# LION PRIDE WE SERVE

## WHITE CANE WEEK

## WHITE CANE PROCLAMATION White Cane Week April 28-May 7



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#### Vision

Ever since Helen Keller inspired us to champion the cause in 1925, we've served and advocated for the blind and visually impaired. Nearly a century later, this long-standing mission continues unhindered.

#### **Vision Facts:**

- 253 million people are blind or have moderate to severe distance vision impairment (MSVI)
- **1.1** billion have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses
- >75% of all blindness and MSVI is avoidable
- 89% of people with visual impairment live in developing countries

Lions have a plan and a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired. We remain committed to continuing the mission in our next 100 years! Lions' strategic objective is to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for men, women and children who are blind and visually impaired.

**Our Michigan Project KidSight** Program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in preschool children (ages 6 months to 5 years).

#### **Eyeglasses**

Is your club providing help to those in need of eyeglasses? If not, contact the Lions State Office or your District Governor to learn how to better serve your community.

There are a few ways in which you can donate eyeglasses.

• Walmart Vision Centers:

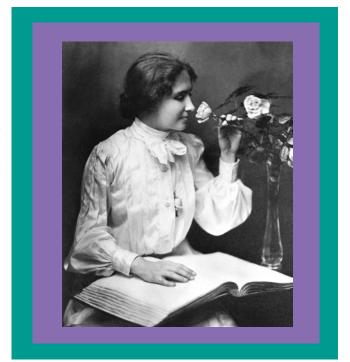
Lions Clubs International has a partnership with the Walmart Corporation. You can deposit your eyeglasses at any participating Walmart Vision Center.

#### Local Lions Clubs:

any local Lions clubs collect eyeglasses. To contact Lions club in your community to find out if they collect eyeglasses, please check with your district or contact the state office to find a local club near your community.

• Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Centers

**Local Centers are:** Grand Rapids Eyeglass Recycling Center and Ferris State University Recycling Program



For mail returns see ID statement.

## **UPCOMING**

### **Events:**

#### **APRIL 2023**

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS FAMILY & FRIENDS LEO CLUB AWARENESS

#### APRIL 14-16

Grand Rapids

#### **APRIL 21-23**

E1 Convention, Doherty Hotel, Clare E2 Convention, Ramada Conf Ctr., Grayling

#### APRIL 29

B1 Convention, Commonwealth Commerce Ctr., Jackson

#### **APRIL 28-29**

District 10 Convention, Sault Ste Marie

#### MAY

STRENGTHEN MEMBERSHIP

#### **MAY 13**

A1 Convention Wayne Co., Community Coll. Downtown Detroit

#### **MAY 18-20**

**MD 11 Convention Kick-off Picnio** 

#### **MAY 19**

5th Council of Gov., Meeting Lions Welcome Reception Dinner Lion's Got Talent Show

#### **MAY 20**

Awards Breakfast Business Session Lion's Got Talent Show Lions on Parade in Muskegon!

#### **MAY 20**

**C1** Convention Muskegor

Check our website for updates & additional information

www.lionsofmi.com



#### **FORUM KICK OFF - NEWS**



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE

TOGETHER WE CAN.... BE EXTRAORDINARY



#### **Fellow Lions-**

I couldn't be more excited about this year's convention in Muskegon May 18-20!

The convention committee has lined up several great events for those attending, featuring 5 outstanding breakout sessions to choose from. Included in the mix is an exciting opportunity for the bird lover – a bird watching tour at the infamous Muskegon Wastewater Center, where opportunities for bird sightings abound on its vast tracks of open land adjacent to the Muskegon State Game area. American White Pelicans, Eagles, Northern Shovelers, and warblers of all species awaits you!

Hear up to date information on the refugee efforts in Michigan and support of Ukrainians around the world from speakers, Lion Lana O'Lonergan of Muskegon, Ms. Anna Kovalenko, Leader of the Ukrainian Community of Grand Rapids; Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Detroit, Mr. Vasyl Perets, and Immediate Past International President, LCIF Chairperson Douglas Alexander. This will be powerful.

Are you a newly elected or recent club secretary or treasurer? Learn how to become more knowledgeable in your role at the training provided by PDG Donald Spinks and PCC Barry Allen. Attend the KidSight Vision training and learn how you and your club can provide vision screenings in your community.

We'd love to have you participate in the Saturday parade or to see you on the sidelines! Complete details for all-things convention are on our website, www. lionsofmi.com. Following the parade will be the Sock-Hop Service Project loaded with all kinds of fun! Wear your best '50's attire and join us in walking in the parade!



And of course, we'll kick it all off with the pre-convention picnic to be held aboard the USS LST 393 on Thursday evening. Be sure to attend Friday night's "Lion's Got Talent" Show and we'll show you what we're all about!

This year's convention will prove the fact that: Together We Can...Be Extraordinary! I can't wait to see you there.

#### Yours in Service, **Lion Wendy Burns**

Taking time out for some fun with the Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club FUNdraiser,

Bowlers and Lions: Brent Beracy, Wendy Burns, Kim Creger, Terri Huffman and Shawne Lige. Our team may have raised the most money with our gutterball style!



#### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT SPRING HAS SPRUNG!**

**DG Julie Mayuiers** 11-B2

Spring has finally sprung; the flowers are beginning to grow and soon we will see bright new flowers. With that same theory we hope that all clubs are growing as well and are beginning to see new members joining them. We all have many projects coming up so I'm sure we could invite potential new members to join us and see how much fun we have supporting serving our

I learned at an early age what serving others meant and how proud it made me feel. I grew up watching my dad serve the small community in Ohio where we lived. He owned the only full-service gas station in town which was located on one of the 4 corners of the main intersection in town. I was fortunate enough that our house was on one of the other corners at the same intersection. So, on many occasions I would walk over to the gas station and help whether it meant cleaning and stocking shelves or learning to wash and detail cars or just to get a "free" bag of chips and can of pop. Sometimes if I was a good helper, I could get a candy bar out of the machine next to the machine I'd get my mom's cigarettes out of. I can still recall a few of the little old ladies that would come in to get their oil changed or cars washed and dad or his one other employee would drive them back home, so they didn't have to sit there and wait and then go pick them up when their vehicles were done. Later, I had my first real paying job there after school of washing their cars, pumping gas, and checking the oil in some of their cars. On another one of those corners was the Fire Department where he was the Chief for a little over 50 years. Dad was always nearly the first one across the street when the phone rang in our house with the special long constant ring indicating a fire call was coming in on the line. We learned at a very early age not to say a word when we answered that call but to just listen and report to him if he was home where he was needed. We also learned that if one of those calls came in when we were having dinner or on a holiday when we were having a family gathering that dad would be out the door and heading across the street to go and serve our community. It was just a given that he would come home and finish his dinner when he could and most of the time it was probably cold because we didn't have microwaves back then. He also served on the Church Board of Directors where I became an acolyte serving my church family.

My mom belonged to a service organization also, the CCL Women's Club. She never told us exactly what CCL stood for, but they gathered every couple of weeks and welcomed new people to our community and helped them become a part of the community. She was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary for the Fire Department. They prepared meals when there were large fires that may have kept the crew out for several hours or even overnight sometimes and helped with meals for families that lost their homes in a fire. She was also on the Women's Group at being held in Muskegon.. church helping to welcome new members of our community.

So, you see all of this taught me what service was all about and how good it made you feel when you performed service activities while I was growing up. I attribute these things with service in my life to why I have done some of the things I have over the years.

I was a Cub Scout Den and Pack leader when my boys were growing up. I belonged to Beta Sigma Phi International for many years. If you are not familiar with this organization, it is not a college sorority but an International Women's friendship network, the largest one of its kind in the world. We supported many service projects from Special Olympics, food pantries, disaster relief funding, Christmas food/clothes/toy baskets for those less fortunate, legacy memberships for younger girls.

Then when I met my husband Jeff I stepped back from things for a while until I got used to the area I had moved to and started helping him in the Three Rivers Lions Club. I didn't officially join for about 11 or 12 years though, but I was by his side helping with whatever projects they had. Then one day I was asked to join the Club....and become more actively involved.

I can tell you I haven't looked back or regretted one time all the wonderful friends and new families I've met and the too many to count families and individuals I've been a part of assisting over the years.

So, I encourage every one of you to ask someone to come to a service project and see if they too don't show an interest in becoming a member of the greatest and largest service organization in the world that we are all so proud to be members of.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

## **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**

**DG Diane Wehby** 11-C1



District 11-C1 has joined a partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) another nationwide non-profit that builds hand crafted wood beds and bunk beds for children ages 3-17 who currently do not have a bed to sleep in. Their partnership includes the 4 local SHP chapters that match their districts service area. These chapter will serve children from the Lakeshore to Ionia and as far north as Cedar Springs and as far south as Allegan.

Currently throughout the 4 chapters, there are over 450 families waiting for beds. The district has a goal of collecting the "soft items" to build 100 additional beds for children. The soft items are all the items to install a bed except the wood. The items that are needed are twin size (not twin XL):

- -Mattress (\$60) purchased from SHP
- -Mattress Protectors (\$10) -Pillow (\$5-\$10)
- -"Bed in a Bag" these are a prepackaged set of Linens in a clear plastic bag that include at least a top sheet, bottom sheet, pillow case and comforter. These are available for purchase from many vendors such as Target, Meijer, Walmart and Amazon. (\$30-\$45 depending on patterns)

By providing these items the Lions can prevent depletion of the SHP bedding so more children can be served. Throughout the district both Lions Clubs and individual Lions are purchasing or pledging to obtaining the 100 complete sets of bedding by their convention in May. The C1 convention is

In March, 8 Lions participated a "sneak

peak" by serving during a build for the SHP Holland Chapter. The SHP and Lion volunteers built the bed components for 60 beds in about 3 and 1/2 hours. The Volunteers included representatives from 4 lions clubs: Allegan, Rockford, Thornapple Valley, Wyoming. It was an great way to spend a Saturday morning doing a service project. This early involvement served to generate even more enthusiasm and understanding of the impact of their partnership.

The Lions have partnered will some local scouts packs who will be earning money through their good deeds and other creative ideas to purchase 1 or more pillows. The only that is not permissible is that the parents simply purchase the pillows. By participating in the service project, the scouts are eligible to earn a badge as the active learn about helping others.

Between now and May, the C1 Lions will assist with the builds and installation of beds in homes. SHP's goal that "No child sleeps in on floor in my town tonight."

For more information: shpbeds.org or DG Diane Wehby at (616) 991-8026 or dianewmsn@ameritech.net

DG Julie Mayuiers 11B2

#### **SPOTLIGHTS AND REPORTS - NEWS <**





#### Spring into Service from the Comfort of Your Own Home

As the snow melts in the Upper Peninsula and mud season begins, District10 Lions are stirring their compost piles and fluffing their worm bins. Soon it will be time to plant our vegetable, flower, and pollinator gardens. Whether you start your seeds in your own greenhouse, sprout your seeds in a sunny window, or buy your plants at a local garden center, planting a garden, container pot, hanging basket, or window box is good for our planet. Nourish your plantings by adding your own vermicompost, watering your plantings with worm tea,



and amending your soil with worms you have raised on your kitchen fruit and vegetable waste. Additionally, repurpose old newspapers, worms eat them quickly! Moisten the paper before adding to the bin.

To become a worm farmer, you need two plastic totes with holes punched in the bottom and lid of one of the totes. Simply fill one tote with food scraps (no citrus), torn moistened newspaper and a few handfuls of local soil. Add a pound of worms. Keep in mind a pound of worms will usually eat a pound of food a day! Red wrigglers, commonly used for bait fishing are the recommended choice and can be purchased at your local sporting goods shop, fishing supply, and often at gas stations near fishing lakes and streams. Worms can be purchased off the internet or from an active worm farmer in your community. One pound of Red Wrigglers is all you need to start your worm farm. Simply put the worms in the filled tote. Feed the worms with clean chopped fruit and vegetable waste. Vegetable peels, wilted lettuce, limp celery, rubbery carrots, coffee grounds, banana peels, melon rinds, apple cores, and the seeds and ends of vegetables you might have once discarded, now can go to feed your worm farm. Worm farming is fun to do as a family, with your grandchildren, or as a school project. Your worm farm will create vermicompost and worm tea which you can use to water your plants and garden. Find step-by-step instructions on the EPA website, www.epa.gov.

#### **Seed Libraries are Sprouting!**



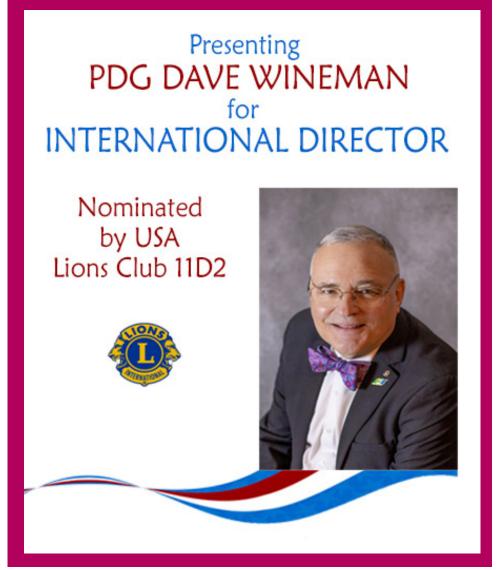
A seed library is a collection of seeds that someone took the time to gather into a central location. A local library is a good starting point since it is open daily and staffed by people who are probably willing to participate in its management. A seed library is actually a seed bank. Think of the concept of a bank. A bank is in the business of growing accounts, financing and community engagement. They loan money with the idea

that interest is paid which supports the growth of the bank. The person receiving the loan pays back the money and interest. Similarly, a seed bank 'loans' seeds to a client. That client grows food and hopefully repays the 'loan' by returning the number of seeds provided plus more! Doing so not only replenishes and grows a seed bank but proves that a returned seed variety grows well in the local environment. The seed bank thrives, stronger seed types suitable for a local environment are 'banked' for next seasons lending and the cycle begins.

Building a bank of seeds to address the local climate is wisdom. It provides greater guarantee of a harvest which is why we grow food! A more productive harvest means more food that begins to address local hunger! Lions Clubs can work with local communities to start a seed library. The location doesn't have to be a library. It can be placed in a local business or restaurant. A seed library can start with a small cardboard box with labelled seed envelopes. The Gwinn Seed Library started with a two-minute introduction to the concept with the library director. Surprisingly, and in minutes, the old card catalog had a new use – SEED CATALOG!

Getting started is easy. Several large and quality seed companies have excellent online stores and knowledge bases including video tutorials to help all levels of growers. High Mowing Seeds and Johnny's are two of the better-known seed companies. Their catalogs describe seeds and growing conditions. And don't forget your local growers! Around us in Gwinn are people who have grown a particular tomato for the last 40 years or onions that came from Europe. The local library is a great place to start finding out who the growers are, finding volunteers and getting the conversation going.

Want to start a dialogue? Contact Lion Steve at gwinnseedlibrary@gmail.com



### LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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## MOPE.

(Helping Others through Positive Encouragement)

In this issue of the Pride, I would like to share some personal experiences that summarize one aspect of my last 3 years as Area Leader for the Midwest. As an Area Leader, there are a considerable number of travel opportunities. Couple that with my career work, and it seems as though travel is the rule. Everywhere I go, one commonality that

stands out is people need hope. We are talking about real hope here. The world around us has left so many empty. It knows no geographical boundaries. Income doesn't matter all that much when it comes to hope.

As noted in a previous column, PID Jerome Thompson, CA1 Area Leader, shared that we have two tools to use as Lions. Those tools? Positivity and Encouragement. It sounds so simple. Simple remains to be seen, but in moments of reflection, Lindy and I have turned the concept of positivity and encouragement into an acronym. H.O.P.E. Helping Others through Positive Encouragement.

More than ever in society we see people who need HOPE. To see faces light up. To give just a little helping hand. It doesn't even have to involve money. Just a wee bit of time coupled with positivity and encouragement. Giving time and including positivity and encouragement may be the most important gift that any of us can give. It has tremendous impact.

Having the opportunity to visit several conventions each year, it is obvious that as Lions we are (or should be if we are not) king-size brokers in HOPE! It is amazing listening to the various stories of HOPE that Lions bring. Everything from time given to shut ins to socks for those in need. (Well done MD11 on the socks!) We as Lions deliver a hefty helping of HOPE.

Watching fellow Lions honor those in our pride that have done an amazing job of delivering HOPE has been one of the best experiences of my life. All sorts of emotions come out. Visions of a humble nod, to tears of emotion, to jumping for joy! The honoring of those bringing HOPE is the fuel to bring even more hope to our communities. Honoring real people, who help real people, makes a difference for real people. Lions keep encouraging and honoring those that bring HOPE.

As we near the summer months many of us turn our focus back to family and getting out. Remember we are all Lions at heart. It doesn't take a meeting to deliver HOPE. It takes a heart! Keep up the good work. Make that difference. Go out of our comfort zone to deliver just one bit of HOPE. Simple acts of kindness can turn someone's world into a world of happiness.

Make it a recipe for daily living. The delivery of just a little bit of HOPE. Be it an act of kindness, a donation, putting time into a project or a smile to someone who needs one.

Cheers!

ID Robert Lee looks on as DG Jackie Glazier captures a LCIF donation from PDG Dave Wineman. LCIF brings HOPE to many worldwide through our donations and promotion.



Caption: "Just Ask" pro Lion Tim Kirschner and PDG Dave Wineman with a group of Ohio Lions boxing up supplies for children 8 and up that are enduring life changing medical stays.



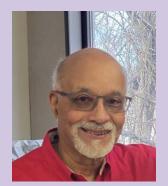
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# Congratulations to our 2022-23 S.A.Dodge Recipients

#### **PDG Ronald Coleman**

PDG Ronald Coleman has worked tirelessly representing the spirit of Lions Clubs International since 1979 when as a young man he joined the Detroit Renaissance Lions Club sponsored by his step father, Lion Robert M Walker. Since that time, his accomplishments in the State, District and Club Levels are well noted. He has held positions from Club President (twice) to District Governor with many, many other positions and awards given along the way.



He has organized and co-organized 4 Lions Clubs,

(Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Club; Detroit Medical Center Lions Club, Detroit Healthy Lions Club, Detroit Greater St. John Lions Club most recently Michigan Cyber Lions Club. Since Ronald believes in mentoring New Lions, he has sponsored more than 30 Lions.

Four accomplishments that are the most special to him as a Lion are probably not the most well known of his efforts. The first, in 1992 while serving as Public Relations Chair for Governor Bob Smoke, when he coordinated a project to increase public awareness of Lions using billboards and posters. The second in 1999, representing Lions all over Michigan he helped raise money to buy food and was part of a two man effort with great risk, to deliver money and food to Piao Columbia after it was devastated by an earthquake. The third was 2001 when after a call from International Director Lion Salim Moussan of Lebanon District 351, who he met at an International convention, asked Lion Ron to assist Lion Fouad Beydoun in the formation of what would become the "International Association of Organ Donations". This effort led to a partnership with the former Secretary of State, Terry Lynn Land to increase ways to register individuals to become donors. And fourth, he guided the process to win a \$200,000 Core Four Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation to reduce drug use in children, also known as Lions Quest.

As a family man Lion Ron has 3 children, Ronald Mark and twins Jill and Jason, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, and he enjoys fishing, boating, hunting and playing with constant companions, his two other" furry" children, Chase and Phoebe. His wife, Lion La Wonna supports him in his efforts and thinks he's one awfully special guy.

#### **PDG Connie Shelton**

PDG Connie Shelton broke the barrier in District A2 when elected to serve as their first female District Governor in 2008-2009. She went onto serve in many district and state leadership roles with her most recent being that of LCIF MD 11 State Coordinator in which she served for 12 years, ending her term in 2022. Led by PDG Connie's passion for LCIF, we were able to raise money through a raffle and donate \$11,000.00 to LCIF at last year's MD 11 Lion's Convention.



She has dedicated her time serving on the Michigan Lions Forum, MD 11 Convention, and the Childhood Cancer committees.

Within the District she is a strong supporter and a volunteer at Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids, an organization that assists children with cancer. Beaumont Silent Children's is a cause near to her heart as well. PDG Connie is busy these days training her first Leader Dog puppy.

Congratulations, PDG Connie Shelton, 2022-2023 S.A. Dodge recipient!

Join us at the MD11 Convention Awards Banquet on Saturday May 19th in Muskegon as we honor our S.A. Dodge Award Recipients for 2023





#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS <**

# THE MD 11 GLOBAL ACTION TEAM (GAT) APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2023-2024 LIONS YEAR

The GAT is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions' visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

Term One year; selected by the multiple district (per the multiple district constitutional bylaws). May serve multiple terms. Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 year and must be submitted to the Lions State Office no later than May 1, 2023.

#### **Recommended Qualifications:**

- Passionate about Lions, effectively promotes the Lions International Strategic Plan, and is invested in the association's future.
- Experience in leading and developing service activities within the last five years.
- Familiar with LCI and LCIF service programs, partnerships and grants.
- Graduate or faculty member of an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute or Faculty Development Institute, or other professional leadership program.
- Able to use technology (Email, Microsoft Office, MyLCI, LCI website, social media). Reporting GST multiple district coordinator reports to GAT area leader.

GLT, GMT, and GST multiple district coordinators report to multiple district Global Action Team chairperson (council chairperson).

Applications will be emailed upon request.

Contact Lion Wendy Burns at wburns@lionsofmi.com

## 2023-2024 LIONS OF MICHIGAN STATE COMMITTEES

There are many ways to serve the membership of MD 11. Participating as a State Chairperson or District Representative on one of our many State Committees is just one of several opportunities. Thank you to the many Lions who have volunteered to serve our membership in this capacity! Interested in serving on a committee or as a state chairperson? Send your letter of interest to the state office, attention Lion Wendy Burns

#### 2023-2024 Lions of Michigan State Committees

Lions All State Band -Chair, Tom MacNaughton
Lions Bear Lake Camp-Chair, Traci Tribley
Childhood Cancer-Chair, Laura Hunt
Constitution and By-Laws-Chair, Dick DeLong
Diabetes-Chair, Roger Blackwell
District Editors Advisory-Chair, Bob Tetzlaff
Global Leadership Team-Chair, Open
Global Membership Team-Chair, Open
Global Service Team-Chair, Open
Hearing-Chair, Bev Bodum
Hunger-Chair, Lloyd Foster
Information Technology-Chair, Ray Robins
Lions Clubs International Convention-Co Chairs, Wendy Burns/Jackie

Lions Clubs International Foundation-Chair, Harold Stephens
Leader Dogs for the Blind-Chair, Frank Cunningham
Leo Clubs-Chair, Larry Wegrzyn -term ending
Lions Michigan Forum-Chair, Jim Leach, Jr.
MD 11 Lions Convention-Co Chairs, Brenda & Dave Hacker
Michigan Eversight-Chair, Kurt Stromlund
New Voices-Chair, GMT Chair
Public Relations/Social Media-Chair, Jeff Hunt – term ending
Reading Action Plan-Chair, Don Spinks
Sight Conservation/White Cane-Chair, Roger Bosse
Youth Exchange-Chair, John Daoud -term ending



## Youth Camps and Exchange



Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) has programs all around the world and is designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world.

By providing an avenue for global fellowship, the YCE program aims to help youth initiate, grow and maintain international relationships promoting cultural education and international peace You remember hosting an exchange youth in the past or at least you've heard someone else talk about it. If not ask around or see for yourself.

#### **Become a Host Family**

Are you interested in learning about other cultures and ways of life while sharing your own customs and experiences? Are open-mindedness, tolerance and cultural competence of high importance to you? Do you have a desire to contribute towards peace, international understanding and the creation of global citizenship in youth? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may enjoy being a host family for the Lions Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program! Benefits of Hosting

### Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and daily customs
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture
- You open a new world of possibilities and thinking to the exchange youth
- You make a new friend maybe a friend for life

The YCE program is comprised of two major parts: international exchanges and international camps. Exchanges typically last for 4-6 weeks with the help of host families (Lions or non-Lions), sponsor clubs and host clubs. Camps last for 1-2 weeks and are operated voluntarily by the hosting Lions club. Sound interesting? Contact your District Youth Exchange Chair or MD11 Youth Exchange Chair John Daoud PDG 248-828-5648

Are you ready to embark on a life changing adventure that will open your mind and heart? Are you curious about other cultures and ways of life? Do you want to develop your skills in a second language? Would you like to cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs than you? The Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program may be the opportunity you are seeking. Benefits of Participation

#### As an exchange youth, you will:

- Live with a family in another country
- Meet people your age from around the world
- Learn about what it means to be a Lion or Leo in another country
- Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you
- Learn how to foster peace and understanding among peoples of the world

As an exchange youth you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural experience with Lions and Leo club members supporting your YCE journey. Your host family will treat you as a member of the family, expecting your engagement in typical daily routines and family meals. You will participate in social activities, possibly service projects and visit cultural places of interest. You will familiarize yourself with the customs, expectations and basic language of the host country prior to your visit and have a desire to learn more.

#### **MD11 SEEKS ASSISTANT STATE TREASURER**

Multiple District 11 will accept applications for the position of Assistant State Treasurer. This newly created position is designed to assist and mentor with the current State Treasurer and will help to oversee the finances of the following accounts: Lions Clubs of Michigan; Lions of Michigan All State Band; Lions Leadership Institute; Lion Pride Publication; Defense Against Diabetes.

The person selected for this volunteer position must have experience in providing financial information, researching and analyzing accounting data; preparing reports; knowledge of SAGE accounting software.

Letters of interest and resume can be emailed to wburns@lionsofmi.com or mail your information to:

Wendy Burns, Executive Director Lions Clubs of Michigan 5730 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911 > FORUM NEWS

## Lions of Michigan HALL OF FAME

The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the **LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME** on July 25, 2009 to begin celebrating the rich history that Michigan Lions have at all levels of our association - local, state, district and international. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to keep alive the memory of our great leaders and to document their service so that Lions in the present and future can share a sense of the service that our great state has given to our association. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than March 1 of each year.

The 2023 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 14th Annual, will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Comfort Inn Hotel in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Lodging is \$110.00 plus tax per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net.

## HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

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## MD11 CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - MAY 18-19-20

#### Thursday May 18 Kick off Picnic 6:00 pm

All aboard the USS LST 393! – Sponsored by Muskegon Northside Lions Club; Food Service provided by Ravenna Lions Club

### Hospitality Suite 804 Friday/Saturday, May 19-20, 2023 Friday May 19

Friday 9:00 am

Council of Governors Meeting A2

Exhibitor Hall Open – Silent Auction Van Dyke Foyer

Breakout Session I – Birdwatching (meet in the Marriott lobby 9:00 am)

#### Friday: 1:30 - 2:20

District Governor Elect Training A2

Breakout Session II – Club Secretary Training A1
Breakout Session III – Club Treasurer Training A3

Breakout Session IV – KidSight Training Ballroom C

#### Friday 2:30 - 4:00

Breakout Session V – Ukrainian Focus Group – Section D Lower Level

#### Friday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Welcome Reception, Dinner, DJ, Lions Got Talent

#### Hospitality Room 804 Open 9:30 p.m.

Sponsored by PID Gary & Lion Cheryl Anderson

#### Saturday, May 20 8:00 am

Exhibitor Hall Open – Silent Auction Van Dyke Foyer Awards Breakfast Ballroom B-C Business Session Ballroom B-C Voting - at the End of Ballroom C

#### Saturday May 20

C1 District Convention 12:00-4:00 pm Section D Lower Level

#### Saturday May 20 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Lions on Parade through downtown Muskegon Line up 1:30 parade 2:00 Sock Hop Service Project 3:30-4:30 pm Ballroom A2

#### Saturday May 20 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Cocktail Reception; Awards Banquet featuring guest speaker IPIP Douglas Alexander; SA Dodge Awards Ballroom B-C Silent Auction Closeout

#### Hospitality Room 804 Open 9:30 pm

Sponsor: PID Gary & Cheryl Anderson

#### Breakout Sessions Friday, May 19

#### Session I: Bird Watching - Offsite Tour

#### 9:30 a.m. Meet in the Delta Marriott Lobby for departure

Join us for a morning of birding at the Muskegon Wastewater System! The Muskegon facility is located adjacent to the Muskegon State Game Area, which helps draw birds to the area. The variety of habitat includes 20 miles of drainage ditches, 60 acres of treatment ponds, 11 miles of shoreline around 1,700 acres of storage lagoons; a few hundred acres of natural upland grasslands; and assorted wetland marshes and potholes. Because of this, the 11,000-acre treatment plant is considered one of the best birding sites in Michigan. At least 256 species of birds have been documented at the facility (two-thirds of all species ever recorded in Michigan). Bring your binoculars!

#### Sessions II - V - 1:30 - 2:20 p.m.

#### Project KidSight Vision Screening Training Room: Ballroom C

Led by PID Gary Anderson, PCC Jeff Mayuiers, LMF Executive Director Chad McCann. In this session you will learn how easy it is to utilize KidSight vision screening of infants, preschoolers, and school age children. Come and learn how you and your Lions Club members can implement this much needed service in your own community.

#### Becoming an Extraordinary Club Secretary Room: A1

Led by PDG Donald Spinks, this session will teach you the tips and methods necessary to keep the club running efficiently, monthly reporting and more. A great session to attend for incoming Club Secretary's for the 2023-2024 Lions year. Bring your questions, your legal sized notepad and your #2 pencil!

#### Becoming an Extraordinary Club Treasurer Room: A3

Led by PCC Barry Allen who will take you beyond the LCI-e book training and guide you through the steps to becoming a knowledgeable club treasurer in addition to providing guidelines to make your Lions accounts audit proof.

## TOOLS FOR SUCCESS: LEARN FROM THE BEST DURING THESE SESSION OPPORTUNITIES HELD DURING THE MD11CONVENTION

Lions and guests are invited to attend a powerful session to be held Friday, May 19 at 2:30 p.m. to hear about how Lions of the world are helping during the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine

Breakout Session V 2:30 p.m. Meeting Room: Section D

### Extraordinary Lions Serving Extraordinary Ukrainians Presenters in this session include:

Lion Lana O'Lanergan is a member of the Muskegon Northside Lions Club and moved here from Ukraine 10 years ago. Lion Lana is married to 1st VDG Michael O'Lanergan and is very involved in Lions and the Ukrainian Community. She has a Ukranian Diploma of electrical engineering and sold medical equipment while she lived in the Ukraine. Lana recently helped bring her mom to the United States during the war. Lana's son Roman and his girlfriend also reside with Lana and her husband in Muskegon. Lion Lana will share her and her families' experiences of the war in Ukraine and coming to the United States.

**Ms. Anna Kovalenko** serves as the Leader of the Ukrainian Community of Grand Rapids and will share the club's mission and purpose.

The purpose of the Ukrainian Community of Grand Rapids is to build a thriving community and empower people of Ukrainian descent (refugees, Ukrainian-Americans and those who identify as Ukrainian) by providing charitable support, education, services, resources, and tools that will enable them to integrate into American society while preserving their identity, values and culture. To cultivate strong relationships with other communities and local, state, and national organizations. To engage the public in Ukraine related events and activities, and to provide necessary education to deepen the intercultural understanding. To preserve, promote and develop Ukrainian culture, heritage, and traditions.

**Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Detroit, Mr. Vasyl Perets,** who will inform us on his unique role as consulate.

Immediate Past International President Alexander will provide the latest in LCIF's response to help during this humanitarian crisis, and to provide an update as to LCIF efforts in awarding grants to Lions of the world who are working to support Ukrainian refugees who have crossed their borders. Lions in Ukraine have also received LCIF grants to address the critical needs of people who remain in the country.

This will be an extraordinary opportunity to hear firsthand details on how we all can serve in some way, large or small, to help during these extremely uncertain times.

#### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO THE CONVENTION?

You've got questions, we've got answers!

**Friday Breakout Session:** Be comfortable! Those attending the bird-watching tour will want to dress for the weather and bugs.

Wear your club shirts, Lion's gear, or your everyday clothing when attending the breakout sessions.

**Friday night's Welcome Reception** – Dinner – Entertainment

It's time to get down and have some FUN! Guests attending this event who are not participating in the

talent show are encouraged to dress in costume as their favorite TV or movie characters. Need ideas? Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman. Danny and Sandy from Grease. Marvel Comic characters. The possibilities are endless!

**Saturday Business Session:** Business attire for Council members.

**Saturday Parade:** Walk with your Lion's Club and wave your club's banner! Participate with a float, a fancy car, your clown costume. Line up is at 1:30. Parade steps off at 2:00 p.m.

The parade will start on Western Ave. near the Muskegon Farmer's Market and will proceed through downtown, past the convention center on Western Ave.

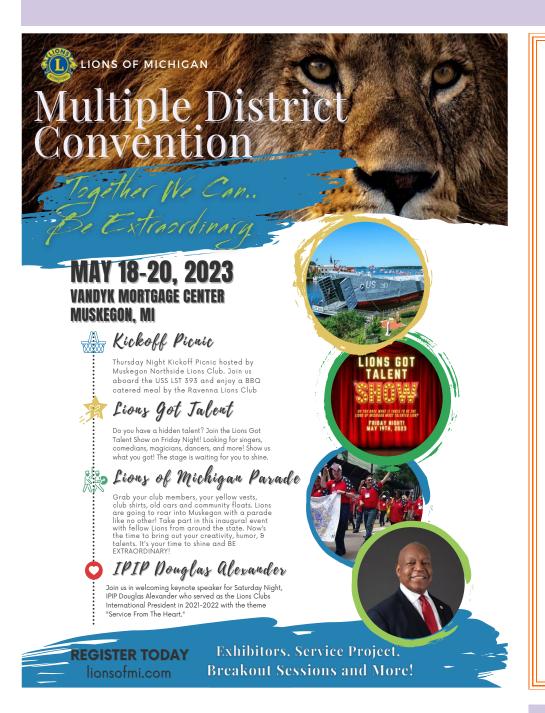
## It's a short, walkable route. Saturday Awards Banquet Formal attire.

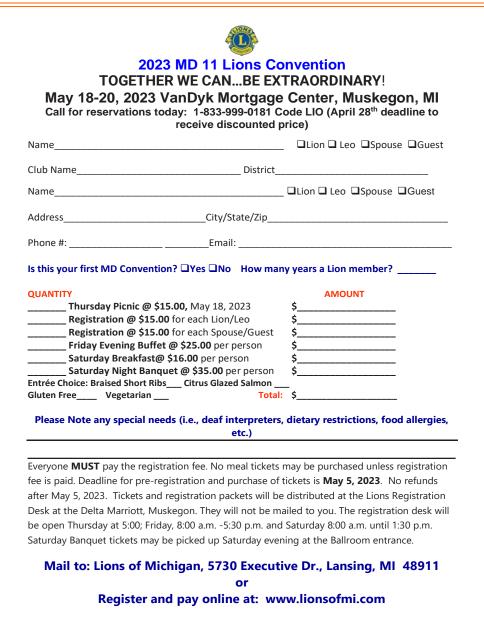
Cocktail dresses for the ladies, jackets for the men. More casual if preferred. DGs and PDG's are asked to wear their white dinner jacket.



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## MD 11 CONVENTION MAY 18 - 19 - 20 - MUSKE











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Menu consists of Boneless BBQ Chicken Thighs, Grilled Pork Loin Chops, and all the trimmings! Catered by the Ravenna Lions Club.



Walk where heroes walked, right in downtown Muskegon! History jumps out at you from every deck and every corner. Discover LST 393's outstanding wartime record as you tour a nationally renowned veterans museum with artifacts and displays honoring those who served America and fought for the freedoms we enjoy today.

MAY 18TH, 2023 6:00 PM

560 Mart Street Muskegon, MI 49440

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RSVP your attendance today or include with your convention registration form to:

Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911 # OF ATTENDEES\_\_\_\_\_TOTAL\_\_\_



#### **BECOME A CONVENTION SPONSOR!**

Deadline for inclusion at the convention is May 9, 2023

Thank you to our Convention sponsors!

\$550 Gold Sponsor Muskegon Northside Lions Club, District C1

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Your support this year is greatly appreciated as we work to enhance the overall MD 11 Lions Convention experience.

For more information, contact Lion Wendy Burns at wburns@lionsofmi.com or call 517-887-6640.

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#### MD 11 CONVENTION DELEGATE FORM

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions International and the Multiple District are entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

The number of delegates your club is entitled to for the MD 11 Convention is figured from your Membership Report as of the end of March - provided it is submitted to Lions International in a timely manner. When you complete your Membership Report for March, you can compute the number of delegates and alternates your club is entitled to and select your representative(s). List their names below on the left side of this form. Also indicate whether each representative listed is a Delegate or an Alternate.

Your delegate(s) must register and obtain a name badge before they can be certified to vote. Then they must sign this form at the convention and receive a delegate sticker from the Certification Desk. All delegates must be REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED by 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023 in order to vote at the convention. 
VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AT THE VANDYKE MORTGAGE CTR., MUSKEGON

leturn this form prior to April 30, 2023 to: Lions of Michigan State Office • 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

#### Total Number of Lions in YOUR Club as of April 1, 2023 who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day.

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I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11.

Lions Club of District President's or Secretary's Signature

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM. All Lions must register before they can be certified to vote. Please advise your delegates to arrive early. The Certification Desk at the VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon is open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 19, 2023 and from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20,2023

Any Lion who is not in line by 11:30 a.m. Saturday will not be certified as a delegate and will not be allowed to vote. Voting will take place between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023



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TOGETHER WE CAN...BE EXTRAORDINARY! The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is please to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships for the 2023 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention

May 18-20, 2023 – Muskegon VanDyk Mortgage Center/Delta Hotels

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#### Lions MD 11 Convention

#### Together We Can...Be Extraordinary!

VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center, 460 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440

#### LIONS OF MICHIGAN INAUGURAL PARADE

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023** 

Grab your club members, yellow vests, club shirts, banners, old cars, and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other!

Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, your humor, your talents, your time to shine and BE EXTRAORDINARY!

#### Pre-Register your club/entry today!!

The Lions of Michigan Inaugural Parade will be held Saturday, May 20th in downtown Muskegon. The parade route will span 5 blocks ending at the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center. You must pre-register by completing the registration form and sending it to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517-887-6642; or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr, Lansing 48911. Entries must be received by May 1.

Club Name/District
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Return form to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517.887.6642 or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing 48911



VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center, 460 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440

Get ready to be wowed by Lions across the state!

Do you have a hidden talent? Have a voice like Whitney? Moves like Swayze? Does your sleight of hand give Penn & Teller a run for their money? Are your dad jokes on point?

Show us what you're made of... THE STAGE IS YOURS!

Pre-Register your act today - first 10 applicants will be accepted!

The Lions Got Talent Show will be held Friday, May 19 at the VanDyk Mortgage Center and will be the entertainment during the MD 11 Convention Welcome Reception and Dinner. You must pre-register your act by completing the registration form and sending it to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517-887-6642; or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr, Lansing 48911. Entries must be received by May 1. Prizes will be awarded to the top acts!

Participant Name/s (list all):				
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Contact District/Club Name				

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## THE 105TH ANNUAL CONVENTION - LCI BOSTON JULY 7-11, 2023

Celebrate service with fellow Lions and Leos in Boston July 7-11, 2023 – in the city on the hill –historic Boston!

#### **Registration Fee:**

- Registration fee after January 13, 2023 is US\$175
- January 14 through June 30, 2023, the regular registration fee is US\$250
- July 1, 2023 through on-site registration, the fee is **US\$325**

#### What goes on at the convention?

It's when we catch up with friends from around the world, see what's going on in the organization, and make decisions about the future.

#### The Exhibit Hall

At every LCICon, there's an Exhibit Hall. Walking around, you'll find a place to connect with Lions International staff, ask questions, learn about new resources. There are also opportunities to share your service stories, grab new gear in the Lions Shop, learn more about our digital products in the Tech Zone and see our foundation's impact and donate directly.

#### **Plenary Sessions**

The Plenary Sessions are one of the main draws at LCICon. During the three sessions, Lions hear from incredible keynote speakers, listen to leaders speak about what Lions have achieved — and what's coming next. And, of course, there's plenty of world-class entertainment to enjoy.

#### The International Election

LCICon is also the venue of the annual International Election when certified delegates from clubs around the world cast their votes for the future leaders of the organization.

#### **The Parade of Nations**

The convention isn't all business. We also celebrate our diversity with a parade where Lions and Leos can showcase their culture and pride as they march together through the streets of the host city.

March with Michigan Lions in the parade! Parade uniform consists of a Lions

of MI parade shirt (parade gear available for order through the state office); optional white hat; navy slacks, dark shoes.

**2023 Michigan pin now available.** Parade date: Saturday, July 8.

**Register now at https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/** Once you register your hotel will be assigned. The complete list of hotels can be found on the LCICon website and here, in the Lion Pride.

MICHIGAN delegates/attendees have been assigned the ALOFT BOSTON SEAPORT DISTRICT or BOSTON MARRIOTT COPLEY PLACE

#### **KILLER QUEEN NO 1 TRIBUTE BAND!**

This year's International Show will ignite a blast from your rock 'n' roll past as Killer Queen: A Tribute to Queen with Patrick Myers takes the stage. Killer Queen is the number one Queen tribute band in the world, and they will headline our Second Plenary at LCICon 2023 Boston.



This band doesn't just imitate Queen...they become Queen. Celebrate the legacy of lead singer Freddie Mercury and experience all the high-octane energy of these rock icons as Killer Queen performs the songs that shook the world of arena rock in the 70s and 80s.

Get ready to sing along to Queen classics like Bohemian Rhapsody and Another One Bites the Dust with your fellow Lions and Leos.

Make sure you've registered for LCICon 2023 Boston and join us for an extravaganza of rock 'n' roll royalty.

### **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

### MICHIGAN NIGHT IN BOSTON JULY 9TH





ATTENTION LIONS ATTENDING THE LCI CONVENTION IN BOSTON! Join us on Sunday, July 9 for Michigan Night as we take a sunset cruise around historic Boston Harbor. This will be a 90-minute narrated tour and food and drink service will be available. You must pre-register, and the cost is only \$35/person. Start time is 7:00 pm.

Reserve your spot now! Registration must be received by June 28, 2023

Name of each guest\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets @ \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_

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Mail payment to Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911 or pay online

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## REGISTRATION FORM Midwest Breakfast - SUNDAY, July 9, 2023

Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport - Ensemble ABC Ballroom Registration: 6:15 am Serving: 6:30 am Program: 7:15 am Adjourn: 8:15 am

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#### 11 A1

#### DG Matt Collins MONROE • WAYNE www.metrodetroitlions.org



Detroit Renaissance Club- Detroit Renaissance Lions Club 50th Anniversary Dinner will take place at Fellowship Chapel in John Huff Hall on Sunday May 21st!!! The Guest Speaker for the dinner will be Douglas X. Alexander, Immediate Past President Lions Clubs International. Lion William (Larry) Young had a vision and an internal desire to form a club that would serve the humanitarian cause. He was familiar with the outstanding dedication of services its members would render to the blind in the City of Detroit and other communities. With this vision and desire, he founded the Detroit Renaissance Club in the year 1973. The club continues to serve the community and maintains its clubhouse on 19750 James Couzens Detroit, MI 48235





Bedford Twp Lions Club- Traci Tribley from Bear Lake Camp was our guest speaker last night at the March dinner meeting. What a wonderful organization, they have an incredible camp for kids with all types of disabilities. We were honored to present her with a check for \$1,000.00. "We Serve"



The Livonia High Nooners Lions Club was highlighted for their service in Livonia Today! Livonia Lion and District Governor Matthew Collins explains that people join for many reasons, but stay for the joy they find in helping serve our neighbors and communities. We are delighted to welcome new members - please join us! For more information, check our website: Livonialionsclub.org



Harper Woods Grosse Point Woods Lions Clubs held a very successful pancake breakfast.





Wyandotte Lions Club had a huge turnout at their annual Flea Market. In addition to browsing through the flea market, they also had 50/50 raffles, Leader Dog puppy raisers with the puppies, concessions food, and more! This event benefits the visually impaired community (in addition to providing eye exams & glasses to those in need, they are big supporters of Penrickton Center for Blind Children & Leader Dogs for the Blind!)





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9th Annual Whist & Scrabble Fundraise
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Saturday, April 22nd
2023

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Greater Metro Detroit Lion Club will be hosting their 9th annual Scrabble Whist Fundraiser. We were down for a few years because of the pandemic but we are back!



The Livonia High Nooners Lions Club were pleased to host representatives from two local 501c3 Nonprofit organizations at our Program Dinner, held March 30th.

Mary Beth Bloom represented Eversight, a global nonprofit Eye Bank whose mission is to restore sight and prevent blindness through donation, transplantation, and healing. Mary Beth became involved with Eversight after the tragic death of her young son, who became an organ donor. She now sits on the Board of Directors and is very involved sharing the importance of the Gift of Life organ donation program. Steve Lawrence spoke of Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger, a non-profit group responsible for donating TONS of ground venison to food pantries locally and across the state (more than one MILLION pounds as of September, 2022)! Most of the deer are donated through hunter donations and deer management programs. MSAH coordinates drop-offs to licensed game processors, providing funding for the venison to be processed, packaged, and delivered to food pantries.





Wild Game Dinner- Members from Detroit Mid-City, IPDG Roshni Patel, and others from 11-A1 attended the Lions Bear Lake Camp Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner Fundraiser held in Metamora. All money raised from the event will go to help support Lions Bear Lake Camp.



#### 11 A2



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fundraiser was a huge success with everyone in attendance having a great time and loads of fun.





Sterling Heights Lions Club and Clinton Valley Kiwanis put together a Service Collaboration Event, "Better Together." This event invited local service groups to network and talk about shared challenges, projects each other are working on, and how we might be able to collaborate in the future for the greater good! The room was filled with like-minded individuals who were beaming with enthusiasm and ideas about helping those in their community! All in all, it was a resounding success! Thank You to Lion Mary Welsh, President of SHLC and Cynthia Greening, President of the Clinton Valley Kiwanis! Your efforts in coordinating this event were appreciated by all who attended.





The Lathrup Village Lions Club with help from The Beverly Hills Lions Club and DG Show Blaszczyk held their 17th Annual Pancakes for Penrickton Event. The menu consisted of all you can eat pancakes, sausage links, turkey sausage patties, bacon, fruit bowl, coffee and juice.



Romeo Lions Club recently held their Annual White Cane Euchre Tournament which raised. over \$4000 for Leader Dogs for the Blind!



attended their local indoor easter egg hunt hosted by New Baltimore Parks & Recreation.





The 11-A2 District Convention was held March 31-April 2nd and was a great time of fellowship, business, and fun.



District 11A2 made kids blankets during our convention this past weekend. On Sunday, District Governor Lion Shawn Blassczyk, accompanied by Lions International Director Lion Dr. Dianne J. Pitts, Lion Dr. Joe Pitts, Eastpointe Lions 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Rhonda Furby, Lion Terry Morrin, and Lion Kelly Morrin, were honored to deliver the blankets to the Infant Pantry of Mt. Pleasant. Deb Skinner met us to take delivery and give us a





Lake Orion Lions Club held their 7th annual Lions Races. Back to the races! Attendees placed their bets and cheered on their favorite lion as they raced to the finish. Wooden lions moved forward with each roll of the dice. Betting is just like horse races. Win some bucks and have fun while helping the Lions raise money to help our community.





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Adrian Breakfast Lions- Once again it's time for the Adrian Breakfast Lions Club Annual Radio Auction. This year marks our 27th anniversary raising money to benefit the Adrian and Lenawee communities. Something new this year is collaboration with the Hillsdale Lions Club sharing the work and the proceeds to benefit the citizens of Hillsdale County. It will be held at Adrian High School on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 12:30 PM. to 5:30 P.M. on 102.5 FM The BUZZ" radio (reaching Lenawee, Hillsdale Jackson, Monroe counties and northwest Ohio). We will be auctioning off merchandise and services donated by businesses, individuals, and organizations. The merchandise and services will be described on the air and listeners will bid by telephone. Items include restaurant gift cards, auto service coupons, small appliances, golf cart and green fees, toys, plane and glider rides, Detroit Tiger tickets, home goods honey, jewelry, clothing, and much, much more in the over 300 items up for auction! More items and auction information can be found at "adrianradioauction. weebly.com". Listen to 102.5 FM on April 29th for the call-in number to place your bid(s) and take advantage of some great bargains!



Battle Creek Cereal City- On Wednesday, March 15th, Cereal City Lions Mike Guzak, Jane Cook, and Bryan Cook, helped the Battle Creek DPW Environmental Department with their Styrofoam recycling event. The project was held at the DPW building on Kendall Street and was open to any Battle Creek resident. Cars were lined up before the start of the 3pm-6pm event. Gloves, neon vests, snacks, and water were furnished by the city. The Styrofoam was unloaded, sorted, and bagged according to packing material or food containers. The full bags were loaded into a semitrailer for transportation to the Dart company for recycling.



Napoleon Lions held their Annual Pirate Chili Cook Off during the March meeting. This year there was a tie so Frank Ivy and Levi Kimball share bragging rights. Special guest was Jim Phelan, Zone Chair



Manchester Lions Club Congratulations to Lion Anita Herman on becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow. PDG Roger Spriggs was privileged to be asked to present the Melvin Jones pin and plaque. Lion Anita has received the fellowship in recognition of her service to the club and the local community. She currently serves as 1st Vice President and will continue in that role for 2023-24.





Jackson Eyeopeners- We welcomed Jasmine Young to the Eyeopeners at her induction ceremony on March 1. DG Kelly Lubbe conducted the ceremony, and Barb Ray stood in for Jasmine's sponsor, Sam Browning. Sam is also pictured above, receiving her sponsor certificate from PID Esther at our March 16 meeting. Jasmine is a lifelong resident of Jackson and is passionate about community service, a perfect fit for the Eyeopeners! Jasmine is a Marketing Analyst at Eaton Corporation and is also a real estate agent with Howard Hanna in Jackson. Jasmine is a gardening enthusiast and enjoys sports and recreation. She has one adult son who lives in Oregon. We are pleased that Jasmine has accepted the position of Director on the Eyeopeners Board for the coming Lions Year beginning July1, a good way to learn more about Lions!







The new Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club, 21 members strong, celebrates their Charter Ceremony at the Winter Camp for the Blind



The Jackson Host Lions Club was pleased to attend the Charter Ceremony of the Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club on February 4, at the Winter Camp for the Blind. Host Club members in attendance were Guiding Lion PDG David Anderson and Guiding Lion and Zone Chair Bea Furman. Also attending were Jackson Host Treasurer Bob McCreery who assisted in training the Clear Lake Treasurer, Jackson Host President Dick Colony, and DG Kelly Lubbe (Jackson County Professional Virtual club).



Several members of the Quest Lions are State Volunteers for AARP. We witnessed Gov. Whitmer signing the bill to repeal income tax on retiree pensions. Lions are involved everywhere.



District Lions- On March 16, we had 26 Lions from our district, representing 9 clubs, drive up to Rochester, Michigan for a tour of Leader Dog for the Blind. We had a great time! We learned so much from the tour leaders, our liaison Mike Dengate, and client Jeff Hawkins with his Leader Dog "Dove". They are a great Team!



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The Lakeshore Lions visited Lakeshore High School's robotic team on February 2 and presented them with a check for \$1,500.00. The Lakeshore Lance-A-bots are part of the FIRST organization 'a global robotics community preparing young people for the future." The first meet that the Lance-A-Bots will compete in will be at St Joseph High School, St Joseph, MI on March 9th to 11th with the March 11th being the best day to watch. The competition is free, and if you have not been to one quite an experience!



The Lakeshore Lions Club presented three ballistic shields to the Lincoln Township Police Department at a recent township meeting. The three shields are made of layered kevlar and have windows near the top, which Police Chief Gary Soper said protects officers while providing visibility. Each cost roughly \$2,000. The Lakeshore Lions Club approached the department last year and asked what the officers needed. Sgt. Ralph Bansen said the officers researched options. In the event someone baricades themself in a room, and officers need to enter, the shields would protect officers while they made entry.

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"On behalf of the Lakeshore Lions, we'd like to present these ballistic shields, and our hopes and prayers are that you never have to use them," said Ray Clark, president of the Lakeshore Lions Club. The club is now fundraising for a utility terrain vehicle, which will cost about \$24,000. Lincoln Township has 1,185 acres of park land, 985 of which is at Grand Mere State Park. The other 500 acres are at the recreational fields. In the event of an emergency, it's difficult to drive a cruiser through either park, whether because of the sand or the crowds. The Lakeshore Lions Club is applying for three grants and asked for the township board's stamp of approval for each, which was granted Tuesday. The UTV would be housed in garages off Cleve-land Avenue, near the fields. It is street-legal and larger than a golf cart. The UTV will have a first-aid kit, an AED and a fire extinguisher on it. Prior to the meeting, club members said those parks had 129 law enforcement calls last year, which could have benefitted from a UTV. Soper thanked Bansen for his work researching the ballistic shields and the UTV.



The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club hosted their Annual Trivia Night on Saturday 2/25/23 at the Buchanan American Legion. A "Very Special Thanks" to our (12) Sponsors, (15) Teams, (118) Players, (40+) Auction and door prize donors, and many Lion volunteers!!!The "Lazy Leis" team took home the top prize this year. Another very successful event for the Buchanan-Galien Lions Team!





At a recent Kal Haven Trail club meeting, District Governor Julie Mayuiers and Past District Governor/First Husband Jeff visited bearing gifts and good will. Governor Julie updated the club on the upcoming conventions and District news and PDG Jeff reviewed the last multiple zone meeting discussions on membership and shared some inciteful thoughts on membership growth and retention.



The Mattawan Lions Club held another soup supper and then a Quarter Auction following that. It was great fun, and they had a good crowd. They also had a special treat of having IPDG Karol's grandkids helping show off the items at the quarter auction. They really enjoyed themselves.



At their February program meeting, the Mattawan LEOs made 50 survival bracelets which will be sent to Operation Gratitude to be given to people still in the service and veterans.



The Paw Paw Lions were excited to have our new member Lion Jen Trout inducted into our club by District Governor Julie and PCC Jeff Mayuiers. We are currently excited to be planning a new service project/fundraiser. We will be offering local families the opportunity to have the Lions "Egg" their house. They sign up and we come deliver candy and trinket filled eggs to their yard so that when the kids wake up, they are ready for an Easter Egg hunt.



The Portage Lions Club recently conducted a Service Activity at CityGate Church in Portage, Michigan. Club members (12) donated their time (22 hrs) and purchased gallons of paint and materials (\$100.00) in order to re-paint the basement recreation room. The church was very grateful, and a few church members even pitched in for several hours! Allowing the Portage Lions Club to be a part of their Church family and take ownership of a good deed for them and their facility, instills in us the Community Spirit that all Lions Clubs are looking for. The Service Activity really helped our Club to feel like we have a place to call home whenever we need a facility for a function, meeting or a speaker to join us. It's a winwin for all and Portage Lions Club is very thankful for the space and the opportunity to serve the church in return for all their kindness to us!



The Edwardsburg High School Leo Club recently completed one of their projects of collecting socks for their "Sock Drive for Kids". To the surprise of the Leos, they collected well over 700 pair of socks to be distributed. The Elementary Schools were thankful for the gift of socks to give to their students that may need them. GREAT JOB, LEOS!

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Dexter Lions have been busy over the cold months supporting Dexter High Basketball, manning doors and such. While Spring is in the air, they are already looking ahead to their Fall sports program. If you would like to buy an ad, contact Terry Walters before July 14. They have started their Vidalia onion sales. Order by April 17 to receive delivery May 27. Members participated

in the tour of Leader Dog in March. They are also supporting their community by thanking major sponsors with plaques and awarding checks to Girls Softball, Senior Center, and Community Players.



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#### **REGION NEWS <**



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The Wyoming Lions Club has purchased mattress protectors to be given to local children ages 3 to 17 who will be receiving a new bed or bunk bed to sleep in 11-C1's partnership with chapters of Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Middleville Lions Club had lots of help from Carveth Village residents stuffing eggs for their annual Easter Egg Hunt.



The Saranac Lions Club read to 6 elementary school classrooms as part of the "Lions Guest Reader Program."



A group of Lions throughout district 11-C1 volunteered to assist Sleep in Heavenly Peace (shpbeds.org) make hand crafted beds and bunk beds for children ages 3 to 17 who currently do not have a bed to sleep in. During the build, 60 beds were made to install in children's homes in the community. During installation in homes, each child receives a new mattress, mattress protector, pillow and a "bed in a bag" (top sheet, bottom sheet, pillow cases and comforter)

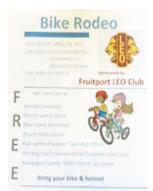


Lyons Muir Lions Club- The Lions Club members read books to over 100 students at Jefferson Elementary School in Ionia. After reading the books, they were donated to the school's library.



Cereal City Lions handed out over 200 pillow case kits for Camp Quality. Thanks to the Calico Quilters for partnering with us on this worthwhile project to help kids who have cancer.





Fruitport Leo Club is hosting a Bike Rodeo on April 22nd. There will be helmet giveaways, safety checks, food, and more!



Rockford Lions Club- A very successful can return party! Thank you to everyone that donated your cans to our fundraiser. Thank you to these volunteers for helping out this evening. Our trailer is heading to Macatawa Bank on 10 Mile Rd tonight for the next 2 weeks. Keep an eye out on our Rockford Lions Facebook posts for where it travels to next time.





Rockford Lions Club- Another successful Chili Cook off and Auction for our Lions Club of Rockford, Michigan. Thank you to all of our Chili Cooks, auction donors, helpers, and those that came out to support our club! We appreciate every one of you. Our motto - We Serve" and we have a lot of fun!!



Eyeglass Recycling- If you have ever donated a pair of eyeglasses to the Lions in West Michigan, they went to the Grand Rapids Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center! The center cleans, evaluates and catalogs each pair of glasses to be donated to mission efforts in other countries. Did you know it's illegal to recycle prescription eyeglasses in the U.S.? That's why you hear of mission trips all going to different countries. When a group is on a mission trip (Lions or otherwise), they ship 8,000 to 10,000 pair of glasses ahead of the group. When the groups arrive, the doctors give the patients eye exams and "prescribe" a lens strength for the patient. The Lions search for that Rx in their database and then go and remove that specific pair of glasses for the patient.



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Lion Rick Jones, students Abby Thelen, Jordyn Chant, Cassidy Harris, Harris Evans, Willow Evans and Ovid-Elsie FFA Instructor Tracy Hoffman. Elsie Lions- At our recent Elsie Lions Club Meeting, Lions Club President Rick Jones presented a \$300 to the Ovid-Elsie FFA in supporting the organization

On Valentine's Day the Charlotte Lions Club brought out the smiles with their donation of 25 toiletry gift packs for women in crises and transition. As you can see the staff at the Siren/Eaton Shelter, Inc. were pleased to have these items for their clients The Siren/Eaton Shelter serves all of Eaton County with many different programs for people whether they are homeless or victims of abuse. Their needs are many and include virtually any item required for daily living. Please give them a call if you can help out. They would appreciate it!



Laingsburg Lions Club- January 19 the Laingsburg Lions put on a free Spaghetti dinner for the community. We served 115 dinners between 5-7pm. Here is a picture of Lion Clyde serving the community before he passed away on Feb. 2, 2023. Feb. 21 we held another spaghetti dinner and served 150 dinners.



Laingsburg Lions- On March 9th our club and 40 community volunteers stuffed 4,000 Easter Eggs in preparation for the Easter Egg hunt on April 8th.



Ashley Lions Club- The 4 Lions Clubs in Gratiot County (Alma/St. Louis, Ithaca, Ashley, and Maple Valley) held their 15th annual Tractor race on February 18th at PINS in Ithaca. Over 240 individuals from 24 businesses and Lions Clubs enjoyed a catered meal and a night of fun and fellowship as we raised around \$8,000 for Lions projects in our communities.

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Dewitt Lions Club- Eileen Delaney who informed the den about Leader Dogs for the Blind. Through the fund raising efforts dogs and training for people in need are provided at NO COST to the recipient. The training program is four weeks long at Rochester Michigan. Eileen has SERVED for nine years with the District Leader Dog committee, hosted four mother dogs and currently has two retired moms. Most Leader dogs work for 9 - 10 years before retiring. She also presented literature about what to do when meeting a SERVICE Dog and the history of the organization. Her puppy collected \$127.00 for Leader Dog from members present. This will be added to the dens donation of \$150.00 for this year.



St Louis/Alma- At our meeting, Eileen Delaney was our guest and spoke about Leader Dog and brought a trainer and dog to the meeting. Guests were Lion Eileen Delaney, Leader Dog trainer Ashley DeCock, and Leader dog Arlo along with club members.



Grand Ledge- At the February 14, 2023 meeting, Lion President Doug Burkhardt had the pleasure of presenting awards to six Club Members. The Grand Ledge Club was noted for Club Excellence during each year of Lion Brandi Bauer's Presidency in 2021 and 2022. Lion Brandi also received a Guiding Lion Pin at this time and was sited for her help in the Delta-DeWitt-Ledges Club charter. Also winning awards for Club Extension were Lions Kim Spalsbury and Dick Sena.



St Johns Lions Club- A small but mighty group of Lions met on January 12 at Main Street Café to kick off planning for the club's 75th anniversary year. A celebration dinner will be held on November 9. While working through a lengthy agenda, members also took time for a little fun thanks to Tailtwister Lion Carrie Hartenburg. Photo left: Lion Nancy Presocki was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle and also the door prize - a Tupperware container filled with delicious mints. Photo right: Lion Lannie Fisher looks very dapper in his vintage Lions hat.



Holt Lions Club- Lion President Gail Robins presented Lion Ken O'Hare with club Excellence Award for his year as President of the Holt Lions Club.



Mason Lions Jeff Routson, Karen Routson, and Doug Klein attended the District 11-C2 Celebration of Service on Saturday, March 11, 2023 in Owosso. They had a good time, caught up with a lot of people, made some new friends, and learned some good things, too. One of the features of this event each year is when the District Governor presents certificates of appreciation to all the committee chairs. Lion Jeff got one for Michigan Braille Transcribing, Lion Karen got a combined one for Leadership Development and Michigan Forum, and Lion Doug got one for Public Relations. Lion Doug also was awarded an International President's Certificate of Appreciation. This is the fourthhighest award you can receive in Lions. Lion Doug earned this award for his outstanding work in PR and Marketing.











Brighton Lions- Lions Ken and Tony also presented a Brighton Lions Certificate of Appreciation to fellow club member and past president Lion John Pfeffer. Thanks Lion John for all your generous contributions this past year. George was recently in the hospital for two weeks and we wish him a speedy recovery. George was given the Howell Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year 2022 Award! Congratulations.



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Frankenmuth- Congratulations to Leos Club member Dylan Abke on being chosen for the 2023 Frankenmuth Bavarian Princess



Caro Lions Club member Jack Smith, also a member of the Caro Masonic Lodge #226 is pictured presenting a \$500 check from the Masons to the Special Needs Vision Clinic. Accepting the check are SNVC Board members (Also Lions members) R. G. Barnum PDG of Millington Lions Club and (background) Henry Sugden PDDG of Caro Lions Club.



Fenton Lions Club hosted a Kids Sight event at the Fenton/ Linden Chamber Business Expo on Saturday 3/4 and Sunday 3/5. Due to the weather this year things were a little slower than usual. We tested around 75 kids throughout the weekend. The Fenton Lions Club hosts this event with members of the Grand Blanc, Linden, and Gaines Lions Clubs. PDG Joe Bogar did all of our Kid Sight Testing. He was there the entire weekend to help us. This event not only gives us the opportunity to test the kids but it gives us a chance to educate the community on how Lions Clubs help our communities.



Flushing Lions Club sold Foundation Raffle Tickets at the local Bueche's Super Market on the 23rd and 24th of March and for the two days raised \$885. Another sales event is also planned for the 17 and 18th of April.Two Foreign Exchange Students visited the our Lions meeting in March, and we will give them each \$500 for their trip to Europe this year. Their total cost will be \$5000 each for the trip. We are

cost will be \$5000 each for the trip. We are also helping them with some of their fund raisers. Chocolates bars are one of the methods they are using, and we sold a number of them at the Region 3 meeting held at the East Flint Club House on Monday March 20.We also plan to support Keri a Flushing High School Tuba player to the tune of \$500 for the trip to Boston. We will provide \$500 of the \$2500 needed for the trip. She has already raised over \$1200 with her own fund raising.



Flushing Lions Kristen Shively and Margaret Goebel hosted a Leader Dog puppy outing at Genesys Pace on March 30th. Pictured is M\Lion Margaret providing a presentation as a Leader dog puppy raiser and the second is a puppy from the local program.



Merrill Lions Club had a presentation from Walther Potato Farms, presented by Kory Mattson, on Tuesday, February 21st. The group learned the ins and outs of potato growing.



Frankenmuth Lions Club hosted a representative from Sleep in a representative from Sleep in Heavenly Peace who spoke at a club meeting in March. The club donated \$500 to support this cause. In addition, two club members joined members from the Bay City Lions Club in building beds for children in need.



Bay City Lions-It was a GREAT day to be a Lion, and proud day to be on Center Ave for the St Patricks Day Parade! Past President Craig and his wonderful wife Kiyoko served up a delicious corned beef meal, 8 energetic Leo's from Handy joined us for the parade, and Honorary Lion Brandon stole the show as Leo the Lion! Thanks to the many Lions who prepared a yummy dessert, picked up party favors, and showed up to represent. Shout out to 2nd Vice President Patti Reaume (and hubby PP Ed) for getting everything organized before heading out of town for the grandson's birthday! Special thanks to P.P. Jessicas brother David Monville who gets the float out of storage, picks up the straw, and safely gets us down Center Ave behind his big teal show stopping truck!





Millington Lions Club welcomed new members Tim Mahoney (CR) and Zack Burns (CL) during their March meeting. Performing the initiation was Past District Governor R.G. Barnum (right). Tim and Zack's member sponsor is Rod Weinzierl (left).



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Ubly & Freiburg/St Ignatius Lions- It's Pierogi time and the Ubly Lions are back at it again! This fundraiser takes 2 months to come together. We have already made 120 dozen and have about 100 more dozen to make. We work hard, but have fun by enjoying being together and raising funds for the community. We have some other fundraisers coming up. Our reverse raffle coming up. Our reverse raffle dinner with Freiburg/St. Ignatius Lions Club in May. We are also going to do a dinner in October. More details to follow.



Marysville Lions- Marysville's Youth Soccer provides great experiences for our community. Our Lions Club is pleased to help support the program. Mr. Scott Simpson stopped by to share details about this Spring's season



Algonac Lions Club- WOW! We are overwhelmed with the love and support that the community brings to the Algonac Lions Club! Over 400 of our friends helped fill the club with laughter and joy!! THANK YOU!! We're already planning next year's breakfast and egg hunt to be even bigger and better...We serve.



The Minden City Lion's Club once again sold chocolate bunnies for the Easter season. Also new this year was chocolate peanut butter

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Harsens Island Lions Club- The annual Muskrat Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to all lions, lioness and the year after year volunteers!!



Pearl Beach Lions Club- Thank you to everyone who came out to see the Easter Bunny today! to see the Éaster Bunny today! It was rainy, but we managed to fit everyone inside to stay dry! Thank you to Lion Rocky for chairing the event, thank you to the Clay Fire Department for making sure the Easter Bunny arrived safely, and thank you to Amy Amiels for donating basket stuffers for this event!
We are truly blessed, and are so grateful that we can continue to serve our great community. Thank you all for your support!





Metamora Lions Club Wild Boar Dinner held on March 18th was a huge success.







Port Huror Host Lions Club hosted a Bloo Drive on Marc 14th. Great Jo





On 23rd March Unionville Sebewaing Area Lions Club sponsored a food pantry drive in conjunction the Est michigan Food bank and Kurt Damrow / Elkton Lions with over 23,000 lbs of food donated to local community. Location kindly given by the Sons Life Church in Sebewaing with also free coffee for workers.

### **CLUB**





Great Lake Bay Area Sports Lions Club President Matt Teloff presented Otis Ray from Saginaw. Midland.Bay City Gators Athletics with a 1623.00 sponsorship



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Michigan Forum- PDG' Don Spinks and Bob Hohendorf had a successful Reading Action Program at the Lions of Michigan Forum. There was an overall Reading Action Program overview and Read Between the Lions program. Several 11D2 Lions participated in the Lions of Michigan Service project- Kids Food Baskets of Western Michigan. They ensure that children get a meal and learn about healthy eating. We decorated bags and put healthy food items in all the bags.

North Branch Lions Club is hosting a 5K on May 20th. Forms are available at club house in mailbox- Tri County Bank and Yakes both in North Branch- also Trail Motor Sports At Burnside and M53.

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Carson City Lions Club held its annual Community Recognition Night on March 21st. Attached photos are of the individuals being recognized. Edward Herald Scholarship winners, Top Academic Seniors (3.75+ GPA), Carson City Historical Society, and our Citizen of the Year and Nominee-Sue Lowe and Michelle Fitzpatrick.





Coleman Lions Hall has a new look. Members tore out the wood wall boards and beams and insulated before putting up drywall and painting.

Lakeview Lions Club ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Friday, June 09, 2023, Brookside Golf Course, Gowen

Lakeview Lions Club will be hosting their annual Golf Outing on Friday June 9th, 2023 at Brookside Golf Course in Gowen. The event will help to sustain the club's contributions to the local community.

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Stanwood Lions

Stanwood Lions Club In response to the Michigan Lions Sock Project, Stanwood Lions Club collected 83 pairs of socks that were delivered in March to Our Brothers Keeper, a homeless shelter in Big Rapids.

Lake Ann Lions Club Golf Outing will be June 10, 2023 at Mistwood Golf Course, Lake Ann, Michigan. Lake Ann Lions Club Sunday Breakfasts are scheduled for the three holiday weekends this summer. Find out

more at Lakeannlions.org or find us on Facebook. Schedule your

trip up to see us, see you there.



The Big Rapids Lions Club gave a donation to Ferris State's STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPTOMETRIC SERVICES TO HUMANITY or SVOSH. SVOSH, the student branch of Michigan VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity), is a non-profit, volunteer organization operating exclusively to help provide vision care to those in areas of the world that would otherwise not receive such care. The Lions are proud to such care. The Lions are proud to support this great organization.



The Fremont Lions thanks Joan O for her contribution to the downtown flag fund with a Certificate of Appreciation. Joan says she "just loves to see the flags Lions put up for all the holidays."

The Central Montcalm Lions were able to hold our March meeting after having to cancel our February meeting due to bad weather- twice. At our March Meeting we had a couple of representatives from the CM Bucket Fillers group which helps to promote kindness and antibullving. We were happy to make

to promote kindness and anti-bullying. We were happy to make a donation to this group. We have also decided to volunteer at the 'We Care For Kids' Family Fun Day coming up on May 6th. We will be helping out with serving hot dogs, chips, and drinks and this will be

cnips, and drinks and this will be our second year helping out at this event. Lastly, we are preparing for our Central Montcalm Lions Golf Outing which will be held on Friday, June 16th, in Greenville, MI. If interested in putting in a team place reach out to Central

team, please reach out to Central Montcalm Lions



Ann Lions Club-Lake Congratulations to our newest member Ryan Morris! Thank you for supporting your community!



Midland Lions- Lion Al Ducham was recognized for 25 years of service in the Midland Lions Club.



Convention- Join your fellow District 11E1 Lions for some awesome service projects for kids with cancer. Friday evening one of the fun activity options will be with cancer. Friday evening one of the fun activity options will be making necklaces with supplies donated by PDG Peggy Allen of District B1. Join us for 10 minutes or for an hour as we create bead necklaces which will be donated to the organization Maggie's Wigs for Kids located in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Maggie makes wigs free of charge for children with hair loss. Many Lions Clubs in the state have provided other things for these children, such as necklaces and blankets. Saturday morning we will also be making fleece blankets for children who are undergoing chemo treatments. Two pieces of fleece are tied together after 1-inch slits are cut around the blanket. Several people can work on a blanket together. Stop in during any of the morning sessions to see what's going on and to help. Beads for making necklaces will also be available during this time. Two fun projects for a very worthy cause.



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Hillman Lions- A donation presentation to the Hillman Lions Club from the Masons for our Pop-Up Pantry. Picture: Mason Sam Higdon, Club President Mike Fochtman, Mason Roger and Lion Barb Durflinger.



East Jordan Lions Bill Chase, Ron Warnos and Tim Streufert showed their Lionism by building a ramp for a couple needing it after he'd





Oscoda Lions held their 15th Annual Bowling tournament, we had 192 bowlers. The annual Lions Club Bowling Tournament on Saturday, March 11th was a great success. Lion Jane reported that \$2825 was added to our activities account. All bowlers received prizes and special awards were given to the winning teams and the top bowler on teams and the top bowler on each shift. Bowling is fun! Thanks once again go to Lion Jane and her committee for another great tournament. WE SERVE



East Jordan Lions welcomed new member Laura Czaja-Robinson. She is pictured with King Lion Bill Chase and her sponsor Denny Gocha. East Jordan Lions welcome new members Scott Kendzierski and Lindsey Bassett. We're so glad to have them! They are pictured with Lion Denny Gocha and King Lion Bill Chase. Denny is Scott's sponsor. Paul Michael (not pictured) is Lindsey's sponsor.





The Indian River Lion's Club was given an apparatus that helps visually impaired people read. We donated it to the Indian River Library. Lion Art Clark is presenting this to them. They are very happy to receive this.



The Boyne Valley Lions Club donated \$1,001 (\$1 more than Kiwanis Club) to the Boyne City Blaze Robotics Club. What a smart group of students and a product of the STEM education in the area schools! Future leaders of the tech industry!







Central Lake Lions- These are two new donations in addition to our usual State and Local donations. The Antrim Sheriff's Dept donation will extend the safe driving program to schools throughout Antrim County. \$2700 was donated. A \$11500 donation to Central Lake Public Schools will assist their school food pantry, extend STEM programs, and the Social Emotional Learning program to assist students readapt after COVID restrictions.



#### **District 11E2 Convention** April 21-23, 2023

SHAVE for LCIF- Are you ready to have some FUN at the district convention? The Friday night mixer will feature DG Rod having his beard, mustache, and hair shaved if he can raise \$10,000 for Lions Club International Foundation by April 21st. But wait, there's more! If he raises \$20,000 then our guest speaker Past International Director BJ Blankenship will also have his hair and beard shaved!

### **CLUB**







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Boyne Valley Lions- Main Street has again asked the Lions to cook hot dogs and serve snacks and beverages for the participants of Buff Up Boyne on Saturday, April 29th. Lions agreed to cook hot dogs, serve beverages, and chips at the pavilion

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Her saving grace came in the form of a cornea transplant.

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