualifications, please consider submitting your nomination for the Multiple District 11 Global Action Team as a Chairperson of Leadership, Membership, or Service. Email the Lions state office for complete details at wburns@lionsofmi.com. Applications will be accepted until February 6, 2020. Interviews will take place on February 21, 2020, at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc.





11 A1

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The Dearborn Heights Club does peppermint candy cane sales on the two Sundays before Christmas annually. It is one of their best fund raisers. Usually someone donates a case of the peppermint candy canes, bought from Walmart, Meijer or wherever they are about \$1.00 a box of twelve; hence there is no cost to the club. With the permission of the store manager, they then collect donations from the shoppers at Kroger in Dearborn Heights. They also purchase \$100.00 gift cards from the said Kroger store to give to the needy in Dearborn Heights at Christmas time. They purchase about \$1500.00 worth of cards for distribution. Pictured are Lions Mike Carrier, Don Rivard, Maureen & Terry Treppa, and Volunteer Bill Ghrist.



Bedford Township Lions' Club members prepare to distribute food to needy families. The Lions, in collaboration with Bedford Junior High School collected and distributed this food in addition to food gift cards to Senior Citizens. This is one more way in which we uphold the mantra, "Where there is a need, there is a Lion."



The Livonia Lions Club donated HAM to Redford Interfaith Relief Food Pantry most of which was distributed the same day to 50 of RIR's families in need. The Livonia Lions also made a Giving Tuesday donation of \$1000 which was subsequently matched by an anonymous RIR donor.



Pictured is RIR Executive Director Sue Pherson receiving the donations from Livonia Lion President Matt Collins.

The Livonia Lions Club Co-sponsored a Christmas Party for more than 200 special needs children attending Cooke School - Northville. The Livonia Lions Club purchased and wrapped many gifts which were then gifted to the children by Santa Claus. They provided a variety of food, snacks, refreshments and entertainment for the 600 attendees to enjoy. Lion's volunteers were also on hand during the day long celebration to help the children and their families have a fun and joyful Christmas Party.

Special Thanks to the members and leadership of the Northville Lions Club for their support and participation in the 2019 Cooke School Christmas Party.



11 A2



DG Scott Berry
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The Richmond Goodfellow 2019 program, 'no child without Christmas' and needy family food and toy delivery all went well thanks to ad and newspaper sales. The program also provides year-round assistance with eye exams, hearing aids and on cost medical equipment rentals. Our club recognizes that those in need or fall on hard times.

Our annual Breakfast with Santa (a community service project) also went well this year. Kids visited with Santa, received a gift, had a great breakfast, visited Leader dog pups, were provided with free eye screenings, coloring table, free tattoos, etc. Thanks to all that assisted with these great community projects!



This year Lake Orion Lions had a record amount of food donated. We also had a record number of volunteers for sorting, shopping, and delivery of food. Together we helped over 300 households this year! Your generosity at our auction, Goodfellows papers, and with food donations is amazing! Thank you Lake Orion!



Last fundraiser of the year for the Sterling Heights Lionesses, Leader Dogs For The Blind, Dinner In The Dark. It was a very interesting and fun night. The food was NOT on the plate where they said it would be! Sometimes it was best to just get something on your spoon and just nibble at it, like Lioness Marlene McFadden is doing. The best part is that they raised over \$100,000 for this wonderful organization



The Troy Community Lions wish to congratulate Dilayia Dickerson for being their Peace Poster winner. The Theme of this year's contest was "Journey of Peace".

Pictured: Lion Donna Quinn (Troy Community Lions Peace Poster Chair) & Dilayia Dickerson



The Troy Community Lions organized a club diabetes screening event to celebrate World Diabetes Day, November 14, 2019. The online risk assessment was made available for each member to take and then they took their "Blue Thumbs Up" photo.



At the Ray Township Christmas Tree Lighting in early December, the Ray Township Lions Club had a bake sale, a 50/50 raffle and also raffled off a painting by a local artist. We also gave a toy to each child after they spoke with Santa!! This is one of our annual fund raising events. Lots of fun!!



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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/>

You can now support the **Romeo Lions Club** every time you shop at Kroger by enrolling in the Kroger Community Rewards Program and selecting Romeo Lions as your designated charity. Every time you shop, a portion of your purchase will be donated to our club allowing us to help Lions Club charities and our local community. See our Facebook page for more information. Thank you for your support!

> REGION NEWS

11 B1



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Quest South East Jackson Club recently celebrated the approval of their charter application. Pictured are Lions President Louvenia Shack-Seals and Guiding Lion Roberta Sexton.



Just before Christmas, the Battle Creek Cereal City Lions had 18 Lions (including Lion Steve Remsig of Branch Area) and 13 Lions for a day on board to complete our 2019 Christmas Basket distribution! We served 25 families and 86 individuals, including 16 children, the makings for a fine Christmas dinner (and several more) and gift cards for the kids. We would like to thank Darlene Williams and Santa's Helper, the South Michigan Food Bank, Meijer Stores, First Congregational Church of Battle Creek, UCC and Sprout BC for assistance with the effort. Thanks to all for helping get some much needed food and personal care items to these folks to make their Christmas a little brighter.



An Evening with Santa event was co-sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Lenawee County (Adrian Breakfast, Adrian Evening, Blissfield, Clinton and Tecumseh), the City of Adrian, and McDonald's. It was the first time all the county clubs had worked together on one project. The Stubnitz Environmental Center was beautifully decorated for the season. It proved to be a great success when over 250 people attended and enjoyed hay rides, crafts, and snacks. Each child was able to speak with Santa and receive a toy and a book.



The Adrian Breakfast Lions Club sponsored and decorated a tree at the City of Adrian Christmas tree event using Leader Dog and vision care as our theme. The tree was one of 676 setting a Guinness World Record for the most lit trees in one location. It was also highlighted on Toledo TV station WTOL. Shown in the photo are members Bob Guy, Hazel Jacobs, Laura VanSickle, Terry Hicks and Burt Fenby



11 B2



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District B2 collected hero capes and pillowcases to donate to Bronson's Children's Hospital Oncology floor. This was done as part of Pediatric Cancer and service project. The children need to have positive things around them during their treatments and the district felt this would help boost their spirits. That it did, they put the pillowcases on right away and started wearing the capes. The district cabinet also adopted 2 families for the Christmas holiday and were able to provide them with winter coats, t-shirts, pj's, pants, nail polish, bath bombs, shirts, bedspreads and toys.



Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club/Foundation donated to The Good Fellows Fund. The paper is the founder and administrator of the Good Fellows Fund which was started in 1920. 100% collected goes to the needed families of the area. Collections are received the month of December and so far total over \$30,000 with the goal being \$35,000.



Pictured L-R are Bev Gould - Club/ Foundation Treasurer, Michele Alger - Foundation President, Gene Pastrick - Club President, Karen Warner - Club Member & David Holgate - Publisher of the Herald Palladium Newspaper.



Mattawan Lions Club had their Holiday Party early in December at Big T's in Lawton. They invited past members to come and join them and had about 3 couples come; it was nice to see them and hopefully it sparks their interest in returning to the club. The club also hosted their first Holiday Carnival. They had many groups come and help them out, and one they couldn't do without was their Mattawan Leo Club. The kids ran the games and handed out prizes; two of the kids even dressed up like Elves to help Santa and Mrs. Claus. The club gave out 151 stockings!! They also had Project Kidsight available. In January, the Mattawan Lions will be hosting a soup supper and we will be collecting donations to give to the Mattawan School's Student Closet.

Covert Township Lions Club annual tree lighting. They sold decorations for the tree and proceeds went to their sight fund.



Kal Haven Trail Lions held their annual Christmas party for the kids. Over 120 children plus their families attended our Kids Party in December at the Gobles United Methodist Church. Each child had their picture taken with Santa, received a present donated by members of the community, and enjoyed a sloppy joe dinner with chips, apple cider, and desserts.



Paw Paw Lions greatly appreciate our Bingo players who sit together through all kinds of weather to help our community and have fun doing it. It was our distinct pleasure to serve them a free lunch while they played and prayed for their numbers to be called. G57! BINGO!!! and pictures of Paw Paw Lions Quarter Auction below.



As always, the Lions and both Leos Clubs participated in Paw Paw's Christmas Parade. BONUS: This year's Grand Marshal was our own long-time member, and newest Melvin Jones Fellow, Lion Clarence Stimac!

The Three Rivers Lion's annual Christmas food basket and toy distribution helped over 100 families and over 206 children have brighter holidays this year. Canned goods were collected by the TR school system and donated, Walther Potato Farms donated potatoes, cereal was purchased, turkeys and hams were purchased, and Corey Lake Orchard donated apples; the Lions, family and friends prepared the boxes to be distributed. Marine Corp. League #1401 placed toy collection boxes throughout the county, then collected those boxes and brought them to the service center where the toys were sorted by age groups. The Three Rivers Ladies Wildcats Varsity Basketball Team and coach Jason Bingaman again for the fifth year selected the toys from the letters that were distributed by St. Joseph County DHS and then the Marines on hand took the toys out to the cars. St. Joseph County Transportation Authority donated a bus and driver to deliver items to a few families that had no way of getting to the center to pick up their items. Lions Tom & Brenda McWatters rode the bus and made the deliveries. To show our support and thanks to the lady Wildcats, the club will be attending an upcoming home basketball game and making an arch for them to come out on the court through.



Beginning in November of this year, the New Buffalo Lions Club has been meeting at the New Buffalo American Legion Post #169. After the closing of El Rancho Grande in New Buffalo, the Lions Club was looking for a new meeting place. The New Buffalo Lions had met at El Rancho Grande for several years on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Owner of the restaurant Pete Bernal provided a room and gracious hosting; Mr. Bernal was a Lions Club member himself for many years and served as the Club's tail twister.

Lion Frank Giglio had mentioned to the Commander of the New Buffalo American Legion, Dewey Dale that after the summer months the Club would need a new meeting location. The American Legion greeted the Club with open arms; providing a large meeting area along with great food and beverages. It began a great partnership; two local non-profit organizations in New Buffalo helping each other in different ways to make it possible to provide services for our community.

The Lions Club wanted to do something to thank the American Legion for their wonderful hospitality; they decided to contribute Thanksgiving meals for Veteran families which were suggested by the American Legion. The American Legion also knew of two additional families in need for Christmas, the Lions were again able to help with contributions for those families and also provide a contribution to The Harbor County Pantry again this year.

The New Buffalo Lions are looking forward to further work in the New Buffalo Community for the upcoming New Year.



New Buffalo Lion Frank Giglio presenting Christmas gift cards to the New Buffalo American Legion Post 169 Commander Dewey Dale.

CLUB Happenings:

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The members of the **Adrian Breakfast Lions** were busy this fall providing services to the community. In addition to our weekly meetings we have spent \$650 assisting five individuals with vision testing and eyeglasses; assisted in raising \$6795 for the purchase of an eSight reader for a local resident; donated \$100 to the Christmas party for the youth at Maurice Spear Campus; donated \$125 to the Adrian fire prevention program for children; and purchased \$344 in Scholastic books for area elementary students.

Blissfield Reverse Raffle takes place on February 1, 2020, American Legion, Blissfield. Contact Lion Dick Saxton for details.

North Adams Lions Clubs and North Adams-Jerome Athletics Boosters Reverse Cash Raffle Event is on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Dinner start at 6:00 pm &

\$100. Please contact a member of the North Adams Lion Club to purchase tickets.

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The **Richland/Gull Lake Area Lions Club** had a busy Autumn 2019. The 3rd Annual FALL for the LIONS fundraiser was our best ever. Restaurants "sold" a LION LEAF to customers (Customers donated the amount they wanted, \$1 \$5 \$10 or \$20) who write their name on the leaf to be displayed in the restaurant showing their support for the Lions Club. This year's winner was U.P. North Sandwich & Pasty Co. They raised \$320.00. Thanks to all our restaurants who participated.

The **RGLA Lions** also kicked off the opening of their new food bank, SUSTENANCE 4 STUDENTS, with a food drive. Between donations from club members and the community, over 30 students in need received food, personal items, and school necessities. The club is now preparing for our 4th Annual BOWLING for the BLIND fundraiser in February.

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Jan. 11 - **Mattawan** soup and coats supper

Jan. 25 - **New Buffalo** Eye Ball Gala

Jan. 27 - District Wide Zone Meeting with guest speaker Terri from B1 giving a presentation on Diabetes

Feb. 9 - **Vicksburg** annual bowling tournament

Buchanan Galien Lions April 11 - Great Eye Glass challenge



11 C1

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Alto Lions were recently treated to a performance by Liam Doyle, a local Elvis Tribute Artist. They very much enjoyed his performance the room was rockin' until Elvis left the building! Liam Doyle is 16 years old and loves to make people happy by performing as an Elvis Tribute Artist (ETA). He was first inspired by performances by ETA Jake Slater from Bellaire, MI in 2017. Every ETA has a tremendous challenge performing as Elvis, who was possibly the greatest entertainer of all times. However, it's an even greater challenge for Liam who happens to have Down syndrome. He doesn't let that stop him, though, as he is serious and determined to "Follow That Dream" of being an ETA. He has had years of speech therapy, orthodontic work, voice lessons, dance lessons and Taekwondo. He also loves to sing along with Elvis on Sirius-XM Elvis Radio and study Elvis's dance moves on YouTube. He is working at Brody's Be Cafe in Ada, MI to earn money to buy more Elvis jumpsuits for his performances. Liam attended the premiere Graceland Performing Arts Camp for kids in Memphis in 2018 and again in 2019 and loved learning all about Elvis to be a better performer. Liam has performed for a variety of audiences including: assisted living homes, talent shows, the Elvis Fantasy Fest in Portage, IN, the National Association for Down Syndrome Fashion Show in Chicago, Lakewood, Colorado, where internationally known ETA Cody Slaughter invited him on stage for one song with him, and most recently for the local Alto Lions Club.



The Alto Lions hosted the children's Christmas party at Alto Elementary school in December. This gathering is an annual Alto event that has been held in some form since the middle of the Great Depression. The Alto Lions have been hosting it for over 25 years. All the Alto children aged 12 and under are invited. Each child receives a bag of goodies with a number on the bottom. Numbers are drawn at random. When the number on the bag is called the child comes forward and selects a gift. Leftover gifts go to Flat River Outreach Ministry in Lowell.

A booth was set up for the children to make cards for the residents of the Veteran's Home in Grand Rapids. This year we also had a KidSight presence. We were a little short on reindeer. Lions Dick and Nate take up the slack!



The Techno Trojans helped the Fruitport Lions with hanging Christmas lights and serving food to volunteers at Pomona Park getting ready for the holidays.

MARNE Lions worked with Alpine Elementary to help 20 families by decorating and providing the baskets that were filled with a ham and fixings for a dinner, along with other warm weather items, a board game and other donations from Gordon Food Service, the Wolverine YMCA, the Alpine Elementary CSLT, and all the teachers. Everyone came together to help support the families in need this holiday season!

The Whitehall/Montague Lions Club enjoyed their annual Christmas party and celebrated another successful year of service for their community.



ROCKFORD LIONS donated \$2000 and volunteered for the annual Shop with a Cop event early in December. Thirty-one children were provided with winter coats, boots, pajamas and other warm weather clothing items. It was all about the Kids!



Participating in the annual Santa Parade 2019



IN MEMORY OF LEADER DOG RILEY Riley passed away on October 28, 2019 Our sincere condolences to PDG Greg Wehby and Family.



Lion Dawn Rudolph, Hamilton Lion District 11C1 Leader Dog Chair Cell: 269-751-8042 drudolph1971@gmail.com

The Fruitport Lions Club held their 15th Annual Fruitport Old Fashioned Christmas event at Pomona Park in Fruitport in mid-December. The event included showing the Fruitport area elementary & middle school children's artwork in the park pavilion and in a large circus type tent. Entertainment was provided by the school choirs and Jazz bands. There were a number of lighted Christmas trees and several lighted blow-up seasonal figures in the park which provided a festive atmosphere. Hayrides around the park were provided and bonfires to keep the visitors warm each night. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause were there each night in their special house for the children to visit. A cardboard sled contest was held with prizes for the top three winners. Hot dogs, chips, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee were served. The event was free of charge to the public. This is an awesome annual holiday event which brings community together. This year an estimated 1200 people attended during the 2 day event!



The Sparta Lions gave away 20 lighted, real 6-7-foot Christmas trees at the inaugural lighted Christmas parade and lighting of the tree in downtown Sparta. The parade ended with a spectacular show of fireworks! They recently hosted their annual Christmas Auction and Dinner at the Sparta Civic Center.

CONGRATULATIONS Leader Dog Lady 2019 Guide/Hearing Hero Dog Award she is a hero to her handler Lion Dawn Rudolph on a daily basis. From their volunteer work together with the Lions Clubs International, to Lady's work getting Dawn to and from her job and daily activities, and even traveling across the country together; there is no adventure out of reach for Leader Dog Lady and Lion Dawn. Since being paired through Leader Dogs for the Blind four years ago, Dawn has become more confident, social and independent in all walks of life and she credits Leader Dog Lady for the positive changes in her life. Leader Dog Lady's story aired on the 2019 American Humane Hero Dog Awards. The Guide/hearing category was sponsored by Chicken Soup for the Soul Pet and highlighted the life-changing power of service animals for their sight and hearing-impaired handlers.



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The Owosso Lions held their December meeting/Christmas Party at Roma's in Owosso. Members and guests brought non-perishable food to donate to LINC Community Food Pantry at the Lincoln Alternative Education High School in Owosso. A total of 115 items were donated.

The Bretton Woods Lions Club Weekend Survival Kits program is dedicated to fill the weekend food gap by mobilizing an army of volunteers to pack and deliver food kits for delivery to participating schools every other week. By discreetly tucking food kits in the backpacks of the participating kids every other Friday we are confident that the kids will come to school on Monday morning ready to learn. In the kits there are enough food basics to make 6 dinners, 4 lunches, 4 breakfasts, and 2 to 4 snacks. Bretton Woods Lions along with other area organizations package up the meal kits. The groups meet at the South door of the Old Hill High School 5815 Wise Road, Lansing and pack the survival kits in the hallway. Come join us if your schedule allows and help pack up these survival kits so no child has to wonder if they will eat.

After the tree lighting in December, Santa Clause came to the Holt Farmers Market with the help of the Holt Lions Club. He passed out some candy to about 600 young people. He was welcomed by all.



Santa is greeting a youngster with the help of Mrs. Santa Claus (Lion Eleazar Montes and wife Linda)



The Holt Lions participated in helping the Old News Boys raise funds for their projects. This took place in one day at many businesses in Holt. The picture is just two of the ten Holt Lions that helped. The following was sent to Lion Kelly Bean: "I am happy to say that even though we had open slots, we were still able to exceed our prior year collection by over \$200.00 for a total of \$1022.00 in cash. We also received a few nice size checks dropped off as well, which brings our total collection to over \$1300.00. This was not possible without each one of you. Thank you for another great year of Old News Boys."



Lions Steve and Eileen Delaney

The Grand Ledge Lions Board of Directors allotted \$500 to the Board's plan to help some of the less fortunate teens attending Grand Ledge High School this year. There are twenty boys and twenty girls with a bit more of a struggle than most and certainly could use a helping hand. To help provide some items that are readily available to most teens their age, some Lions members spent time doing some shopping for just the right things. Pictured are items of that were purchased and donations along with people putting them together in convenient bundles to be delivered to the High School. From the time that the Board took on this challenge there were three members in a huddle already preparing to take on this job, Lions Dick and Judy Sena, and Joanne Ford. They knew the connections for gathering others and, as the pictures show, many hands made quick work of putting together these bundles of needed and appreciated items for each of the twenty and twenty. (Written by Lion Gene Ringle)



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Sparta Lions attended the North Kent Connect Family Feud Fundraiser in October. Recently Sparta Lions hosted their Annual Christmas Auction and Dinner at the Sparta Civic Center.

The Lyons-Muir Club held their annual Hog Roast and Car Show earlier this fall. They had a great number of participation and a lot more cars for this year's show. Everyone enjoyed the homemade food along with the hog roast. President Marv Ludwick kept a vigilant eye on the roaster all night! In late October, they worked their Texas Hold 'Em tournament in Grand Rapids.

Wyoming Lions provided a "Read Between the Lions" eye movement screening on 91 students in October at St Isadore's Home School system along with Lion Ken Adamy's District Kidsight screening.

Mark your calendars for the **Rockford Lions** annual Chili Cook-off on March 12th at the Sportsman's Club in Rockford MI.

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Health items to loan Health items to loan/donate—Contact Lion Dunn, **DeWitt Lions Club** for Canes, Crutches, Walkers

The Muskegon Northside Lions hosted Children's Christmas Shopping with Santa and Mrs. Clause. It was a pleasure for the Northside Lions to be able to provide 31 children from the North Muskegon and Reeths-Puffer areas a shopping trip for their families for Christmas presents, a pizza party, wrapping of gifts, and a visit from Santa. What a fun day! The kids so do like the event. We are so blessed as a club to be able to have this

event for the children and their families. It surely make the holidays better for them and for us too to be able to "give back" to our community.

> REGION NEWS



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Bay City Lion's Club had a busy December. Attached is a photo of one of our activities for the month, which was ringing the bell for the Salvation Army of Bay City at the WalMart in Bay City. There is friendly competition with other service clubs to see who can raise the most money. We are waiting for the results. We are the defending champions.

In early December we held our annual Christmas Steak Fry where there were over 100 in attendance. A raffle drawing was also that evening and raised over \$1000 for administrative activities, and District Governor Steve VanTol inducted 11 new members.



Flint Downtown Lions Club would like to welcome our newest member, Ryan Palmer. Ryan was so excited that he jumped right in to help us distribute water to the Flint community at a water distribution event at Shiloh Church in December. Many families were served. As club secretary, I would personally like to thank our club president, George E. Washington for reserving five food baskets from local 598 making it possible to distribute them to needy families in the name of the Flint Downtown Lions Club. Thank you again to the Millington Lions Club for hosting the joint birthday party for the Flint and Saginaw clubs. We truly appreciate the effort that went into this and anticipate seeing everyone on January 12th. Our club is extremely excited to be hosting a blanket making event on Saturday, January 18th. The public will be invited to assist us with making blankets for children in need. We also hope to attract new members during this event.

Saint Charles Lions Club sponsored the Third Annual Lighted Parade for The Old Fashioned Christmas Weekend in St. Charles. Seventeen floats were created from the community, and beautiful plaques were given to the top four floats, as well as \$100 to each. An award was presented to the best business, community organization, and school. Pictured is the club entry! (Our club can never win because we sponsor the event! LOL). St. Charles Lion members assisted with the Breakfast with Santa at St. Charles Elementary. Lion Lorie Wille helped create a baggie of reindeer food!



Flushing Lions Club: The first of two items we did in December is the TV Raffle we hold every year in conjunction with the Flushing Candle Walk. This year's first place prize of a 65 inch smart TV went to John Howe a Flushing resident, second place a 43 inch smart TV went to another Flushing resident Marty Barta. The 3rd place \$100 gas card went to Lion Don Dale, president of the Gaines Club. We netted about \$2000 on the Raffle.



Pictured is the First place winner John Howe.

Frankenmuth Lions Club recently spent 72 hours on 6 weekend days supporting the Salvation Army during their Christmas Red Kettle campaign. More than 30 club members worked two-hour shifts to greet shoppers and to thank them for their donations. The total collected during the six days was \$5,024.28, the most our club has ever collected in the past 25 years. Also, our Lions Club collected the most money in such a short time than any other club or organization that worked for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army serves over 2500 families of Saginaw County through dinners, countless toys, coats, hats, gloves and other necessities of life. Frankenmuth Lions celebrated Christmas with a special dinner at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant Alpine Room. They were entertained by piano selections and Christmas carols in German and English sung by the local Gemutlichkeit club. A highlight of the evening was the annual "bottle raffle", which was fun for all. Funds in the amount of \$632 were raised from the raffle and donations were presented to the Special Needs Vision Clinic to support their important work in the community. Early in December, members from the Frankenmuth Lions Club and the Bridgeport Lions Club volunteered at the Saginaw VA Hospital. They helped the veterans trim a Christmas tree, sing carols and play Bingo – a fun time for all!



Freeland Lions have been enjoying a much needed break with family for the month of December but we've been keeping busy still. We have a very dedicated group of Lions, and in the month of December, we had our Annual Community Christmas Party, which was a great time to spend with the community and family. Also we had another "food giveaway" headed up by our Region Chair Bill Bauder and many local groups show up to help with this. We are a very fortunate club with the full support of our community. Planning for Walleye Festival has begun, and we're also preparing for our first sportsman's dinner. Tickets are selling out fast. It's been a very prosperous 2019 and we are looking forward to a very promising 2020.

Linden Lions Christmas tree sales exceeded expectations again this year. Despite the warm weather, the community came flocking to the Christmas tree lot. They started shopping the weekend before Thanksgiving to buy their trees. In early December, Rory once again made a roaring appearance at the 4th Annual Linden Holiday Happening parade. There were lots of people and the parade's MC told the history of the Linden Lion's club as the float passed by. After the parade, others from the Linden Lions club and the Kiwanis welcomed families and friends into the VFW Hall and treated them to cookies and hot cocoa, hot cider and donuts. This has become an annual tradition that the Linden Lions members and the community look forward to.



Shields Lions Club: The Thomas Township Christmas Train is an annual event, and the Shields Lions Club put up a display for all the train passengers to see.



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The Memphis Lions have collected food for the communities less fortunate. The Lions worked with the Boy Scout troop 245 and are now working with the Leo Club, which is a junior version of the Lions Club. This is one of the charity events that the Lions have done for thirty or more years. The city, school, and word of mouth would let the Lions know who was in need of help before the holiday season. There were stories about how some of the original Lions handled passing out food over the years. Memphis Lions were and still are a colorful bunch. Some of the things that we have experienced in the recent past are simply breathtaking. When people wrap the arms around your neck and weep in appreciation it gives you a feeling you cannot explain. We tell them it is the community that is giving back not us individuals. The boxes consist of a ham and all the sides along with paper products.



Memphis Lions stand out on corner and sell Goodfellow papers to support this effort. The generous members of this community roll down the window and contribute by purchasing the paper. Memphis is one of four Lions Clubs that are doing the Old Newsboy tradition. There are a few ads in a cover paper wrapped around a Detroit Free Press for that day. Other Lions clubs use a different format with the entire paper containing nothing but ads. Memphis Lions are giving every dime of the money collected back to the community. This has been our tradition for more than three decades.

The Carsonville Lions Club's December meeting had 8 members present, along with R/C Cheryl Drouillard, DAD Project Chairperson Mary Bokach and PDG Jack Kriete.

Pictured are Lion Mary, Club President Ron Kandell and PDG Jack as the club donated \$500.00 to the Diabetes program that has been in the works this year under the LCIF grant for DAD.



Memphis Lions gathered at MediLodge senior living in Richmond. The Lions brought therapy dogs and a future Leader Dog pup for the residents to interact with. Four residents that had very little family contact received items that they need for everyday living, as well as Christmas items. Gifts were much appreciated as was the attention. Memphis Lions made sure that all the residents were included. Lion Nancy Thomson and Lion Deb Kaminski were instrumental in setting this visit in motion. Lions Eric Schneider, Yvonne Latouf and Mike Kaminski, along with some of the Memphis Leos, helped with greetings. Marion Smith brought her therapy dog "Shadow" to work with the residents. One of the gentlemen really appreciates dogs. We owe a special thanks to Leo mom, Krissa Cabral, for the excellent photos. This year there were two Huskies, Shadow and Natasha; they are bred for pulling and it appears in one photo they want to pull a wheelchair. We will save that for another event.



Marine City Lions held their annual craft show in December, Lions sponsor the Arts and Craft show to give back to the community. Way to go Marine City.



A check was presented by the Applegate Lions Club at their December meeting to the Diabetes Chairperson Mary Bokach (also the club President) and to PDG Jack Kriete. These funds will be deposited into the Diabetes Restricted fund administered by the District and will be used in the ongoing diabetes programs that have been started under the DAD Grant program. One of the requirements of the LCIF grant is to have all the programs that were funded under this program to be sustainable.



The Marlette Lions Club members were pleased to partner with others in the community to provide an enjoyable weekend at Country Christmas, hosted by the Marlette Chamber of Commerce. Events included a CHILI COOK-OFF at the Methodist Church. Funds raised were designated for free food programs sponsored by the church. Four Lions Club members were assisting the event organizer Dick Schell, past president of the Marlette Lions Club. SANTA was at Hope Community Church. He appeared riding on the firetruck. Many children had their picture taken with Santa. You might have thought that Santa was John Herman, a past president of the Lions Club. While waiting for Santa many children had their faces painted & made crafts. The Lions Club served hot cider, coffee and cookies provided by Tri County Bank. Other activities included Santa and Mrs. Clause along with reindeer at Ben's Great Outdoors & Contractor Center. Several Lions club members had their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Clause. Serving hot chocolate, hot cider, coffee, and cookies was a way the Lions fulfilled their motto, WE SERVE.



Pictured: Lions John Gratton, Dr. Ron Lindberg, and Matt Corlew

Memphis Michigan Leo's hosted a Christmas Senior Luncheon and Bingo in mid-December, with the assistance of Memphis Lion members. Leo's Gloria, Avery, Sydney and Brandon enjoyed setting up, cooking and baking for our local seniors. Cub Scout Zeke also helped with the serving and cleaning up to help him achieve his community merit badge. After the luncheon they assisted in helping Lion Judy Weaver host Bingo for the many prizes they had ready. Seniors loved picking from the many prizes and took home left over food and deserts. There were many hugs and thank you's as the seniors left at the end. All said they were already looking forward to next year's Christmas Senior Luncheon. This Leo's group represents the best of our community! If your high/junior high student would love to join and do wonderful things for our community, applications for this Leo Club are available in the Memphis High School Office.



Pictured are Memphis Leos: Brandon, Gloria, Avery and Sydney.

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The Bay City Lions also had our annual cookie walk at Bangor Township Hall and raised over \$1000 for service activities. Some of the cookies were frosted at the Steak Fry by a dedicated crew who enjoyed the project.

The Bay City Lions' annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the LFA Hall in Frankenlust Township. The children and their parents were given a meal, entertainment, and the children got to sit on Santa's lap and receive a gift. A good time was had by all.

Later in December, food boxes that had been prepared by Handy Middle School LEO members were distributed by Bay City Lion's Club members to those in need in the community. Fifty one boxes that were paid for by our Club were delivered.

Bay City Lions – Opioid and Suicide Prevention Symposium – May 14, 2020

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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

The Ft. Gratiot/Burtchville Twp. Lions presented our TREX bench to the Township. Stop by the offices to see it. We would also like to send out a Thank you to our BIG contributors,

Independent Floor Covering and Tractor Supply Co. of Fort Gratiot. Stop by their stores to say thank you for supporting the community. We also started and are almost done collecting for our second bench. Fort Gratiot Township supervisor, Rob Crawford, was really excited about receiving the bench. He sat in it and did not move for the photo taken.



Pictured: Tom & Winn Thiele, 1st VDG Sami Makhoul, Lions Bob Thoms, Richard Simmons, Sally Jett, Pete Jett, William Jett Standing, sitting Mary Simmons, Supervisor Rob Crawford, Lion Anita Selby, and Tractor Supply associate.



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Weidman Lions are in the process of sprucing up the old Fire Station that is used to store their catering equipment and houses the local recycling center. Open 24/7, it is one of eight locations in the county and collects enough material to require emptying of large dumpsters three times a week.



Winners of the local peace poster contest sponsored by the Weidman Lions Club were students from St. Joseph the Worker School in Beal City. Pictured l-r: Lion Jack Wood, Lily Rau (1st place \$50 winner), Sophie Ludwig (runner up \$25 winner), and Lion Karlis Greizis



As per many previous years, Weidman Lions donated books to schools in the Weidman and Beal City area. First graders receive books on how to create words, fourth graders get dictionaries, and fifth graders a booklet on the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Picture shows fourth graders from Beal City Public School and Lions members Melissa Race and Kim Flaughner on far right.



The Onekama Lions Club hosted a Senior Citizen Fall Dinner. The dinner was at the Onekama Lion's Den, in October last year. The Den was decorated in a fall theme by Judy Bradford using pumpkins and gourds, fall colored leaves and apples. These items were donated to her by area Farms, Lutz Farm donated the pumpkins and gourds and the apples were provided by Dave Meister. The dinner was planned, cooked and served by Lions members, Mike Haske, Barb Mitchell, Pam Schroeder, Jerry Wilson, Phil Coryell and Ana Paz, along with many other Lions members that helped with the setup and clean up. The dinner started with Pigs in a Blanket and a dipping sauce, there was a cabbage slaw and cottage cheese. The main course served roasted pork with apple gravy, butter noodles, and a savory apple sauce. There was a chocolate éclair cake, cupcakes and an apple crisp. Many of the food items were provided at a discount from the Onekama EZ Market, and the Bear Lake Market. This dinner was a pleasant surprise to the Onekama Lions Club when attended by over two hundred area seniors. At the end of the Dinner prizes of apples, pumpkins, and gourds were given to the seniors in lucky seats. The lucky seat was organized and planned by the Bradford's. These Dinners are provided biannually, in the spring and the fall, we will be planning for 200 in the spring.

Picture - Kara's grandfather, Scott, Joy and Kara Paquette, DG Jackie Glazier, Ayla, Ben and Janette Ross.

The Baldwin Lions Club has been busy coming to the aid of several local residents after the recent flooding of the Muskegon River. Three families lost their entire home and contents, having over 4 feet of water inside. The Baldwin Lions applied for, and received, a Disaster Relief grant from the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation in the amount of \$3,000. Each family received \$1,000 to use for their greatest need. Helping the club present the funds were PDG Ron Gibson, Chairman of the Grant Committee, and Lake County Emergency Manager, Patrick Maddox, along with King Lion Ron Prys.



Once again this year, the Big Rapids Lions Club decided to reach out beyond the community and spread some Christmas cheer as part of their special Christmas dinner. Club member Chad Saxton who works at Eagle Village arranged for 12 students and three staff members to join the Club for dinner. Club members took the names of the students, purchased gifts and each student received a Christmas package. Santa Claus made an appearance to hand out gifts.

Can anyone guess who Santa Claus is???
 HINT: a PDG from a nearby club. Members had a great time interacting with the students - some even sat on Santa's lap to give him their Christmas wish list!



Pictures - Santa with his elf (King Lion Dave Hamelund); Santa with club member Andy Seeger; Santa with guest PDG Laura Johnson

Once again this year, the Big Rapids Lions Club held a local International Peace Poster Contest. Students from two local schools - Big Rapids Middle School and St. Mary Catholic School participated. This year's theme was 'Journey of Peace'. Kara Paquette, an 8th grade student at St. Mary Catholic School and daughter of Scott and Joy Paquette and Ayla Ross, 6th grade student at Big Rapids Middle School and daughter of Ben and Janette Ross were selected as the winners. As indicated in the December newsletter, Kara's poster was selected as the District winner. The Club is very proud of Kara and Ayla for their participation in this program.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Coleman Lions! We were honored in the Holiday Parade this year. PDG Al had the pleasure of driving our Lion in a Mustang convertible while members threw candy and handed out Coleman Lions pencils. We also had a successful KidSight screening during the 3 days of Santa Express in Sanford. Thanks to Lion Dick Ivan (Midland Lions) for his willingness to help out one day. Santa (PDG Harry) brought the equipment to Coleman for a glasses workshop.

We showered a local family with Christmas gifts. In addition to club funds, members donated generously and we were able provide boots, snow pants, games, gift cards, a new vacuum for mom and a turkey (not in a pear tree!)



Midland Lions manned the kettle at Kroger during the holidays as one of their service projects. (Pictured are Lions Mike Hoy, Mike Hays, and Ann Fraser.)



Midland Lions and spouses helped serve Christmas Dinner to the seniors as another service project in mid-December.



The last event of the year for the Midland Lions Club was our annual Children's Christmas Party. There were 60+ special kids, representing all the elementary schools in Midland, who attended. They enjoyed the special Christmas cookies, and dinner, and were entertained by Jews the Clown and Santa



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Boyer Valley Lions Club welcomed new Lions member Elise Freed at their mid-December meeting.



East Jordan Lions Club held their annual Christmas Dinner and live action at the Jordan Inn. Lions Club members and special guests raised \$1500.00 in the auction which was donated to the East Jordan Care & Share Food Pantry.



Oscoda Lions ramp builders Lion Tony, Bill and Chuck Built a 16' ramp for a disabled Vet in Tawas. The homeowners were very pleased and appreciative of the ramp. Veterans Organization is supposed to cover the cost of material and permits. They started at 8 am and finished around 12:30 pm. It was a pretty decent day to work, no snow or rain. WE SERVE.



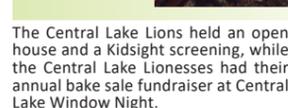
Oscoda Lions held their annual Lunch with Santa on Saturday. It was well attended; the families had lunch with Santa. We also had some special guests, Elsa, Anna and Olaf from Frozen; they gave each child a stuffed animal. Pictured: Anna (Erin Senn), Olaf and Elsa (Molly Priebe). A total of 210 children received a gift from Santa. We also had four honor Students helping out. Honor students: Kaden Schlink, Lauren Langley, Issy Hulverson and Amber Heiser



Lions Sara (Smith) Goldberg and President Cal Shooks of the Central Lake Lions presented a check to the local youth center CLYFF - Central Lake Youth Focusing on the Future. In addition to the \$1,000 they collected in donations at their Christmas party, an extra \$200 that was also donated by club members throughout the year in memory of Lion Jim Smith.



Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance at the annual Central Lake Lions Christmas party, where new member Norma Clement was inducted by Vice District Governor Rod Leathers, sponsored by Lion Marie Leathers.



The Central Lake Lions held an open house and a Kidsight screening, while the Central Lake Lionesses had their annual bake sale fundraiser at Central Lake Window Night.



Central Lake Lionesses presented the proceeds from their annual Local Fashion Show where \$1,392 was raised to support The Central Lake School Trojan Food Pantry. The fashion show has become a local favorite, highlighting the local fashions available in Central Lake.



There was also a parade at night; the Lions provided a float for Santa. WE SERVE.



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Sand Lake Lions Club - held their Annual Variety Sale in November. It was a beautiful fall day and we had a good variety of vendors and crafters and a good turnout of shoppers. In conjunction with the sale we also held a Diabetes A1C Screening as part of the Michigan Defense Against Diabetes (D.A.D.) Program. We had an above average turn out for that. (FYI 25) Our thanks to the Chippewa Lake-Mecosta Members who came and did the screening.

Hart Lions are developing a diabetes program with a local clinic. We held a fundraising

food booth for fairground improvements and have donated to several organizations within the last month. Guest speakers from United Way were given a donation of \$1,000 for Dolly Parton's Imagination Book Program. A guest speaker from the Shelby Farm to Table event was also given a donation of \$1,000.

The Midland Lions Club has a few Services Projects planned for the month of December: We collect "Toys for Tots" and "Coats for Kids". We "rang the bell" for the Salvation Army outside of Kroger.

In December a group of Midland Lions served Christmas Dinner at the Senior Center. Our last Service Project is a fun special Children's Christmas Party complete with Jews the Clown and Santa! This takes place mid-December.

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Boyer Young American Program: BV Lions voted to support the Erin Zucker Music Program, the Young American Program of singing, dancing and performing and putting on a show for the public. The program gets kids enthusiastic about music and the arts. Costs are \$59 per student or \$235 to sponsor 4 children. The BV Lions decided to donate \$235 to sponsor 4 students in the program
Highway Cleanup: Boyne Valley Lions cleaned up their 2 mile stretch of highway (M-75) in October. Seven Lions had a great time and were done in 90 minutes.

The Central Lake Lions and Lioness Clubs donated funds for the Central Lake school's "GoBag for Teachers" project. This will put first aid supplies, flashlights and sundry into a kit for each teacher and/or room at the school in case of an emergency.



Register for DONATE LIFE DAY

Mark your calendars and line up your buddies for Donate Life Day—Friday, April 17, 2020!

Eversight, Gift of Life Michigan and Lions and Lioness Clubs will join Secretary of State branch offices across the state to promote donation. Volunteer “buddies” will provide information to customers about becoming a registered eye, organ and tissue donor. Join us for this great cause!

Because of Lions and Lioness like you, 1,418 people joined the Michigan donor registry on Donate Life Day 2019. Let’s make 2020 another memorable year—volunteer and encourage others to give the gifts of sight, life and mobility!

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