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**THE SERVICE MUST GO ON!**  
MICHIGAN LIONS  
VIRTUAL FORUM

Join us at 9:00 a.m.  
for this free event

SATURDAY  
February 27  
2021

(5) 20-minute  
breakout sessions including:

- Serving Safely
- Leos in a Virtual World of Service
- Zoom 101

Keynote Address by  
VDG Daniel Marney Elkins:  
How to Evolve our  
Service to Survive

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

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DAY

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## THE SERVICE MUST GO ON!

Please join us for the Michigan Lions Virtual Forum:

The **SERVICE** Must Go On!

**Saturday, February 27, 2021. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

5 Session Topics include:

- Maggie's Wigs4Kids led by Maggie Varney**
- ZOOM 101 for Non-Techies led by IPDG Mike Scott**
- The Service DOES Go On! led by ID Justin Faber**
- Leos in Action led by Lion Nicole Nessler-Stuhec**
- Lions Serving Safely led by PDG Evelyn Cooper and a panel of experts**

**Keynote Address: How to Evolve our Service to Survive**

Join VDG Daniel Marney Elkins as he discusses how Lions Clubs all over the world are faced with the challenges of having to find ways to continue to serve in the "new normal" of a world that has been impacted by a global pandemic. Join VDG Daniel for an interactive learning presentation about how to evolve and adapt to ensure that we fulfill our commitment to empower volunteers to serve their communities and to meet humanitarian needs.

**The Service Must Go On and We must Serve to Survive!**

Lion Daniel Marney Elkins is a professional drug prevention specialist and is the director of the Bellevue (Delaware) Prevention and Outreach Center. He specializes in creating youth leadership programming by teaching strategic thinking and service learning. Lion Daniel is one of the founders of the Lions Virtual movement and is also part of the executive committee for the North American Membership Initiative's Young Lion Task Force. He also serves as a new club development consultant for Lions Clubs International. Lion Daniel was also just recently elected as 2nd Vice District Governor of the state of Delaware which is District 22-D.

Register for this free webinar by 2/25/2021 @ [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)

If you have a Smart Phone point your camera app to this QR code for a direct link to register for this really exciting event.



See page 4 for additional details on the February 27 Lions Michigan Virtual Forum!

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY 2021**

## &gt; PRIDE NEWS



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE

### WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



#### I've been accused of being a "Pollyanna" in the past, and you know what? I'll take it!

When the car ahead of me on the highway is super slow, I like to think they may be transporting a beautiful wedding cake. If the weather report predicts a high of 10 degrees for the day, I am hopeful that the day will include sunshine. That person who cut me off in line needed to check out sooner than I did. My glass is typically half full.

Being an optimistic person has its challenges but the decision to be positive is ours alone to make. Many Lions Clubs continue to take the positive road in their community, which is proven time and time again by the service they have provided. Admittedly, I am not a numbers person, but someone out there is! Can you add up the number of food baskets, turkeys, hams, toys and games, wheel chair-friendly ramps and smiles that Lions provided during the month of December, alone? Read the Club Happenings section of the Lion Pride and get back to me, please! Let's all work toward becoming more positive in 2021. When your club

meets take time to create a list of ideas for the future that can make a difference for your club and the community you serve. What do you want to see happen now, next month, next summer? Feel free to dream big!

We are all facing serious challenges right now, but we can still make time to practice gratitude and share it with others. The Jackson Eyeopeners has a "Happy Bucks" jar, and at the end of every meeting members share something positive that has happened since the last meeting and we all cheerfully donate to the jar. We may be forced at times to come up with a happy thought but everyone participates-and we always get a good laugh at some of the things we're happy for.

In closing, I'll leave you with this positive message: Even the tiniest act of kindness shown can make a difference in a person's life, from a child to an adult.

Go out and make it happen for someone today.

**Yours in Service,  
Lion Wendy (aka Pollyanna)**



## FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR

### BILL KOCH - MD 11E1



Lions are continuing service in innovative ways. With the challenges presented this year our Lions are continuing service and model assessment, adaptation, innovation.

Our Messick Lions Club became a can-smacker extraordinaire. They went as far as the bridge collecting cans and then standing for hours at machines returning the cans. This money was used for food baskets. Harrison Lions Club set up a garage sale with proper precautions distancing and masked, which resulted in great success. The money went back into the community and was shared among several different programs.

Kingsley Lions Club practiced social distancing and safely held a white cane drive. They also work on bicycles in need of repair. With the help of the local bike shop and the skill of members they recondition bikes, giving them to children that do not have bikes based on schools or social worker's request. Christmas baskets and wreaths were sold and

the money use for food baskets. White Cloud Lions Club served over 300 Christmas dinners on Christmas Day in an event that was changed to a drive-through event. For those that were unable to pick up a dinner, club member made personal deliveries. Central Montcalm Lion Club packaged and delivered Christmas baskets to porches. The recipients were called and told of the time of delivery and notified when delivery could be expected.

These are just a few examples of the Lions at their best. It is easy to say "we can't do this because..." The Lions service spirit includes not saying "woe is me," but thinking of an alternate way to SERVE.

Every club has a story to share! Please share yours so we can poach the ideas. Our clubs need to stay in touch and find a way for service. We serve not because it is easy, but because there is a need.

## From the Desk of Council Chair Jeff Mayuiers

### A smile can be contagious-Start your own Pandemic today!



My grandma lived through the great depression. I can remember her kindness, and her warm heart and the words she would always say whenever we as children felt sad or troubled. She would tell us things are only bad in our minds. Gloom is a place you chose to visit yourself. Trust me she would say it can always be worse. Look for the good things and wrap yourself up with them like a nice warm blanket.

**I think of those memories and cannot help but smile.**

Because it seems those words my grandma spoke over and over might help so many of us today. We as Lions have so much to be happy about. Let us not dwell on negativity. Let us help one another rediscover all the things we must be glad about. The world needs our strength, now more than ever. Together it is not enough to believe you can make a difference, it is knowing you can...I know what some gloomer's are thinking...yes, I do, "who the heck will know we are smiling when our face is stuck behind a mask"....and I say to you...your eyes can sparkle and speak volumes if you want them to!



**Council Chair Jeff Mayuiers**

## Lion Pride Magazine

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# Global Service Team Report - Evelyn Cooper

## LIONS CONTINUE SERVICE



It's important that we continue to work to help our communities and the world. The need is greater than ever. Many of our Lion clubs and districts are working to fill the gaps where other charitable and service organizations are not able to continue their services. With Lions Clubs International being the largest service organization in the world, it is incumbent on us to safely do our part for our communities and the world.

All of Multiple District 11 have dedicated and hard working District Global Service Team Coordinators. They have reached out to their communities in spite of this pandemic.

**GST Lion Michael Harper, 11 A1** was instrumental in encouraging and helping the clubs complete their donations of one thousand facial masks. Also, she assists her district with the various food bank projects and the Reading Action Program.

**GST Lion Louvenia Shack-Seals, 11 B1** was extremely instrumental in assisting various clubs in her district with the completion of the mask donations project. Also, she helped her club, Quest South East Jackson Lion's, with different community membership drives, artwork contests for the youth and voter registrations. Additionally, Lion Kelly Lubbe, president and founder of the Jackson County Professional Virtual Lion's club was successful in writing a \$10,000 grant that allowed them to manufacture hand sanitizers for our first responders. Lion Kelly has worked on various other successful projects with their clubs. This shows you how you can be successful with teamwork.

**GST Lion Amy Thackston, 11 B2** has been busy working with her clubs. She still found time to design a banner patch for districts/clubs that completed the mask donation project. Of course I'm going to ask her to design a few more for our other service projects. Also, she has encouraged and worked with the Portage Lion's club, which is the smallest club in her district. The president, Lion Elvira has proven that the size of the club doesn't matter if everyone is willing to serve. Their eleven-member club has completed the most service projects in the district such as pill vial collections, food bank distribution, mask donations, park clean up, etc. This is certainly a club to be celebrated!

**GST Becky Hamilton, IPDG, 11 C2** has also been busy helping her clubs with mask donations, food drives and Thrivent Action Teams programs. She also encouraged and helped the district with the Kidsight Program, Red Cross Blood drives and various other service projects.

**GST Peggy Frank, 11 E1** works diligently with her district clubs even though she's very busy as a full time audiologist. She was very instrumental in assisting the Fremont Lions Club with the SINE program that helped students with vision problems in Fremont and Hesperia Public Schools. The district also worked with food drives, hearing programs and other service projects.

**GST Joe Bogar, PDG 11 D1**, has been busy helping his district after a recent move. He has helped with their cleaning and plowing Pine Hill Community Park, their food pantry project and the ever-popular Reading Action Program. He can't wait to help with their winter service projects.

**GST Whitey Simon, PDG 11 D2**, has worked diligently in the past helping Harsen's Island with food distribution programs and pill vial collection projects. The Ugly Lion's club is very successful with their many service projects such as continuous food preparation/distribution programs, highway clean up, vision screening, blood drives and the cans collection service project which is extremely important for our environment.

**GST Marie Leathers 11 E2**, works with mostly all of her numerous district service projects. They have worked tirelessly to help remove diseased trees from our environment. Also, they have been instrumental in cleaning their parks including the Sister Lakes Lion's Community Park. They initiated an Adopt a Road Clean Up program. One of their recurring projects is sponsoring and working with Bear Lake Camp and Salvation Army. In addition to these projects they still operate the Central Lake food pantry and sponsor high school scholarships.

I'm certain that all of our districts/clubs are performing various service projects. Please have your GST District Coordinator, GST Club Service Chair or Administrator report your activities in MyLion.

Livonia, Fremont, Portage and Boyne Valley Lion Clubs submitted their phenomenal service projects for the Lions Clubs International "Kindness Matters Service Awards." Even though they weren't selected for one of the nationwide eighteen awards we recognize and honor them for their work and submissions. Clubs should start developing and working on their service projects for next year's awards. As Lion's, we don't serve for recognition and awards, we serve because we strive to help our communities and the world. Therefore, we are successful because we are Lion strong, regardless of awards!

## Introducing "Lion Cards for Kids!"

A Covid – safe, fun project anyone can do! BY LION LAURA HUNT MCCC CHAIR



Would you write even just one quick note of support for a child fighting cancer? In recognition of International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day on February 15th, your Michigan Childhood Cancer Committee (MCCC) has an easy challenge for every Michigan Lion!

Make or buy a card of encouragement for a child battling cancer. It can be as simple as you like, or you can go "all-out" with stickers, glitter and other decorations. Just write from your heart or Google and Pinterest will give you tons of ideas. Whatever you choose, we challenge our 12,000 Michigan Lions to send out a card...or three! This could also be a fun family project and can of course be done anytime throughout the year.

Once it's done, send it to one of the addresses below. Our Lions focus projects will get them to the kids. Easy peasy! Make sure to sign them from "Lion Your Name Here."

A big "Thank You" from the kids, and from all of us on the MCCC!

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| Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids<br>30130 Harper Ave.<br>St Clair Shores, MI 48082 | Kids Kicking Cancer<br>27600 Northwestern Hwy #220<br>Southfield, MI 48034 | Camp Quality<br>5 E Main St #6<br>Boyne City, MI 49712 |
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## LCI ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### LCI Convention, Montreal goes Virtual

Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world. The registration fee will be \$50 until March 31, then \$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be \$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

### Current registrants

– Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.

### Elections

– Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.

### Convention updates

– Check our convention website LCIcon for convention updates and details as they become available.

## &gt; MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM NEWS

## Michigan LIONS FORUM THE SHOW MUST GO ON!



## Special Guest KeyNote Speaker: Daniel Marney Elkins

We're all familiar with the expression, "The show must go on!" You say the star trapeze artist ran off with the tiger tamer? No matter, the show must go on! The star singer got laryngitis? The show must go on! Show managers don't want to disappoint their audiences and so they find a way to make the show a success in spite of the odds.

And so it is with Lions service. There's a wide world of people out there who need our service in spite of limitations placed on our activities: "The service must go on!" so that we don't disappoint them.

The event will be fast-paced with five 20-minute sessions focusing mostly on Lions service in Michigan. There'll be a session called "Zoom 101 for Non-Techies" so everyone can see how easy it is to set up your own meetings.

We'll have a keynote address by VDG Daniel Marney Elkins of Delaware. He will talk about how to reach the younger generation. After all, bringing in new, younger, members is part of keeping our service going!

Stay tuned for more details after the first of the year. There will be emails with more information, too. We hope to see you there!

**Wendy Burns, Executive Director**  
**Karen Routson, Chair, Michigan Lions Forum 2020 – 2022**

## 2021 Michigan White Cane Scholarships Awarded

The Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee met to review applications for the 2021 White Cane Scholarships. The top three candidates will each be awarded a \$3,000 Scholarship, made possible through the Grace Lang Memorial Fund.

The fund was established in the late 70's through the estate of Grace Lang with the intention to use money to assist blind students to obtain their educational goals. Did you know the Michigan Forum originally called "The White Cane Symposium," and that a White Cane Scholarship Queen was appointed?

This year, the committee is proud to announce the following recipients of \$3,000 White Cane Scholarships:

**Austin Clarke** - attends Western Michigan University and is pursuing a career in fashion merchandising. Austin doesn't let his visual impairment hold him back from anything. He is an ice skater and a member of the WMU waterski team. He organized the "Skate to See" fundraiser, helping to raise \$1,500.00 for retinal research. Famous around high school and WMU as the guy with the cool sneakers, he realized fashion merchandising was his calling. "Many people may think that living with a visual impairment is unbearable, and it may feel like it at times, but living with one gives me a chance to prove everyone wrong, including myself. Overcoming things is a great feeling and I will never stop no matter how many obstacles get in my way. I am honored to share my story with you."

**Elizabeth Dunn** - is pursuing a Master's Degree in Social Work at Western Michigan University. Blind since birth, Elizabeth states this has become a positive characteristic that helps her observe and move through the world in her own unique way. She is committed to advocate for the increased positive representation, inclusion and equity of all people in minority groups. Her volunteer experiences include helping young blind children learn adaptive living skills, and she will use her creative talents to advocate for the representation of blind people in the Grand Rapids artistic community as well as the city's ArtPrize events. The resources of this scholarship will aid in her journey to help others through her Master's in Social Work.

**Victor Marques** - is a graduate assistant at Western Michigan University while in his second year of pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy at WMU. Victor lost his vision in 2010 due to a diagnosis of Retinitis Pigmentosa. He is a professional musician, has held leadership roles as club president and vice-president of Toastmasters in the Portage area, and has been asked to serve as finance director to assist the Renewed Hope Free Health Clinic in Allegan. Victor has taught himself the necessary skills to become independent and has become proficient in braille reading and writing. This scholarship will aid in the purchase of specialized equipment to assist him with his career and daily communications. Upon graduation this year, Victor will work with transition age youth and adults pursuing success in education and/or attaining their vocational goals.

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**PDG Evelyn Cooper to present at the Michigan Lions Virtual Forum**  
Plan now to attend the Michigan Lions Virtual Forum! PDG Evelyn Cooper has coordinated a panel discussion for one of the breakout sessions



that allows Lion members to highlight their club/district new and or recurring successful service projects. Some of the discussions also detail project fundraising ideas. PDG Evelyn Cooper is a member of Detroit Mid-City Lions Club. She is presently the 2020-2021 Multiple District Global Service Team Coordinator. Watch for the email registration form or register at [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com). This is a free webinar for Lion members – take advantage of this event! 5 breakout sessions and a keynote address by Lion Daniel Marney Elkins.

## Michigan Lions Virtual Forum Session Highlight:

### LIONS SERVING SAFELY!

The Fremont Lions Club has held a program to help students from two public school districts, identified by teachers of having possible vision problems, receive free complete eye exams and glasses if needed, at Ferris State University College of Optometry. This was possible through a generous grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

During the 2019 SINE Program 74 students from the Fremont Public and Hesperia Community School Districts went to Ferris State University Michigan College of Optometry to have eye exams on December 5, 2019. Of the 74 students who participated 58 required eyeglasses. This represents 78 percent of the participants needing glasses which is a higher percentage than the 2015 and 2017 SINE Programs. Of the 74 students examined, this was the first eye exam ever for 26 students (35%).

The impact of the 2019 SINE Program is to correct the vision problems of young students so that they will have the ability to enjoy their maximum learning potential in their Fremont and Hesperia classrooms. In addition, by increasing the number of students receiving comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses, the SINE Program will educate parents and the community on the critical importance of good vision and the resulting improvements in academic performance, and thus encouraging parents to access eye care services for their children annually through local eye care professionals.





## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP MD11 CHAIR IPDG MICHAEL SCOTT



**In the face of inevitable challenges** and a still-uncertain set of risks, leadership is rightly concerned about how their clubs/districts will be affected and what they have to do next. We recognize that clubs are in different phases of dealing with the outbreak - therefore, the impacts vary. Nevertheless, of the extent of the virus's effect on a group, believe three fundamental qualities of strong leadership distinguish successful leaders as they guide their team through the Covid-19 crisis.

**Courage** - Courage is a defining trait of a leader. Think of great American leaders such as George Washington, Frederick Douglass, and others: They all looked a situation in the eye, acknowledged their fear, and decided to carry on anyway. In times of crisis, it may be tempting to bury your head in the sand.

**Competence** - In times of crisis, individuals look to trusted leaders and mirror their behaviors. But to win trust, leaders must show competence. In such situations, leaders should exhibit competence by relying on expert opinions and maintaining a sense of calm. During times like these, "emotional competence" is just as important as tactical competence.

**Communication** - Open communication is critical, but be thoughtful and rigorous about the information you share. Spreading inaccurate or incomplete information only escalates worry. Utilize reliable sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and local health departments to share relevant and timely communication with your teams.

**Maintaining** open, ongoing communication during times like these is critical to not only keep the business going but also from a teambuilding standpoint. Check-in regularly to discuss projects and remind each other that you are a team, and together you will get through this.

**Strong communication** can result in more involved members, shorter meetings, and an overall better understanding of its vision. As in the case of my career, IT professionals are no strangers to working remotely – many of my companies employees thrive on it – but now is an excellent time to revisit how our methods of providing service are and if some improvements or enhancements can be made without further disrupting the service we do.

**In the current crisis**, leaders must act in a similar fashion — giving their team direction and reminding them what they do matters. The new mission can be as simple as helping all members navigate this crisis as effectively as possible.



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### DEAR LION LEADERS,

I hope this correspondence finds each of you healthy and safe during these unprecedented times. This pandemic has stressed our organization, our nation, and the world like no one could have ever imagined. I firmly believe that during difficult times, true leaders shine. I am proud of each of you for not only stepping up to lead the charge, but to lead by example. General Patton once said, "A good plan, violently executed now, is better than a perfect plan next week." The fact of the matter is that we are thinking on our feet and as situations are thrust upon us. There is no textbook on how to handle the present state of affairs. Therefore, no matter what level of leadership, whether it be at the club level or on the international board, we must think and react swiftly and adapt to change.

**What aids us in the decision-making process?** It's simple, your heart and your passion to serve. We know if we don't continue to do acts of service in our communities, people will be lost and alone in what arguably may be the most difficult points in their lives. The need today may be greater than ever before. Disasters don't stop because of a pandemic. Your community needs you; the world needs you. When we joined our clubs, we were drawn to our motto, "we serve". So, I ask you to continue to lead as you have never done before. Look for new ways to serve our communities, new members to aid us in the charge, and thrive to be the best leader that you can be. Your International Board of Directors are here to serve by your side. The following are some recent actions taken by your board:

**1. Charter and entrance fee waiver through June 30, 2021.** Any new club chartered, or any new member sponsored into our organization will be exempt from the standard fee to become a member/club. The board understands at this time, many

people want to serve but are financially strained. We wish to not withhold one's membership for reasons that they did not have control over or had no opportunity to plan. Our hopes are that this will encourage our members to seek out the individuals that share the same passion as you and I and not

have them turned away for financial reasons.

**2. Flexible Payments through June 30, 2021.** Clubs that were in good standing

on December 31, 2020, will not be suspended or canceled for nonpayment of dues.

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**3. The International Convention has now gone virtual.** With the potential tens of thousands of our members that would transcend in Montreal, Quebec, it would not be safe. The board recognizes the value of our members safety and while we realize there is no way to completely allow our members to feel the experience of an international convention, we are offering the next best thing, a virtual convention. This will allow even more individuals to have the convention experience. We will elect our new executive officers as well as new international board members.

Lastly, for my friends in CA1 (U.S.A. and Canada) I wanted to acknowledge the USA/Canada Leadership forum is still being planned. The forum will be hosted by the Iowa Lions in Des Moines September 9-11, 2021. I encourage each of you to register now and reserve your seat. If the forum is cancelled or you find you are unable to attend, a refund will be issued. Register for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Here

Yours in Lionism,  
Justin K. Faber



## Dates to Remember 2021

Saturday, February 27, 2021  
Lions Michigan Virtual Forum

April 23-May 2, 2021  
Michigan Lions  
White Cane Week

May 21, 2021  
5th Council of Governors Mtg  
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Hotel, Holland

May 20-22, 2021  
MD 11 Lions Convention  
Holland DoubleTree Hotel,  
Holland

> DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS

# MD11 LIONS CONVENTION MAY 20 - 21 - HOLLAND MI

The MD 11 Lions Convention planning committee is hard at work planning the details of the 2021 convention, to be held in Holland at the DoubleTree Hotel May 20-21. For those of you who have never attended the MD 11 Lions Convention in the past, you are encouraged to attend!

LCI President Choi is our invited guest speaker, and we are optimistic about his travel to Michigan. We are in constant contact with the hotel staff in the planning of this year's convention. At this time, the committee is planning for an in-person event with the option to move to a virtual event if warranted.

Paws for a Cause will be our host for the pre-convention picnic on Thursday, May 19. 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 President Choi in a relaxed environment.

Reservations at the hotel can be made by calling 616-394-0111. Mention Lions of Michigan when making your arrangements.

Watch for future updates and announcements!



## 101 Years: Kindness and Diversity How Our Past is Shaping Our Future 2021 MD 11 Lions Convention

DOUBLETREE HOTEL, HOLLAND, MI MAY 20-22, 2021

HOTEL PHONE (616) 394-0111  
GROUP RATE: \$89 PER NIGHT (plus fees & taxes)  
REDUCED RATE AVAILABLE THRU APRIL 14, 2021

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 Name \_\_\_\_\_  Lion  Lioness  Spouse   
 Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lions/Lioness Club of \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
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Is this your first MD Convention?  Yes  No How many years a Lion member? \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 19, 2020	\$ _____
_____ Round trip bus to Paws with a Cause @ \$5.00	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness N/C Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$23.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Friday Night Welcome Reception Only (free)	# _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$30.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Entrée Choice: Baked Salmon _____ Roast Sirloin _____	
_____ GF _____ Vegetarian _____ Total: \$ _____	

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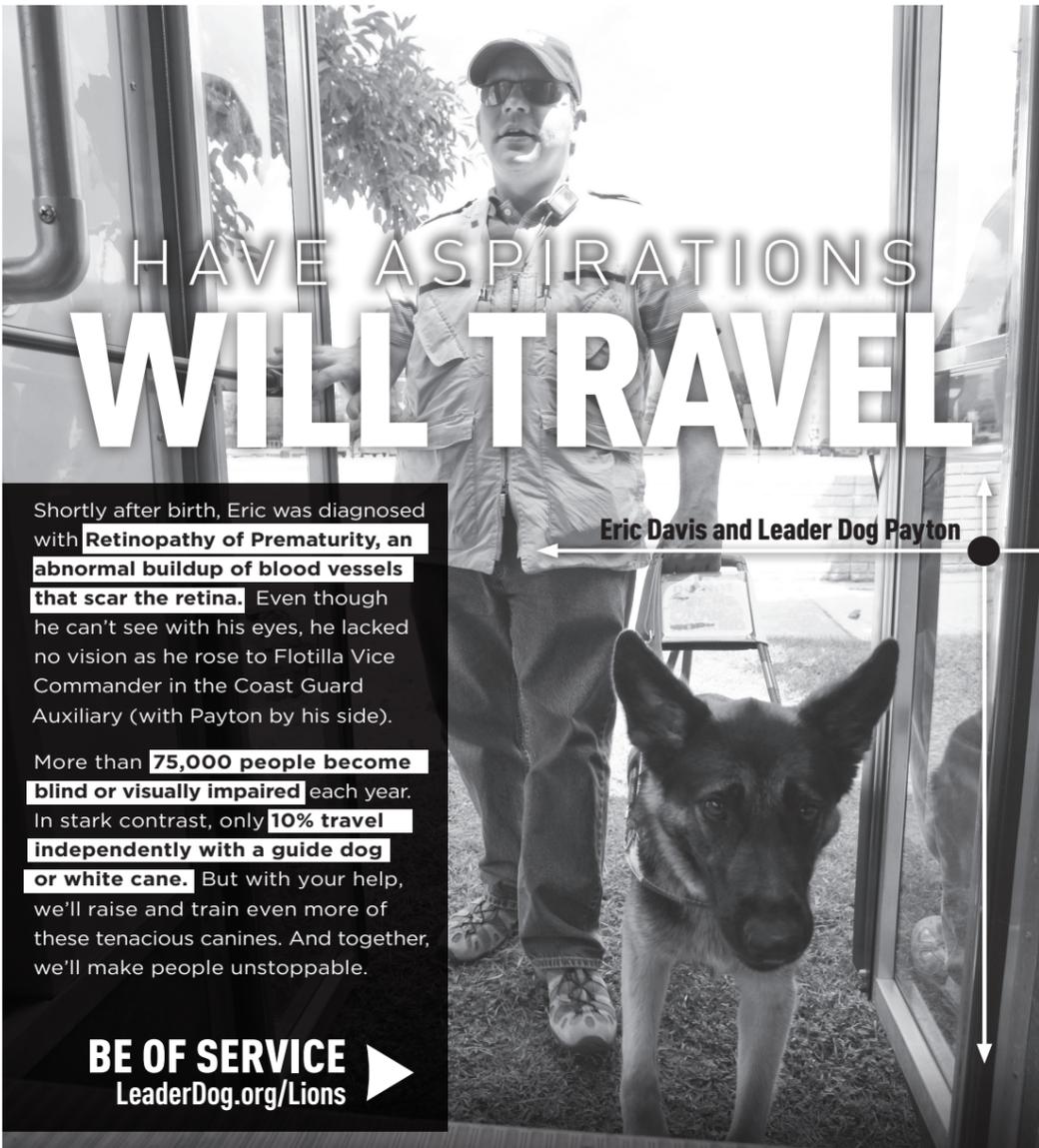
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Leader Dogs Issued YTD: 53

Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) Clients Served YTD: 41

Summer Experience Camp YTD: 38

States/Countries Served (guide dogs and orientation & mobility) YTD:

Colorado, Virginia, Tennessee, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Minnesota, Michigan, Maine, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Florida, North Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, New York

States/Countries Served (summer experience camp – virtually) YTD:

Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Canada

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Leader Dog Happenings:

- 1) Back to Class: Providing In-Home Service- With an increase in COVID cases nationwide, we made the decision to continue guide dog and Orientation & Mobility training through home delivery for the months of December and January. We are monitoring the status of the pandemic closely and will make the determination to resume on-campus training as soon as it is safe to do so. When we resume, we will continue to adhere to the strict safety protocols we followed in the fall including: social distancing, 2:1 ratio of client to guide dog mobility instructor (GDMI) versus the usual 4:1 ratio, and operating at 50% class capacity so we can use every other residence hall room.
- 2) TOM Talks: Summer Experience for Teens (camp for kids blind or visually impaired) went virtual this past year. It was so successful we will be rolling out TOM Talks. Based on the popular TED Talks podcasts, this will be Technology, Orientation and Mobility Talks. Designed for young adults who are blind or visually impaired, our focus will be on the next steps for independent travel, professional readiness, and networking. To accommodate busy schedules, this program is partially self-guided and partially live.
- 3) Virtually Connected: Please encourage clubs and districts to reach out to their Leader Dog chair/trustee or to the Lions Team at Leader Dog for a virtual presentation! We can share the Lions legacy with short virtual presentations to clubs and at district conventions. Give us a call or email and we can create a tailored program: [LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org) or call Lion Kathleen Breen at 888.777.5332 x2052.

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## MD11 LEO CLUBS - PDG TERRY WALTERS

It has been exciting to see that some of our Leo Clubs have found ways to serve during this pandemic. They have organized Food drives and helped out at Senior centers to just name a few.

The MD-11 Leo committee held a Leo Zoom Chat on December 2, 2020 with 32 participants! It was organized and ran by Leos from various clubs. Great conversation as well as new ideas for what Leo Clubs would like to do in the coming year.

There were 5 Leo Clubs from the different Districts represented on the Zoom Leo Chat. Thank you to the three MD-11 Leo Committee members who were the ones who organized this Leo Chat for the Leos:



Nicole Nessler-Stuhec-11-B1;  
Deb VanTol-11-D1  
Nancy Thomson-11-D2.

Great job! We hope to have another Leo Chat later on.

Presently it looks like Lions are working on starting 4 new Leo Clubs before the end of the year. Thank you everyone who supports and works with our Leos!  
PDG Terry Walters, MD 11 Leo Chair



## &gt; MID WEST ALLIANCE NEWS



## RISE AND SHINE!

by PDG Dave Wineman  
Area Leader  
Midwest Lions Alliance



As a youth, my mother used to come bounding into my room each morning (at least it seemed that way to me) and proclaim, "Rise and shine! Up and at 'em..." Then she would wiggle my big toe. Exclaim, "Come on!" and

torture me until I actually got up. It didn't matter if I was under a stack of blankets and quilts. She would find that big toe somehow. Of course, mom always won. But then, even though I did not realize it at the time, so did I. Somehow, moms have that built in ability to lead their children and enforce good habits.

Most of you have probably already sensed where I am going with this. Just like my mom we need to be leaders. That would be leaders of service. In Lions it is time to get out of bed. Rise & Shine! One of our problems as Lions is that we do not have a clearly defined mom. That person might be our district governor. It might be one of the GAT team members. How about the vice district governors? It might be a zone or region chair. Hopefully, it is all of them! All that leadership training that comes from LCI and your district GLT (be it zoom or in person!) needs to be pressed into action. What needs to happen here is that as Lions we have a need to lead our communities to the concept of "We Serve".

Are we doing that? Truth is only a small percentage of us are. Now, should we be comfortable with that? I hope not! The first step is for our leaders to step up to the plate. Engage, as leaders, all our membership. Encourage them to live our motto of "We Serve". Yeah, but how? Let me make a few suggestions, and then I will hand you the secret to make it all work.

Visit LCI's website. If you are interested in membership then go to the site [www.lionsclubs.org/nami](http://www.lionsclubs.org/nami) for example. If you are interested in Lions global causes then you could type in [www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-clubs/our-global-causes](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-clubs/our-global-causes) or click on the search icon (magnifying glass next to the donate button) and type in global causes like I did. Make it a practice to start learning about the organization you paid to join! Just once a week do this for a half hour or hour. It sure beats that Gun Smoke re-run on television. Websites are a library of information about the Lions organization.

District leaders. Communicate with your clubs. Yes, zone chairs, region chairs, vice district governors, governor... I think you get the idea. Contact your clubs. Talk with them. Phone is fine. Webinar is fine. Sitting and think about it is NOT fine! As leaders in Service, we have

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gotten way too comfortable. Sitting gets no service accomplished. Endless planning and no doing, accomplishes nothing! Act!

District governors. How many in your district know your goals? Sure, they are in the roster book. Is that enough? NO! So, the goals are written down, we need to turn those goals into action! Talking about your goals is just the start. Activities need to be planned to promote your goals. Hold a webinar and discuss, formulate and execute those action plans. Don't wait until tomorrow! I would be totally satisfied if you stopped reading this column and started NOW! Inspire the Lions in your district!

Lions in general. You joined Lions for a reason. Maybe to serve or the social aspect (**what I call FUN, Friendly, Upbeat & Nice**) of Lions. If your leadership isn't filling that need, bring your passion to bear. Jump in. Find an ally that has the same passion. We are a big organization. Allies exist. Plan and execute that service. Start small, build confidence and welcome others onboard. After all we have an army of service orientated individuals to carry out service. We are not an organization of whiners that need to be cared for. We are doers!

Sign up for the **Michigan Lions Virtual Forum Page 4**. Here there are likeminded people and ideas of how to serve. This is a great place to recruit allies for a project. If nothing else we all should walk away refreshed knowing that service can be done, that we can have FUN with others and make a difference in our communities. Then do it!

Lions, our ranks are filled with good intentioned people thinking about doing things. Is that why you joined Lions? To think about doing service? Time to change all that. Be a doer. There is a quote that I have often heard. Many have claimed saying, "Lead by example. Use words if necessary." Many claim this quote or a likeness of this quote. When it comes to service, we don't really care about who gets credit for saying it. How about us Lions just live it! The goal. Make a promise that today we will DO something relating to your passion as a Lion!

PS.. The secret? Rise and shine! Up and at 'em!

Cheers!

PDG Dave Wineman, Area Leader  
Midwest Lions Alliance

## TRI-STATE LIONS MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE 2021

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." Thomas Edison

2020 has been delivering to us change that we had never dreamed possible, and not exactly the change we might have wished for. Regardless of what our dreams and wishes may have been, the pandemic of 2020 changed our world in ways that won't long be forgotten.

Lions clubs from lake-to-lake across our great state have had to adapt to these changes by making choices. Some of our clubs have chosen to completely shelter in place until a vaccine is

available; some have chosen to modify their meeting places and styles to accommodate regulations and personal safety. World-wide, all Lions clubs are dealing with this change. Depending on which direction your club has decided upon, just know that there are still ways to serve your community and club. If you are from a club choosing to shelter, are you taking a few moments each week to call and check-in with other club members? How about a few calls to check-in on neighboring clubs in your zone? These are simple ways to defeat the snowball of depression that comes from being isolated by the virus.

Don't let the pandemic of 2020 be the reason your club gives up service to your community, and don't be afraid to continue to "Try just one more time."

Here are just a few examples from around our MD the creativity of Lions:

- Many clubs-Like the Branch Area Lions Club - are partnering with other nonprofits to provide manpower during the pandemic. Food Banks in particular have enjoyed the help from Lions, call your nearest food bank. They always have a truck to unload, shelves to stock, packaging to be done, etc.



- Our nursing homes are full of people who have gone months without visiting their family. Some clubs send cards, even including a phone number to call, just to say hi.

- The Ovid Lions have installed Wi-Fi in their Lions Hall and have posted hours of operation so school children without internet have a warm place to keep up with their studies.

- And even during a pandemic, the leadership of District 11-D2 just chartered a new Lions Club! Welcome to the pride Deerfield Lions Club!

Finally, just so you can't say "Hey, GMT, put your money where your mouth is!"

**As MD GMT, I've accepted a Tri-State membership challenge with Ohio and Indiana between December 1st and March 31st. Lions, all I ask of you is to wear your Lions pin daily, and "Just Ask, Would you be a Lion?" one more time. Do that, and on May 22nd 2021 in Holland at our MD convention, you can watch as the leaders from Indiana and Ohio MD's stand and honor the accomplishments of Michigan Lions from coast to coast!**

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Westland Lions Club and "Warm Hearts" partnered to provide a local family of six a very happy holiday this year. "Warm Hearts" is a local non-profit offering a clothes closet for those in need. A single mom with five children ages 5 months to 12 years were given a \$200.00 Walmart gift card, diapers, clothing, bedding and warm winter wear. It wouldn't be Christmas without toys, and all of the children were taken care of, right down to the wrapping paper, thanks to Santa's elves! A very grateful mother was so appreciative of the Westland Lions and Warm Hearts support after having been laid off from work due to Covid-19.



Governor Wilbert assists the Livonia Lions Club with a holiday collection fundraiser.

Good news in the district as the Southgate Lions Club has sponsored a new branch club, Greater St. Johns Church Lions Club. The club will charter soon with an anticipated 20 new members. Congratulations Southgate Lions, and welcome to the greatest service organization in the world, Greater St. Johns Church Lions!



Two Helen Keller LCIF awards were presented recently to Lions Sozi Williams and Joann Gardner. Congratulations to both on these well-deserved award recognitions.

Bedford Lions Club made a life-saving donation of a ventilator to the Mobil Intensive Care Unit (MICU). Fire Chief Adam Massingill praised the club for their generosity in a letter which was shared with the members:

"Our crews recently completed the first MICU transport. We have been working for over a year in preparation for transporting critically ill patients as part of our MICU initiative.

Recent bad weather meant that none of the helicopter services were flying in southeast Michigan, making them unable to transport a patient from Hickman hospital in Adrian for hours, leading to a 6-hour delay in transporting a critically injured patient to Toledo. MICU immediately dispatched a 3-person crew and were enroute with the patient. The ventilator donated by the Bedford Lions Club kept the patient breathing as the crew managed his care with IV medications and other meds. I am proud of the skill and professionalism our members demonstrated in reacting quickly and undoubtedly saving a life in a different capacity than they are used to. Thank you, Bedford Lions for helping to save a life by providing the ventilator."

Fire Chief Adam Massingill identified the crew as FF/Critical Care Paramedic Shawn McBride along with FF/EMT Luke Fruchey and FF/EMT Mike Komorowski, and expressed his pride again, in the skill and professionalism demonstrated that day. Well done Bedford Lions Club!



Congratulations to District and MD 11 contest winner, Kaushani Mukherjee. Kaushani is 11 years-old and attends Hillside Middle School. Northville Lions Club sponsored this year's contest, Peace through Service. Kaushani will receive a \$300 prize from the Lions of Michigan.



Governor David presented Cabinet Secretary Deborah Love her 25 year membership chevron.



Lion Larry Wegrzyn received a 50 year membership chevron by Governor David Wilbert.



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At the Richmond Lions Club zoom meeting Lion Brenda Edwards (eye glasses collection) and Lion Doug Conner (mints & coin donation) gave updates to members. While the pandemic made it necessary to make some temporary changes to locations and methods of collection they are making the changes and continuing to serve our community. THANKS LIONS BRENDA & DOUG !

The Rochester Lions Club supported the fundraising activities of local Girl Scout Cadette Malana Mentier. She is shown here receiving cans/bottles from Lion Bruce MacGregor to support her Silver Award project to honor women veterans.



The Royal Oak Lions Club adopted two families for the Holidays this year. Shown here are the gifts assembled for one of the families.



Royal Oak Lion Udo Hess is shown here collecting for the Salvation Army, an activity that they have participated in for many, many years. For the tenth year in a row they have raised in excess of \$11,000!

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Due to the COVID situation in Michigan, the members of the Adrian Breakfast Lions held a condensed version of their annual radio auction fundraiser in October (it had been scheduled for April). Instead of the usual seven-hour auction, it was shortened to four hours because of a venue change and site restrictions. Our sponsors, donors, and patrons came through and the club was able to raise over \$6,000.00. Thanks to all those who helped us so we could continue to serve our community. At the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, the members of the Adrian Breakfast Lions donated over 100 articles of new clothing with a retail value more than \$1,000 to the "Families in Transition" program of Adrian Public Schools. They also presented a check for \$250. The program serves students and their families that need food, shelter, and clothing. The donation has become an annual event for the club. *Shown above are Charlene and Don Dickerson, Program Director Angela Pooley, Terry Hicks, Bob Guy, & Larry Atkin*

Ann Arbor Evening - Donated 6 adult twin-size comforters to Alpha House for their shelter families. And thanksgiving Baskets to a local charity that supports families in need. This year we donated 4 & "baskets" in clear, lidded storage containers filled with canned fruits, vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, corn bread, mashed potatoes, yellow cake mix, chocolate frosting, Nestle chocolate chips, mini marshmallows, toilet paper, paper towels, a \$20 Walmart gift card, and mac-n-cheese!



Battle Creek Cereal City - They were able to meet outside this fall and are now doing Zoom meetings for the club and the board. They had 3 outdoor service projects: Road clean up in September, Kalamazoo River clean up in October, and Winter Camp clean up in November. Currently, like the Pennfield club, they are gathering food and planning delivery of Christmas dinner boxes for 24 local families.



Clinton Lions Club - It took most of the morning to count and conduct all the bottle deposits, but I finally finished and wanted to share that the final amount, \$6,319.30!



Jackson Eyeopeners - Diane Schweda and her granddaughter Chloe were part of our team of workers at A & A Market for White Cane / Candy Days. We earned \$434. Thank you, Chairman Carole Briggs, for organizing this successful fundraising event.

Battle Creek Host - This fall longtime member & president, Diane Klecker, passed away. She brought a lot of joy to the club with her piano playing and will be missed. Due to the virus, they can no longer meet at the County Medical Facility. They have been meeting in small groups at a local church or homes, when possible. They are working on their annual Christmas book and hat giveaway to local children.

Concord Lions Club - Are not meeting at this time Despite this, the Concord Club is still serving their community. They contributed a major amount to the Concord Christmas Basket and donated concession items to them as well. They are helping parents who struggle by contributing primarily gas cards to the Concord schools to distribute as needed. They are open to helping monetarily for other community or district needs.

The Eyeopeners make generous contributions monthly. Here are a few recent ones: \$50 to Food Bank every month, Hearing Aids for local woman \$125, Eye Exams and Glasses for two people, \$57 and \$88.89, \$50 to LCIF \$100 for Penrickton Christmas Party, \$100 to Interfaith Shelter for cereal and disposable serving containers, \$100 to Winter Camp for Blind for gift card prizes.

Bedford - This fall the Bedford Lioness club merged with the Bedford Lions. This will help both former clubs succeed, as there is strength in numbers. They have a great Lions Club building to meet in and rent out, however COVID restrictions have cancelled those plans. Hoping for things to improve and get back to meetings and serving the area with those great dinners.

Hanover - Horton Lions Club - Continues to meet having about the same attendance as they have had in the past. They have two major fundraisers during the year - the Fourth of July Chicken Broil and helping with the Rust and Dust Tractor and Farm Show the end of August. Both events had to be cancelled this year, so they are investigating other more online methods of raising money such as raffles or auctions.



Jackson Host - Celebrated Lion Ed Rockwell's 103rd birthday (11/19) during their Nov meeting. DG David P. Anderson welcomes Ed Rockwell to Lions as he becomes their OLDEST new member" at the age of 103.

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*Buchanan Leo members keep Christmas alive with an evening of Christmas Caroling*

Buchanan-Galien Lions & Leos have been busy with their 26th Annual Nut & Candy sale and sponsored the "Hacienda Give Back" Fundraiser. Donations of bridge mix were distributed to the Buchanan Meals on Wheels program. Financial support given to Galien area families provided Christmas joy for 39 families and 66 children.

December 13th marked the 87th Anniversary of the Buchanan Galien Lions Club that chartered on 12/13/33 and sponsored by the St Joseph Lions club. We take great pride in knowing that today we are a strong club thanks to their dedication & hard work.

The Buchanan Leo's have been equally busy. With financial support from the Buchanan Lions, Buchanan Scarecrow Ladies, and the Fisher, Skene, Kring, Roberts and Flowers families- the Leo's adopted four families in the Buchanan area for Christmas.

Each family received Christmas cards, gift certificates and gifts for the whole family and will also receive a warm meal delivered to them on Christmas eve. The Leo's are hoping to make this "Operation: Christmas Drop" an ongoing annual event.



Coloma Lions Club presented a \$500.00 donation to Coloma's Hope Resources, our local food bank. Coloma Lions President Lion John "Buzz" Sternaman is presenting the check to Carol Sternaman who is Director of Hope Resources.

Kalamazoo West Lions Club together with Lions Elvie Marfil, Noemi and Ed Kudzia and Emily Joven of Portage Lions Club, in collaboration with Philippine American Assoc. of Souther California collected blankets, winter coats, toiletries, gloves and scarves and donated all to Ministry for Humanity in Kalamazoo.

The Mattawan Lions Club helped serve around 200 families this year for their annual teaming up with the Mattawan Area Food Pantry. Time was spent sorting toys into age groups and setting up the room for shopping.

A drive-thru dinner was held to raise money and pay for some of the items and many members donated as well as toys for tots. Any remaining items were donated to "New Hope," an entity of the DHS, along with case workers for the court systems for people getting out of jail and the Domestic Violence Coalition group come and pick out items for those kids.



The Paw Paw Lions Club Community Christmas Basket Program is our signature project. For more than 3 decades, we have provided enough food for two weeks for families in Paw Paw. We partner with other charitable groups and churches to make sure no one is forgotten at Christmas. Although we use the term "basket" in the name, multiple boxes and gifts for the kids, are included! This year we took care of 94 families comprised of 193 adults and 230 children. A total of 423! That's a lot of SERVICE.



Three Rivers Lions Club provided food baskets in December to area residents in need. One recipient received an unexpected surprise in their basket: a wedding ring! The ring had slipped off the finger of Lion Doug Gross as he was filling baskets. The ring was returned to him by a Constatine community family upon discovery. Lion Doug calls it "a Christmas miracle!" We have to agree.

Three Rivers Lions also teamed up with local partners to provide gifts and food for over 100 families, which included 150 children! The Three Rivers girls basketball team members, along with their coach, helped Lions to distribute the baskets.



The club recently received a donation of several dozen slippers from a local florist and donated them to the Bronson Children's Hospital. Club Past President and District Governor Julie Mayuiers dropped off the boxes from her home club.



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**THREE GENERATIONS OF LIONS** - Many Lions clubs have parents and children in the same club. But it's rare to have parents, children, and grandchildren. The Adamy family has three generations of members in the Lions Club, spanning 70 years. Two were born in the 1940's, two in the 1960's, one in the 1990's and one in the 2000's. Alto Lions Ken Adamy and his wife Marion are the first generation. The second generation includes their daughter Katherine, and their son Mark who resides in Peru. The third generation includes granddaughter Caroline, and grandson Mark (Mark's son). Mark is the newest member of the Alto Lions. Lion Jon Adamy is also of the third generation. He is a member of the Holt Lions club. Three of these Lions have Naval Service in common. The oldest retired with 20 years of service, the next with 23 years. Grandson Mark just joined the Naval Reserves. He reported to boot camp in December.

Each year the Alto Lions have hosted a Christmas party at Alto Elementary for all the children age 12 and under. This tradition goes back many years for the club and it is their signature project. Due to the restrictions in place, they were not able to hold this event this year; however, the Lions, the Bowne Township Historical Commission, and the Alto branch of the Kent District Library did provide a little Christmas cheer for the children. The Library staff will pass out goody bags donated from the Lions and jingle bell favors from the Historical Commission when people come to drop off or pick-up materials. When the Library re-opens the goodies will be available indoors.



**Dorr Lion members ready to SERVE**  
 Dorr Twp. Lions provided over 80 families turkey and potatoes. Taking the necessary precautions for distancing this event ended up as a drive thru. The customers drove up and food was loaded into their vehicles. Also, PDG Jim and Lion Betty Maynard delivered a truckload of eyeglasses to the Lions drop off eyeglass box in Grand Rapids.



Fruitport Lionesses held a conference call with PID Jenny Ware gathering information on the possibility of becoming the Fruitport Lioness Lions Club!

GVSU Students participated in Zoo Goes Boo! Helping at the John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids to make trick or treating a fun event at the Zoo!



Ravenna Lions, through their Love Connection community project, were able to donate and deliver to 40 families in need. The families received 3 boxes each of food.

Rockford Lions and Leo volunteers took to the streets collecting donations and raising \$4,200 for Lions projects!

If any club in the district would like to develop a can fundraiser, please contact 1st Vice District Governor Ron Reibschleger at [ronrieb@gmail.com](mailto:ronrieb@gmail.com). District 11C1 will provide a banner for your Lions Club to advertise your fundraiser!



11 C2

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**Lions Tom Doyle, Tony Spagnoula**

East-Lansing/Meridian Lion Henry Kwok used his restaurant, Henry's Place, to provide a pancake breakfast for 150 at a local rescue mission. Fellow Lions Noreen and Dave Boes and Carrie Agnew volunteered to assist. Due to the success, another pancake breakfast is being planned. Although Henry's Place has been closed due to virus restrictions, Lion Henry has been volunteering his facility to assist in serving others. One more reason to support our small, independent restaurants!



**Lions Kenny Kinsey, Nicole Brak, Nick Wilson**  
 DeWitt Breakfast Lions collected \$2,392 during their recent Candy Cane sale. Lion Tom Doyle, Tony Spagnoula and Sharon worked 14 taking donation in December, with one person making a single donation of \$100.

Clinton County Champion's Branch Lions Club learned about the Lions Eyeglass recycling program during their recent meeting. It was a hands-on project sorting and packaging over 50 dozen pairs of eyeglasses to send to the Grand Rapids eyeglass recycling center. The hard-sided eyeglass cases in good condition were bagged for delivery to the East Lansing/Meridian Lions to use in their hygiene kits project.



**Several fun prizes were won by participants in the Mason Lions Club M-36 Step**

Mason Lions Club, along with others in the community, participated in a virtual M-36 Step Challenge for Diabetes Awareness. Participants individually recorded their daily step counts for four weeks, raising money for the American Diabetes Association, and competing for fun prizes. M-36 runs from Mason to Whitmore Lake between US-127 and US-23 and 91,450 steps is the equivalent of its 43.3 miles. Seven participants in this "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event exceeded that number of steps by the end of the challenge. Club Secretary Doug Klein reported over \$400 raised during this event for ADA, but more importantly they raised community awareness. The Mason Lions Club was chartered in 1944. For donation and membership information, you may check out the Mason Lions Club Facebook page or contact the Mason Lions Club at [masonlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:masonlionsclub@gmail.com).



**Fruit Baskets being prepared for Christmas**

Ashley Lions Club along with help from the community came together and "masked-up" to safely build fruit baskets for "Touchless Delivery" to almost 100 residents of Ashley and its surrounding community. This project was started by the club in 1958 and remains a yearly favorite for our members and volunteers. Our thanks to "The Lattice Company" for donating the baskets and wrap each year!



**Lion Ed Evans helping with a masked smile.**



**Marcie Thompson, owner of "The Lattice Co." even pitched in to help.**

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> REGION NEWS



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Bay City Lions Christmas Party Committee spread some cheer this year, in spite of not being able to hold our Annual Kids Christmas Party. With encouragement from the big man himself (our very own Santa) these special elves took on several projects that would impact hundreds of local families! The elves did a little shopping and provided Christmas for 2 families from the Bay Area Women's Center through their holiday adoption program, donated to the Jayden Lamb Foundation to make sure local kids hospitalized with cancer have a special gift on Christmas, and delivered several toys to the CAN Council for abused and neglected children.



Lion Earl Bovia who owns the local restaurant Bay City Bill's reached out and identified over 50 families who had unexpected needs this holiday season. Most of these folks were servers, bartenders, and dishwashers who didn't expect to be out of work for their busiest season. The Bay City Lions Club elves quickly formed a collaborative effort to sprinkle some holiday magic to those deserving families! Bay City Bills and the Elks Club, along with others in the community raised funds to help provide food baskets, groceries and household products. While this committee team of Lions was kept busy securing the best toys to thwart the COVID Grinch, another Bay City Lions committee packaged and delivered holiday food baskets to even more families in need.



Several Bay City Lions volunteered with our local Salvation Army, ringing bells through the season to help raise funds for year round programs. All things considered, it has been a GREAT year to be a Lion. We have been resilient in the face of adversity, because we are Lions and WE SERVE... no matter what!



Kingston Lions gave Christmas baskets to 4 families which included one young boy. The Mayville "Share Shop" is providing a toy package for him to be included with our food basket. For our January project we will be making and donating fleece lap robes.

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Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) is designed to provide skills and tools to help people living with type 2 diabetes and their support system live a healthier life. It is a fun, interactive, six week workshop led by certified leaders. Help spread the word in your community on upcoming workshops to be held on Thursday evenings, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8. Lions Club Contact: Lion Julia Embury jkisch01@yahoo.com

Governor Harold DeMott has been established via Zoom or in-person where permitted. Contact Lion Harold to set a date -he'd love to hear what is happening in your club!

The GEORGE E. DALY AWARD has been established which is administered by a committee consisting of two (2) Past District Governors who are in their second and third years out of office of District Governor and three (3) non-Lion members of the community selected by the two Lion members and approved by the District Cabinet each year on or before the midwinter Cabinet meeting. The Past District Governors on this committee will act in an advisory capacity only and have no vote in the selection of the candidate to receive the award. The non-Lion members shall have one vote each for the selection of the candidate. The Past District Governor serving the one year term shall act as Chairman of this committee. In the event a Past District Governor of the second or third year out of office cannot serve they shall be replaced by the Past District Governor the next higher year out of office. Any Club that wishes to nominate a candidate for this award shall do so by submitting a form signed by the Club Secretary or President to the Chairman of this Committee listing the candidate's qualifications by deed and year occurred. The form for this award will be provided by the District



11 D2

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Memphis Lions did not allow Covid challenges get in the way of providing food and gift baskets to those in need. In spite of a hold being placed on the usual fundraisers the club was able to secure funds through a grant from the Community Foundation St. Clair. Members stepped up to assist with groceries and worked closely with the Memphis Schools and Medi-Lodge of Richmond to assist with distribution of 43 gift baskets.

D.A.D Grant: The Sanilac County Community Foundation has chosen to assist the District in its quest to educate the members of our communities to the dangers of complications from diabetes by presenting a grant to the diabetes committee in the amount of \$1,000.00.



SCCF Director Melissa Anderson, Diabetes Chairperson Mary Bokach, Lion Tim Dietzel and PDG Jack Kriete



USA Lions Club held their 2nd Versiti (Michigan) Blood Drive at the American Legion on January 7th. 27 Donors gave which means that a total of 81 lives will benefit. thankyou USA lions for another great successful event.



Metamora Lions braved the cold to build and install a much needed ramp for a local resident. Lions Tim, Keith and Kenny assisted in the construction and installation. A big thanks goes to the community for their continued support of Metamora Lions' projects.



Marysville Lions Club held their event, "Holiday Buyin' with a Marysville Lion" in which they hosted five students from each of the local district's schools as they purchased \$200 in gifts for their family members. Parents also were given \$100 Meijer gift cards to support them through the holidays. We serve!



The Algonac/Pearl Beach Lions put together 250 Senior Baskets Thursday evening. The following Lions helped put the baskets together. Lion Don M, Lion Jerry Gordon, Lion Tim Raymond, Lion Dan McGuire, Pearl Beach Lion Pat, Lion Marc Rau and Lion Don's brother Dan. They were disturbed throughout the community Minden City Lions Club Elves were out in full force, spreading holiday cheer to the community. Fruit baskets and a side of honey were the order of the day, thanks to McCoy Honey for their generous donations. The elves saw a lot of smiles, and that is what it is all about.



Lions Elves John Creguer, Dale Halifax, and Bob Kaufman.



The City of Port Austin held a ribbon cutting at the Gallup Park, showcasing the new ice rink. When Lions Club President Casey Bruce and other community members began making plans for an ice rink one necessity was a chiller system, which would be costly. Lion TJ Polega of Thumb Heating and Cooling was able to obtain a chiller and the DDA helped fund this through a grant. The club and community members assisted in building the rink with a vision to hold hockey tournaments in the near future. Up next on the Wish List: A Zamboni. Anything is possible when Lions come together!



Almont Lions have installed five new members these past two months, in spite of a pandemic and lock-down. It's great to see the enthusiasm for Lions!

Metamora Lioness/Lions partnered with the American Red Cross for a blood drive. It was a very successful first-time event. 30 people participated and 27 pints of blood were donated. This project was a great fit for the club!

Nothing stops the Applegate Lions from doing their thing, especially weather. Applegate Club members peddled the Detroit Free Press Goodfellows newspaper to raise funds for community projects.



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LCIF Grant for \$45,000.00 has been received by 11-C-1 and money used for the freezer project. A ribbon cutting was held in September by members of Hungry for Christ, Tyson, and Lions Members from Allegan, Hamilton, & Martin. Hunger for Christ is a large Food Bank located in Hamilton. They are in the process of expanding their operation and increasing the size of their freezer capacity. This expansion project increases the size of their freezer to 40' X 100' (54,400 cu. ft.). The cost of this project is going to be more than \$96,000.00.



Rockford Lions and Leos were out and about with their White Cane Drive and roadside cleanup project. Bonus: Finding a \$20 during the cleanup!



Lakewood Lions: We are so thankful for all the extraordinary people who make up our Public Safety Services, and who protect and serve us in so many ways. We include all our Military, Medical and First responders, Fire Fighters, and our Police Officers - the Men and Women in Blue! The club recently hosting several members of the Lake Odessa Police Department at our November 10 Club Meeting.



Marne Lions Club held a Trick or Trick drive thru on October 31. Approximately 35 vehicles with some cute goblins received a sweet treat!



FUITPORT LIONESS – Met on November 3 and held a conference call with PID Jenny Ware gathering information on possibly becoming the Fruitport Lioness Lions Club!

Muskegon Northside Lions are planning their annual Kids Shopping Trip. They will also be supporting the Mission for Area People by donating needed items for teens ages 15-18 and to the NOAH project by donating needed items and food for the cats and dog



Wyoming Lions inducted 4 new members with assistance from DG Bob Hohendorf. New Lions are: Matt Kavaluskis, Beverly Pelkey, Dakota Burch and James Yeck Also, at our meeting PDG Julie May gave a short presentation on North American Membership Incentive, and they awarded a few chevrons to recipients for their many years of services as Lions they were PDG Kyle Austin, Lions Tressa Conrad, Les Tudor and Jack Sluiter.



11 E2

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East Lansing/Meridian Lions hosted Maggie Varney, Maggie's Wigs4Kids, who spoke about the wigs and support services she supplies to 50 counties in Michigan. She promotes childhood cancer awareness; 75% of kids survive now. She has served 4800 children and their families. She works 7 days a week (@90 hours a week right now). She described lively tearoom celebrations with princes, princesses and pirates. Children get beanie babies, a wand, a crown and a teacup and saucer. She also gives comfort bags with pillow cases, travel pillows, blankets, games, cards, Kleenex and hand sanitizer.



Grand Ledge was host to many local dignitaries on Veteran's Day. Fitting well with that occasion was the new entryway and deck completed just days earlier and an opportunity for Legion Members to recognize the many donors that contributed to that end. Among those persons invited to accept such recognition was Lion Lysle Finney, representing the Grand Ledge Lions Club. A Certificate of Appreciation was received for Outstanding Service and Assistance to the American Legion's Programs and Activities. Certificates were

also awarded to others for their part in the Post's very noticeable improvements which included a flagpole from the Grand Ledge School System, and to donors making possible the computerized lighted sign out front.

Lions Bear Lake Camp staff is always willing to attend events throughout the state to share our mission and programs! Please contact Shelly O'Henley, Executive Director, to schedule a speaking engagement. [shelly@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:shelly@bearlakecamp.org) (810) 837 0119



The Clinton County Champion's branch club learned about the Lions Eyeglass recycling Program during their November meeting. It was a hands-on project sorting and packaging over 50 dozen pairs of eyeglasses to send to the Grand Rapids eyeglass recycling center. The hard sided eyeglass cases in good condition were bagged or delivery to the East Lansing/Meridian Lions to use in their hygiene kits project.

Millionaire Parties Update: Holt Lions Club reported that Millionaire Parties are still not able to operate due to the pandemic guidelines. The Michigan Gaming Control Board established minimum requirements for resuming millionaire party events. These guidelines essentially made it impossible to profitably operate an event. The earliest we might see another event is in 2021, if modifications can be made to the regulations that will keep players and dealers safe, yet profitable. The next scheduled event is in April 2021.

The District is running a six-week Diabetes Path- Helping you take charge of your diabetes course. This is available free of charge to all Lions members and their families. The class starts on January 19th, and runs every Tuesday from 10:30am-11am. Dates are January 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. To register contact: Lion Tom Doyle Phone: 517-881-9684. Email: [tomdoyle1225@gmail.com](mailto:tomdoyle1225@gmail.com). Spots are limited, please register soon

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7-8 p.m. EST Thursday, February 11, 2021 | Hosted by Eversight

Lions: Send a valentine or treat yourself to an elegant box of 16 tasting squares created by Mindo Chocolate Makers! Handcrafted in Dexter, Michigan, Mindo's vegan, organic chocolates are lovingly created from responsibly sourced cocoa beans.

100% of proceeds from each tasting box purchased will underwrite Eversight's costs for medical supplies to carry out sight-restoring eye donation. Your purchase will help us meet our goal to raise funds for at least 20 eye tissue recovery kits. As a direct result, at least 40 individuals coping with failing vision or blindness will receive sight-restoring transplants.

**The 100th person who purchases a tasting box will win a \$5 Mindo Chocolate Makers gift card!**

Treat yourself, or send boxes as Valentine gifts to family, friends and colleagues! **Order your box for \$50 (shipping included) by Friday, January 29, at [chocforsight.givesmart.com](http://chocforsight.givesmart.com).**

Then, join us at the exclusive virtual tasting on Thursday, February 11—or enjoy your chocolates any time!

**Tasting boxes will be shipped as ordered. Each box will include:**

- 16 tasting squares of chocolates for up to four tasters: 77% chocolate, pure 67% chocolate, 70% rustic chocolate (a crunchy, textured Mexican style) and a vanilla rustic chocolate.
- Link to join optional virtual tasting event.
- A tasting map for taking notes.
- A guide for the online event, introducing you to how chocolate is made, how each chocolate flavor is developed and what influences each chocolate's complex flavors.

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