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##### 2022 DECEMBER

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February 24

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Doubletree Airport, Grand Rapids

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Doubletree Airport, Grand Rapids

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4th Council of Govs Meeting Doubletree Airport, Grand Rapids

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MD11 Convention Muskegon

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Together We Can Make A Difference

Peace Poster Competition

LEAD WITH COMPASSION

ELLE FRANCIS 2022 MD 11 WINNING PEACE POSTER

Doves resemble peace. No one argues, no one fights. Everyone deserves peace. -Elle Frances.

Elle is 11 years old and attends Rolland Warner Middle School. Her drawing was submitted by the Metamora Lions Club and voted upon by the District Governors at their recent council meeting. Elle will receive a \$300 check from MD 11 and her poster will be sent to LCI for consideration of this year's winner.

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CONVENTION KICK OFF - NEWS

EXECUTIVE Director's Pride by Lion Wendy Burns  
December 2-3 marked the 3rd Council of Governors meeting, held in Grand Rapids. Three down and just two to go for this council - the first half of our Lion's year is quickly coming to a close.

While listening to reports from our State Chairs, Past International Directors, State Treasurer, Council Chair, GAT leaders and Governors, I could not help but think of the amount of dedication and loyalty to our state these Lions have. They serve with passion not just five times per year during Council meetings but all year long.

It takes a lot to keep our clubs, districts and state connected. It doesn't just happen-our Lions leaders are the glue that keeps it all together. Here is just one example: The District GST chairpersons send out the message for the state-wide service project to take place at the Lions Michigan Forum. Lions come together bringing supplies from their district to help package up food items to go into 200 supper bags which will eventually make their way to kids in need. We are a well-oiled machine - or service organization - doing great work in our state not just at Christmastime, but year-round. From the bottom up, Lions serve our state with passion.

I couldn't be more proud of this amazing group and I know that in the coming New Year, Together We Can...ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS!

Happy Holidays, Lions, and may you have peace, joy and an abundance of success in 2023!

Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director  
Lions Clubs of Michigan

TOGETHER WE CAN...BE EXTRAORDINARY

There ain't no party like a Lions party. Be prepared!!!  
May.20.2023

ALL ABOARD THE USS LST 393 FOR THE LIONS CONVENTION KICK-OFF PICNIC!

Special thanks to our picnic sponsor Muskegon Northside Lions Club, for hosting this year's picnic aboard the historic 393. Ravenna Lions Club in partnership with Muskegon Northside Lions will cater our meal with a menu consisting of boneless BBQ chicken thighs, grilled pork loin chops and all the trimmings. 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.

Registration will be included on the MD Convention registration form.

We look forward to an extraordinary time with our Lions of Michigan friends!

EXCITEMENT AWAITS YOU AT THE MD11 CONVENTION

May 18-20,2023

AT THE MUSKEGON-DELTA HOTEL & VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER

Can't make it to France to visit the acclaimed Monet Garden?

Just one of many local attractions, the Monet Garden is a lovely pocket garden in the downtown Muskegon area. It is a miniature copy of the real Monet Garden in Giverny, France. Features of the garden include a pebbled walkway to a pond with a blue bridge and blue rose covered archways. All flowers and shrubs planted in the garden are the same ones in the real Monet garden.

you can be a sponsor too!

TOGETHER WE CAN! TOGETHER WE WILL.

The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is pleased 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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DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

DG Tracey Tribbley 11C2

"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees." -Amelia Eahart.

As we change seasons, some find this is a good time for reflection. Many have asked me the significance of my theme Rooted In Service. For the longest time, I didn't understand why I felt a drive and that inner magnetic pull to volunteer and serve as much as I do. It wasn't until about 6 years ago when I began chasing my family ancestry that I discovered all the answers I searched for among the branches were always there, deep within my roots.

My grandparents lived on Mackinac Island before my grandfather died when I was 11. I remember visiting them on a few occasions as a child. Six years ago, I felt this overwhelming urge to visit the island again and try to reconnect with my roots. While there, I visited my grandparent's gravesite, and I experienced an overwhelming sense of validation when I

saw the lions club emblem on his headstone. I remembered the very last time I saw my grandfather, I was saying goodbye to him, and he was walking away, running late to help with a chicken dinner. It was the Mackinac Island Lions Club Annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. I learned through reconnections and research that my grandfather was a charter member of the club, and he worked tirelessly to better the community. He even started the youth baseball team and though he passed away in 1982, many people on the island still remember him and the difference he made in their lives. I also learned my grandmother was a charter member of the Mackinac Island Lioness Club. Where do your roots lie? Your roots can be serving your community, the ancestors who built the foundation you walk on, as well as the legacy you are leaving for the future. We cannot move forward and carve the path to our future without looking back and remembering our roots and where we came from.

Sometimes we need those reminders in life. We also need to remember to enjoy life, laugh, and have fun. Keeping a positive attitude and having fun are contagious. Remember that with every interaction, you have the potential to make a positive impact. The more love and joy you have in giving, the larger impact you create.

If we aren't having fun, why bother.

Yours in Service,  
Traci Tribble DG

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT  
Diane Wehby 11C1

As we head into the holidays, I couldn't let this moment pass without saying the two most important words of the season: thank you. Because in being part of this organization - no matter what club that you belong, your title, or your area of expertise that you bring in serving our community - you are helping hundreds of thousands to live a better life. It is an extraordinary privilege. It is an awesome responsibility. And sometimes it is really hard to summon the energy to consistently deliver the service that we are involved in each and every day. But you find a way.

So in these final weeks of the year, we will all be working together to finish strong in our efforts to help our neighbors. I hope you'll find time for these two things: first, take time to care for yourself. Recharge, reflect and spend time with the people in your life that lift your spirits and make you happy. And second, pay it forward. Gratitude is contagious. Don't let this moment pass without letting someone else know how much you appreciate all that they do.

Together We Can - be extraordinary,

Diane Wehby

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From the desk of Council Chair Ron Gibson

Ron Gibson CC MD11

I have a soft spot in my heart for widows. My late mother was a widow for 36 years, passing away on Christmas Day a number of years ago. Recently, I took some widows out to look at Christmas lights, and they loved seeing the many outdoor decorations. One of the things I've learned about widows is that they look out for and care for one another. Now, compare that to us Lions. We do the same; we look out for, and care for each other, as well as those we serve. We take our Lions Code of Ethics seriously by putting others before ourselves. We look for ways to help others, not just during this beautiful season, but throughout the year. All the best to each of you, and those you hold close in your heart.

CC Ron

Justin Faber's Appreciation Dinner

Pictured are PID Gary Anderson, "Toby" the entertainer and the honoree, IPID Justin Faber.

The Uibly Lions Club held an appreciation dinner to celebrate IPID Justin Faber's 3-years as an International Director. IPID Justin will remain very active in his role, serving on the leadership team for the upcoming USA/Canada Forum in Nevada and many other ongoing projects.

NEWS FROM NORTH OF THE BRIDGE  
- DG Gretchen Preston  
LIONS ARE ROARING IN DISTRICT 10!

The artist for the District 10 Winning Poster is: Isabella Jacobetti from Negaunee. She is 13 years old, and is an 8th grade student at Negaunee Middle School. Her poster was submitted by the Negaunee Lions Club.

Pictured from left to right, Marquette Lions Gordy, Gretchen, Floyd, Mary and Amanda dontate stuffed animals to the Mining Cheer Club.

Santa's helpers selling wreaths for the Marquette Lions Club

Stephenson Lions members Ric Klingsick, Donna Suchovsky & Kathy Pomoroy work the Lions Cupcake War at the county fair this past July

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> LIONS OF MI KIDSIGHT NEWS

by PDG Dave Wineman  
CHRISTMAS FILLED WITH HOPE

The song words ring in my ears, It's the most wonderful time of the year! Factor in the cold and not as many of us may be as convinced of that phrase. Just the same, it is a time of year where Lions are giving and spreading cheer. Look at the stories that districts have submitted to the Pride Newspaper. Watching our Lions Clubs give back to their communities at Halloween and the days up to Christmas brings HOPE! That, in spite of the temperature or month truly does make it the most wonderful time of the year.

Hope is one of those words that can take on different meanings. Let's explore just a few examples...

Heart... As in Heart of a Lion. There are few organizations where members care as much as Lions. Take for example the Manistee Lions who are collecting socks for the homeless. Until Michigan Lions started collecting socks for the homeless, many of us were unaware that socks were so needed. It is amazing how such an insignificant item can be so important. It gives a whole new twist to hanging our stockings by the fireplace with care, doesn't it?

Opportunities... Just look at the opportunities that our Michigan Lions have brought to others. The Lake Orion Lions Club held an auction at a local car dealership to raise money for 200 Christmas food boxes that are given throughout the community to needy families. They provided (like so many other Lions) an opportunity to help the community, AND a chance for the community to learn about what Lions do.

Peace... Peace on Earth is more than a catchy phrase. The Peace Poster Contest engages our youth and teaches a very important point that all of us can appreciate. Given the state of the world at this very moment we can all learn by encouraging youth. As Lions, we can use our talents to foster the very intangibles such as peace. Look at the face of Ellie sponsored by the Metamora Lions Club in 11D2's entry in the Peace Poster Contest. That's more than just another pretty face, don't you think?

Encouragement... Most know the saying that we have two tools to work with, Encouragement and Positivity. Take for instance the East Jordan Lions Club, who encouraged Veterans, community, and their school with a simple \$500 donation. The Cascade Lions Club who encouraged sixth graders to

open up to people who are blind through education at St Johns School. Then they topped it off with a gift to the school library.

HOPE is one of those funny words. It can be desire such as in, Hope we raise enough at our fundraiser to sponsor books for our reading program at the school. Or, it can be the provided feeling of giving unselfishly to others with no expectation of anything in return. Just look at your pride newspaper for examples. It can also mean a feeling of trust. That last definition may be a bit outdated, but in Lions they all apply. Suffice it to say that during this season and all year around, Lions provide HOPE!

Take the letters of HOPE. How do you bring HOPE to life through Lions?

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our Michigan Lions are doing a super job of providing HOPE worldwide. Keep up the great service! PS... Report it too!

Cheers!

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MIDWEST LIONS ALLIANCE YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT  
WWW.MWLIONS.TV

Thought you might like to know.....  
PCC Jeff Mayuiers

We are going to dedicate this column in our upcoming issues with the idea of promoting maybe a small tidbit on things you just might like to know.

Our first article is going to cover some information about Project KidSight. As Lions, we are all aware of the fact that Helen Keller was the one that challenged us to become champions for the blind. In accepting this challenge you as a Lion should hold a great sense of pride for all the wonderful contributions we have made, as well as the ones we continue to make. One of the areas we contribute to is labeled as Project KidSight. But are you aware of exactly what that's all about? Going forward the purpose of this article is to enlighten you with the information something we thought you might like to know.

Over time, it was discovered there are 19 million children that are living with some type of vision disorder. That equates to about 1 out of 5 preschoolers. Yet less than 22% of preschool children receive some type of vision screening. It's a difficult fact to swallow despite all the efforts put forth by the Center For Disease Control and our local county and district health departments, this number continues to grow. The largest vision disorder our children are suffering from is called amblyopia or lazy eye. What it actually is, is reduced vision in one eye caused by abnormal vision development early in life. What is actually taking place is the weaker eye or lazy eye, often wanders inward or outward. This can begin at infancy or early childhood. The brain as it develops begins to favor the better eye, allowing the weaker eye to fail to develop and slowly becoming worse over time. If left untreated, this may lead to the one eye becoming functionally blind.

The good news is this can be corrected! The earlier the detection, the easier the correction. That in a nutshell is what Project KidSight is all about. Through the marvels of medicine and scientific study, a camera has been developed that through a very split second photo can help screen for the eye affliction along with some others as well. The camera's themselves were developed as a simple easy to use screening tool that through that split second photo can help supply ophthalmologist with vital information complete with useful measurements that can assist them in not only diagnosing but treating the issue our children may be facing.

The camera's that are currently being utilized in our Project KidSight are the Plus Optix S12 and the WelchAllyn Spot VS100. Both camera's can capture a successful reading 97% of the time and can be used on ages 5 months and up. But just like getting kids to pose for that perfect picture, all KidSight vision screeners know the value of creating an attentive face.

These camera's also carry an 89.5% accuracy rating for detection of an eye abnormality. So the goal of Project KidSight is to screen as many children as we can. From daycares, preschool, and elementary schools, anywhere our young children might be, we'd like to be there too! And we can always use help. If you or someone you know might have an interest, reach out and let us know. Contact your local District KidSight Coordinator(s), District Governor or call the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation State Office at 517-887-6640, ext. 14.

Just something we thought you'd like to know!  
PCC Jeff Mayuiers

Project KidSight State Coordinator

MIDWEST ALLIANCE - ROAD MAP TO SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS <

LIONS = SERVICE!  
GST TERRI A. HUFFMAN

When you give the Lions of Michigan a challenge, they take it serious.

At the Council of Governors meeting, we gathered our first totals for the MD State Convention Sock Service Project.

NEVER EVER would I have imagined that OVER 12,000 pairs of socks have been collected.

The BIGGEST shout out goes to DG Shawn Balaszczyk, his VDG's Rhonda Furby and Kelly Unruh, and District 11-A2 for their collection of over 8,000 pairs of socks.

Each of the Districts have been challenged to collect socks that will be donated to their local shelters or will be given to shelters we have identified in Muskegon, where the MD State Convention is being held. This act of service throughout our District is a true sign of our mission to help those in need. The collection of socks goes on through May when we will celebrate at the MD State Convention with a Sock Hop like only Lions can hold. Plan to dance the time away!

LEARNING TO LEAD IS BEST DONE THROUGH SERVICE WITH OTHERS! BE BUSY BE HAPPY BE FULLFILLED IN YOUR LIFES ENDEAVORS!

GST Terri Huffman PDG

JOIN US FOR A FORUM SERVICE PROJECT FEB 24 AT  
Kids' Food Basket

Healthy food is a right, not a privilege. Kids' Food Basket is committed to ensuring that right is enjoyed by everyone in our community - not just today, but for generations to come.

Working together, all of us can ensure that local students have access to healthy, life-affirming food to help them thrive and foster their limitless potential.

Join us on Friday night for a service project to be held at Kids' Food Basket, Grand Rapids. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. KFB is located at 1300 Plymouth NE, Grand Rapids, as we pack up 200 food packets. Kids' Food Basket supplies thousands of children in West Michigan with a Sack Supper to ensure they have increased access to healthy food each day. Once the packs are ready, volunteers from KFB will add a fresh vegetable and fruit in a decorative bag to turn it all into a Sack Supper, ready to be delivered to a child's school. Lions can help to supply and package the contents of these meals at the KFB location in Grand Rapids during our service project night on Friday, February 24, starting at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are attending the Michigan Lions Forum

or just driving in to participate in this service opportunity, all are welcome!

To ensure each child is receiving the same meal, we ask for no substitutions to the items on the preferred list. Any brand of the following items is welcome, and each district is asked to supply the following items with include 4 snacks per/bag in addition to the fresh fruit and vegetable to be added at delivery. Each district is asked to bring 100 of the items listed to help fill 200 snack packs.

District A1/A2 Pudding Cup

District B1/B2 Fruit Cup or Pouch (no foil tops please\_

District C1/C2 Pretzel, Cheez-it or Goldfish bag (1.5 oz or smaller\_

District D1/D2 Meat sticks - either TWO 0.28 oz sticks or ONE 0.5 oz sticks

District E1/E2 Quart Size Bag - Please provide quart size zipper lock bags for the Supper Packs

Please bring your donations in advance to either your District GST coordinator or to Kids' Food Basket the evening of the project.

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MD11 READING ACTION PROGRAM

By: Donald Spinks MD11 RAP

I want to say thank you to all the District Governors for allowing me to come in person the COG meeting. I enjoyed giving the Reading Action Program report in person. It is also much easier for me to put a face with a name now, the connection is made.

In my report I was ask to talk about the Book Vending machine again. This is an excellent idea for our clubs to participate in. The book vending machine is an affordable extension to any library or other high traffic areas such as recreational areas, grocery stores, community centers, hospitals and your local city hall. This is the perfect solution to provide services to neighborhoods that cannot support a full library. The possibilities are endless. According to my latest research on a book vending machine, it can hold up to 500 books depending on the size of the vending machine. It can hold hard covers, soft covers and DVD'S. It can be setup for a library card. The usual measurements are around 72" H, 37.8"D, 44"W.

At the website [globalvendinggroup.com](http://globalvendinggroup.com), it introduces the Inchy Bookworm Vending machine. If interested, the number is 1-866-430-8317. This machine holds around 200-300 books. All you have to do is contact them for information and presto, you are on your way. Please contact your local school to see if they would like this idea and help them. Another sight is [tcnvend.com](http://tcnvend.com). Here it introduces another type or brand of a book vending machine. Again the possibilities are endless on these book vending machines. Just type in book vending machine on your search engine and watch what comes up. Check it out and let's get going on this idea.

Last, I would like all the District Governors to contact Lion Wendy and get your district Reading Action Chair name to her. Make the next year's Who's Who look better. Remember, if you have any questions on this machine or program, please contact me. I am here for you. Let me hear your ROAR.

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POLAR PLUNGE COMING SOON!

> FORUM NEWS

2023 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM

THE LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES DUSTIN DALE, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER - 2023 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dustin Dale brings over 10+ years of motivating teams by focusing on inspiring a change in behavior. He delivers powerful, thought-provoking messages from his personal journey as a senior level leader inspired on creating a culture of excellence. Dustin has led over 1,000 teams through challenging and complex times where he focused on ensuring everyone was developed and inspired to become the best version of themselves. Dustin has developed his own training course and presentations that will build winning, trustworthy, and successful teams.

However, there is more to Dustin's story than meets the eye...

November 21st, 2021. Dustin's life would completely change when he was faced with the news of a life-threatening autoimmune disease.

Dustin found his true why during his recovery and has since then taken on a new journey of sharing his testimony, experience and focus on servant leadership. He has shared his knowledge with businesses, universities, non-profit organizations, and many more on how to understand their why and create a culture of excellence. Dustin has also helped thousands on understanding servant leadership with his series of books, Learn to Lead by Serving. Sold worldwide!

Dustin not only focuses his messages on helping organizations become stronger, authentic, and top performing teams. He also shares his personal story of his childhood, addiction, death, and spiritual journey as well. His message has been shared with youth across the country, where Dustin is passionate about reduce the suicide rate in youth and helping break generational curses.

Whether you are seeking a professional leadership speaker, or a spiritual speaker. Dustin will ensure everyone is ready to leave the room and take action! We have a limited time on Earth, and if we don't know our true why, then what are we focused on?

-Dustin Dale

ATTENTION LIONS! THE FIRST 125 REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE DUSTIN DALE'S BOOK, LEARN TO LEAD BY SERVING. THIS BOOK IS A \$10 VALUE AND YOURS FREE BY REGISTERING NOW!

LEARN TO LEAD BY SERVING

-Written by Dustin Dale

If you have leadership, all figured out then put this book down. If you are not willing to complete the prescribed exercises in this book, stop right now. If you want to sharpen your leadership skills, then Learn to Lead by Serving is perfect for you! This book will keep you engaged with a true story of how one learned to lead by serving.

The seven important lessons that are covered in this book will help you rethink your personal leadership. The self-guided exercises in the book will deliver real-life examples of what it means to become a servant leader. They will help set a foundation that you can build off of and make the changes needed to really succeed.

2023 LIONS FORUM  
PRESENTERS

Session Highlight:  
Partridge Creek Farm  
1st VDG Dan Perkins  
District 10

Partridge Creek Farm is expanding its Farm to School programming from its current work with middle schoolers to include all kids in the local elementary school as well. The Lions of District 10 came together to build this garden in a one day project the day before the children were introduced to the beds that they will plant this spring. The F2S winter programs will include cooking classes and vermicomposting.

Session Highlight:  
Marketing Your Lions Club  
LION DOUG KLEIN  
APR, CTA

Do people say that your club is the best kept secret in town? Let's change that! In this breakout session on Marketing Your Lions Club. Lion Doug Klein will help you put together a plan that starts with strategy and tactics and ends with actions and results. Good marketing and Communication will raise the visibility of your Lions Club, assist your projects, and improve your service impact.

Lion Doug Klein has been a member of the Mason, Michigan Lions Club since 2018. In 2019, he was recognized by his club as Lion of the Year. He is a 2021 graduate of the Michigan Lions Leadership Institute. He currently serves as Club Secretary and Marketing Chair. Since 2022, he also serves as District 11-C2 Public Relations Chair. Lion Doug Klein was a Lansing Community College adjunct professor of public relations, communication, business, and marketing for 28 years. He retired from LCC in August 2018. In 2005, Doug Klein also took on an additional job as the executive director of the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce. He retired from that position in October 2019.

A member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1983, and 2003 President of the Central Michigan Chapter of PRSA, he holds the prestigious APR designation (Accreditation in Public Relations) from the

Society. In 2005, he was awarded with their highest local honor, the PACE Maker of the Year. In 2010, he also became a Certified Tourism Ambassador through the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau. He was inducted into the American Marketing Association's national honorary Alpha Mu Alpha in 2012.

Session Highlight:  
PUBLIC SPEAKING WITH  
EVAN PULVER

Wait, What Did You Say?  
Getting your message heard!

Attention spans are getting shorter, technology feeds us news and stories 24/7, and marketing/advertisements flood every possible medium. Is what YOU have to say important? Can your message STICK with your audience? Join Dr. Evan Pulver as he outlines a simple, clear, and focused way to craft your message so it rises to the top of your audience's mind. Expect to be entertained, inspired, energized, and to have concrete action steps for your next public speaking opportunity.

Dr. Evan Pulver is a Doctor of Chiropractic living in The Woodlands, Texas. In addition to his private practice, he is a husband, father, mediocre tennis player, and a 9 year member/former president of The Woodlands Toastmasters Club. Dr. Evan has used public speaking to grow his office, make friends, help others improve their speaking, and to challenge himself to get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

DG TRACI TRIBLEY  
Lions Bear Lake Camp Executive Director  
Session Highlight:  
BE A MORE EMPATHETIC LION

Have you ever had a miscommunication that could have been avoided, or a bad first impression of someone?

1 in every 4 persons has a disability that affects them in some manner. Invisible disabilities are typically kept hidden due to a lack of understanding and empathy from others in their daily lives.

Become a more empathetic lion by building your awareness of hidden disabilities and using People First language. By working to make slight accommodations it can lead to inclusive projects and leadership advancement of members that might not typically feel comfortable in those roles.

Join in this session and Together We Can...learn to be more Empathetic Lions.

Together We Can Make A Difference  
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\_\_\_ Hospitality Suite 9:30pm

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7:00 a.m. - Registration

8:10 a.m. - Welcome

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

\_\_\_ Public Speaking - Dr. Evan Pulver, Toastmasters

- Fundraising - Panel of experts share proven projects
- Global Action Team - PDGs Roshni Patel, Brent Beracy, Terri Huffman
- Reading Action Plan- PDG's Don Spinks, Dr Bob Hohendorf

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Childhood Cancer- Lions Chris Smith, Gary Perala
- Diabetes - Jessica Dailey, RN
- Service - Show me the Kindness! DG Diane Wehby
- Lions KidSight USA-Michigan - What, Why and How? PID Gary Anderson, PCC Jeff Mayuier

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Ice Breakers - DG Shawn Blaszczyk
- Lions 101 What We're All About - PDG David Anderson
- Membership - PDG Ron Riebschleger
- Gardening for Good - VDG Dan Perkins, Partridge Creek Farm

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Recycling and the Environment - Lion Michelle Turner- White
- Be a More Empathetic Lion- DG Traci Tribley
- Marketing Your Club- Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA
- Gardening for Good - Kyle Szucs, Jason Lundberg, Kids' Food Basket

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> 2023 LIONS COOKBOOK NEWS

Lions of Michigan Foundation  
Dr Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything? What better gift could you give them than one that helps those in need. For a gift of \$20, you can purchase a new Lions of Michigan Family Kitchen Cookbook with hundreds of recipes submitted by Michigan Lions and their family member and friends.

Our Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

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

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2023 BOSTON NEWS <

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!

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

Watch for schedule and speaker updates.  
Register before January 1 for current rate of \$175/Le0n/Le0.

Price may increase after January 1.

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DG Gretchen Preston, District 10 April 28-30, 2023  
Casino Sault Ste. Marie, MI

DG Matthew Collins, District 11 A1  
TBD (Tentative, subject to change, May 6th, 2022)  
TBD (Tentative, subject to change Downtown Detroit)

DG Shawn Blaszczyk, District 11 A2  
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Comfort Inn and Suites, Mount Pleasant

DG Kelly Lubbe, District B1  
April 29, 2023  
Commonwealth Commerce Center 209 E. Washington Jackson, MI 49201

DG Julie Mayuiers, District 11 B2  
March 17-18, 2023  
Four Points Sheraton, Kalamazoo

DG Diane Wehby, District 11 C1  
May 20, 2023  
VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon

DG Traci Tribbley, District C2  
March 10-11, 2023  
Comstock Inn & Conf. Center, Owosso

DG Jack Frost, District D1  
April 14-16, 2023  
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DG Shawn Wightman District 11 D2  
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DG Jackie Glazier, District 11 E1  
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April 21-23, 2023  
Ramada, Grayling

MD 11 Lions Convention May  
18-20, 2023

VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon

LIONS OF MICHIGAN CONVENTIONS 2023

> LIONS MD CONVENTION NEWS

Excitement awaits you at the MD 11 CONVENTION

May 18 - 19 - 20 - Muskegon-delta hotel & Vandyk mortgage center

Stroll about Muskegon's Heritage Village - Hackley House

Charles H. Hackley hired David S. Hopkins of Grand Rapids to design and build the magnificent houses and City Barn for Hackley and his partner Thomas Hume with construction taking place between 1887 and 1889.

Structurally restored to its 1890s appearance, the Hackley House is a unique example of Victorian architecture and late nineteenth century interior decorative arts. Nationally known artisans from Chicago and New York used original samples uncovered during restoration to bring the elaborate interior stenciling and the 13-color exterior paint scheme back to life.

Hume House

Filled with spacious living areas and nine bedrooms decorated with simple patterns, the house was designed for comfort and a large family. The family expanded the house creating a beautiful library, A large dining room with geometric tile flooring, and a sleeping porch off a second floor bedroom with a terne metal floor. The exterior of the Hume House exhibits its original 14-tone restored color scheme.

City Barn

The term City Barn refers to its function and location; literally a barn that sits in the city. The barn, shared by the families housed horses, equipment, and two coachmen in living quarters on the Second floor. The City Barn incorporates elements from both houses, such as the onion dome, which reflects the Moorish influence of the Hackley House, and the turret, which matches the turret on the Hume House.

Tickets can be purchased in the City Barn located between the Hackley and Hume Houses at 484 Webster Ave.

LIONS LOVE a PARADE!

Grab your club members, your yellow vests, your club shirts, your old cars and your 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!

Together We Can!

There ain't no party like a Lions party. Be prepared. 05.20.2023

EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT- MD 11 CONVENTION  
FRIDAY- SATURDAY MAY 19-20  
MUSKEGON MI

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REGION NEWS <

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PICTURES

Bedford Township Lions Club enjoyed two great programs at their November meeting. Sylvania Sunshine Lions Club spoke about their Christmas party for the blind and a donation was presented. Second, Mary from Leader Dogs for the Blind gave a presentation along with her guide dog Triss. Great presentations and great organizations. "We Serve"

Detroit Hispanic Lions Club For 15 years+ the club has participated and volunteered at the Matrix Human Services annual Trunk or Treat for their Head Start families. Club President Lion Salina, Lion Deborah Leza and Lion Fernando Flores attended the event this year, which is geared to the organization's head start children ranging in ages from 1 to 5 years olds. Pictured are staff from Matrix ERSEA department, Mariana Nouel (lamie), Carolyn Durant- Blair (Doc McStuffins), Lion President (rainbow wig) Salina Ali, and Elena Hairston. The department choose to dress as Doc McStuffins characters, as many of the children enrolled in head start suffer from Asthma and other breathing ailments.

In October, the Livonia High Nooners Lions Club helped pack 50,000 meals for our neighbors around the corner, and around the world. Kudos to The Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Way to go Lions

Detroit MidCity and Detroit Renaissance Lions Clubs partnered to provide Thanksgiving Dinner for 20 families at Thomas Edison Elementary in Detroit. As Lions we appreciate the Thanksgiving Opportunity to serve

Northville Lions enjoy a chilly evening during the Lighted Parade. Thousands were in attendance to participate in the joyous holiday celebration.

District 11A1 Governor and Livonia Lion Matt Collins collecting donations at Joe's Produce, where the patrons are always generous

1VDG Lion Lula Gardfrey & 2VDG Lion LaWonna Lofton- Coleman attending the Council of Governors meeting along with Lions of Michigan Leadership from around the state during the first weekend in December in Grand Rapids

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## PICTURES

Ortonville Lions Club participated in the O.A.T.S. "Stall or Treat". Our stall's theme was Wizard of Oz and Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lion and the rest of the merry crew dispensed candy to the trick or treaters! "Tip" jars were set out and money was collected based on how well your stall was decorated. The "tips" were then donated back to O.A.T.S. We didn't take first prize but came close! Much fun was had by all that attended. We also collected used eyewear and passed out cards for Glenda's Closet, an organization that provides Halloween costumes to underprivileged children in the community. What fun and what memories were made!

Clarkston Area Lions Club screened 126 kids with 20 referrals in conjunction with the Clarkston Rotary Shoes for Kids distribution on November 12th. They had a lot of help from the Ortonville Lions Club, and even got to take a photo with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus!

Lake Orion Lions Club held their Christmas Auction at the Milosch Chrysler / Jeep dealership. The money raised from this auction helps to support their Christmas Basket Program. With the help of volunteers, they deliver food, gifts, and supplies to over 200 households each year. They sort everything and box it up for each family on Friday. On Saturday volunteers deliver the food to each house.

Leader Dogs for the Blind Office was presented with a new eyeglass collection box. Lion Jim Lykins of the Lake Orion Lions and PDG Leo Schaefer of the Armada Lions made the presentation of the mailbox to Leader Dog School for the Blind Rochester Hills on November 3rd. This mailbox will be used to collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids for 11 A-2 District Lions Clubs. It took this past year with the help of many good Lions to make this happen. Jay Caldwell of Meineke Shops, Kelly Wojcik of K&T Kustom Kollision and Dan Cook, of Cooks Signs Plus, all members of the Shelby Lions. Help also came from the Lake Orion Lions as well as Ortonville Lions. Four other collection boxes are also being finished with the help of the Washington Lions Club. We hope this will be a great addition to the collection of eyeglasses and hearing aids for our District 11 A-2 "WE Serve "

Sterling Heights Lions Club had special guest VDG Lion Kelley Unruh present Lion Karen Joyce with a 100% Secretary Award for 2021-2022 at their latest meeting. Thank you for all you do as a Secretary for the Club!

Romeo Lions Club provided hot chocolate, cookies, and roasted chestnuts for everyone to enjoy at the Christmas Tree lighting organized by RWB Parks and Recreation. This event is always a great way to kick off the Christmas season! Happy Holidays everyone! May the season be filled with family, friends, magic and fun!

Armada Lions Club had some of their members attend the annual Leader Dog kickoff Dinner in the Dark to imagine what life is like to be visually impaired. This organization does a great job helping those with

vision problems and the Armada Lions Club donates \$8,500 annually to this organization to help assist those in need.

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A1 - A2 DISTRICT NEWS

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Battle Creek Cereal City Lions and Pennfield Lions Club met up on November 12th with their rakes, brooms, and their "We Serve" spirit to do some fall clean up at the home of Winter Camp for the Blind. They were joined this year by 11 associates from the Michigan Job Challenge Program. Camp Director, Matthew Santner had several jobs lined up waiting for the group of volunteers. Those helping were District governor Kelly Lubbe, Cereal City Lions Bryan Cook, Roger Bosse, Dorothy Bosse, Mike Guzak, Red O'Leary, and Darrick Dean. with Pennfield Lion Steve Phillips with his wonderful backpack leaf blower!

Zone Project- Battle Creek Cereal City, Battle Creek Host, Pennfield, Marshall and Bedford Area Lions gathered to sort out the donated eyeglasses. The glasses had been collected by members of the clubs from post box drop boxes and local eye clinics and opticians. There were a lot of them, mostly in cases, in every style and condition imaginable. With a huge team available it was no problem to sort the glasses in record time. 4,500 eyeglasses were delivered to The Special Needs Vision Clinic in Saginaw after the event! WAY TO GO!

The ladies of Ann Arbor Evening recently participated in the Eversight fundraiser, baking cookies with the Zingerman's BakeHouse instructors. Lots of yummy-ness and laughs ensued! Shown: Kathy Harper, Cathy Koning, Donna Wicker

Adrian Breakfast Lions have participated in the Comstock Park Christmas River Walk tree decorating event since its beginning eight years ago. With hundreds of trees decorated and their lights glowing, the park looks spectacular every evening throughout December. Pictured here with this year's tree are club members Terry Hicks, Laura VanSickle, Charlene Dickerson, and Bob Guy.

Ann Arbor Host Lion Amy Shepherd joined Battle Creek Cereal City Lion Teresa Gest in a recent visit to Leader Dog for the Blind. Lion Amy and Teresa provided instruction to parents during a Cane Quest hosted by Leader Dog and presented by the Michigan Department of Education Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO). Shown: Teresa is blindfolded while walking with guide dog Riley along with Merideth (COMS).

Jackson County Virtual Professional participated in a recent mitten drive that allowed for a donation to Kris Hubbard's

Clinton Lions participated in Trunk or Treat. The kids big and small had a great time.

Cascade Lions Club members David and MaryAnn Robinson visited St. John School earlier this year and spent time with the sixth graders. The Robinsons were open to the students' questions about blindness, and were very informative about living with a disability. They blessed the school library with three different series of books: The Hometown Hunter Series, The Fishing Chronicles, and the Incredible Adventures of Rush Revere.

North Jackson Lions Club had 36 Peace Posters, drawn and submitted by students from Northwest schools, that were voted on during the club's business meeting in November. Hailey Trachet (pictured with Lion Connie Fention) won 1st prize of \$50. Her poster will go on to the district governor for the next round of voting

Vandercook Lake served breakfast on their usual 3rd Sunday of the month, with DG Kelly helping out. Join them again next month on December 18. They also hung Christmas lights to brighten up the town.

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Portage Lions Club recently chose their Peace Poster winner. The Theme this year was Lead with Compassion. The winning artwork was created by Alaina Marfil. Being compassionate is showing gratitude, remove barriers and encouraging differences. We are created equal and let's have peace in our heart. Alaina received a Certificate of Participation and \$50.00 cash prize

South Haven Black River Lions Club held a very successful quarter auction fundraiser. Thank you so much to the Elks Lodge #1509 for hosting our quarter auction fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who donated items and came out for the fun!

Paw Paw Lions Club hosted a successful food drive at their local school district. They want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the kids and families of the Paw Paw schools for an amazing food drive for the Christmas basket! You ROAR loudly

Mattawan High School LEO Club participated in an annual food drive for the Mattawan Area Pantry and were able to bring in nearly \$2000 in cash and food. Through the generosity of Wagoner's Grocery Store and the

Mattawan community, our neighbors in need will be blessed with food and necessary provisions. Great job LEOS!

St Joseph Lions were in a celebratory mood at their meeting which included a visit from five area basketball coaches. We raised over \$600 for the Goodfellows drive and kicked off our Toys for Tots drive

Edwardsburg Lions had a gorgeous perfect day to unload and set up the Lion's Tree Lot. Thank you to all of the Edwardsburg Lions, Leos and friends! They have 300+ Scotch and Frasier Firs ranging in size from 6-12 feet. All proceeds go back to help the Lions Club "SERVE" our community!!

Centreville Lions Club President Karen braved the cold and was all set up for the Centreville Lions annual nut sale, which helps to support their community projects.

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B1 - B2 DISTRICT NEWS

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Sparta Lions Club hosted their annual Lighted Christmas Parade. Santa and Mrs. Claus were even in attendance. The club handed out over 100 turkeys and 48 Christmas Wreaths. Michigan Turkey Producers was a Premier Sponsor. This year's event was dedicated to all Military, First Responders, and Healthcare Workers.

Rockford Lions Club hosted a community can drive at their local Choice One Bank. Great job Lions!

The Wyoming Lions Club volunteered at Kids Food Basket on October 29, 2022.

The Marne Lions Club and the Marne American Legion wish to send a heartfelt thank you out to our community for an awesome turnout for the 10th annual Marne Christmas tree lighting! Also, a huge shoutout and thank you to Santa Claus, our great photographer, all of our volunteers from the Marne Lions, Marne Auxiliary and our first responders from Wright-Tallmadge Firefighters Association we could not have done this without all your help!

That's a wrap! Lakewood Area Lions Club members worked tirelessly making peanut brittle for this year's annual event. The finished product was sold at local businesses for \$5.00 a bag.

Fruitport Lions Club are hosting their 17th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas Event December 9th-10th. From hayrides to holiday music, and a Cardboard Sled Contest for the kids, everyone is sure to have a holly jolly good time.

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Laingsburg Lions and American Legion held their annual Thanksgiving Day dinner for the community on Nov. 24 from 1-3 pm. We served 175 meals between dine in and take out orders. We cooked 30x10lbs turkeys with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, beans, cranberry sauce, coleslaw, roll and butter, apple and pumpkin pies.

The Mason Middle School Leo Club got busy at a recent meeting making tote bags for the homeless by recycling animal feed bags. They are assisting in this ongoing project of Mason Area Community Services, a local charity organization that also partners with the Mason Lions Club.

Hartland Lions Club worked at Bountiful Harvest in Brighton on Nov 19, 2022. Passing out food orders and turkey so people in need could have a good Thanksgiving Dinner.

Elsie Lions Club donated \$200 to each church, The Elsie First Baptist Church and The Elsie United Methodist Church for the Elsie Community Christmas, the Church's matched that amount for a total of \$800 towards Community Christmas. Pictured above are Lisa Brown from The United Methodist Church receiving a check from Lion Robin Wooley.

Charlotte Lions Club co-sponsored "The Road to Better Health" with Eaton Sparrow Hospital (Alive), and the Charlotte Community Hospital. The presentation focused on preventing diabetes and other chronic illnesses. The program was conducted by Deb Dillon, MS, RDN and Haley Walker, MS, RDN. Both dietitians from Eaton Sparrow, gave an interactive presentation and provided resource information to approximately 25 attendees. Four Charlotte Lions helped greet and handled registration. It was a great success and feedback was extremely positive.

Bancroft Lioness Lions Club assembled 200 treat bags for trick or treaters with the help of Durand Railroad Days Princess Kelsie and Prince Parker. They had a spooktacular time handing out goodies to all the ghosts and goblins. Pictured are Lions Sherri Cowles, Billie Smith, Martha Owens

The November weather has been kind to the Grand Ledge Lions Club's Ramp Crew this year. This project brought out Lions Lysle Finney, Duke Love, Riley Spayde, Don Yuvan, Steve Peake and good friend to the Lions, coworker Denny Campbell. The overcast sky was brightened by a lunch of pizza and beverages brought in by Lions Gia Spayde and Sandy Sipes.

St. Johns Lions Club participated in the Halloween Trick or-Treat event in downtown St. Johns on October 31. "Event so good It's SCARY" was a big success with many children and even entire families dressing up in their favorite costumes. Everyone was very polite as they waited in line for candy and other goodies. Members distributed 500 bags of candy that included a card with information about the Lions Club. Lions Kenny Kinsey, Gloria Carnicom, and Dean Hartenburg represented the St. Johns Lions Club and Suprina (Supy) Kinsey represented the Clinton County Champions Club. Special thanks to volunteer Cheryl Hickey for her help

and to Lion Nancy Presocki who purchased all the candy and filled the 500 bags of candy.

Clinton County Champions Branch Club had a great turnout and lots of fun and laughter at their game night in coordination with Area 28 Special Olympics.

The Shiawassee Leos assisted at Durand Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. They spent the afternoon sorting food and stocking shelves. Pictured are DG Traci Tribley, Lion Martha Owens, Leo Parker Owens, Leo Advisor Chrissy Andre, Leo Club President Hadden Andre.

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Bay City Lions Club - Past Presidents Chili Cookoff - This brand new event was held on November 2 and raised over \$1700 that goes directly back out to our community. Seven chili teams, each with a Past President Captain, each picked a charity to raise money for and go head- to- head to find the Chili Champions. Congrats to big winners the "Little Chili Gang" (Past President Wade Eckenrod and Lion Todd Little) and their charity, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Great Lakes Bay Region. Checks ranging from \$100-\$750 are going out to the 7 charities.

Bay City Lions Bed Build - "No kid sleeps on the floor in my town"... that's the motto of the Sleep In Heavenly Peace organization. 13 Bay City Lion volunteers participated in a bed build on October 15- and were moved by the project that sees to it that children in our community have the comfort of a bed to climb into at night regardless of family circumstances. Every bed is constructed by volunteer groups, delivered and set up by volunteers, and accompanied by a new mattress, pillow, sheets and comforter.

Freeland Lions Club held their 26th Annual Vegas Party on November 5th! If you weren't there, you missed a great event. This is the club's biggest "fun" raiser other than the Walleye Fest. The proceeds go directly into their main outreach fund, which helps those families in need in the area. Attendees enjoyed great casino games and a buffet dinner.

Frankenmuth Lions Club Since May 2022, the Frankenmuth Lions Club has been conducting an active recruitment campaign to attract new members, including the development of a new video highlighting the club and hosting two recruitment events at their Lion Haus. The video can be viewed on the club website at <http://frankenmuthlionsclub.com/>. These efforts have resulted in the recruitment and induction of 17 new members since May. The latest new members were inducted in October and November.

Flushing Lions Club attended the St. Robert's Craft Show and the Flushing Women's Club Craft Bazaar in November selling their famous dryer balls and other handmade items.

A Vassar Lions Club volunteer was on the wrong end of a water balloon during the annual Vassar Pumpkin Roll.

Shields Lions Club members are standing with their display for the Thomas Township Winter Wonderland. The Winter Wonderland is an annual event and

displays from various organizations and businesses are exhibited in Roberts Park and judged by the community.

Caro Lions Club- PDG and Life member Lion Henry Sugden presented Immediate Past President Lion Kathy Esckelson with her President's Plaque.

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Peace Poster Contest- Miss Ellie Francis won our Districts Peace Poster contest. She represents the Elba, Hadley, Lapeer and Metamora Lions Club and will move on to compete at a State competition. She was sponsored this year by the Metamora Lions. Great job, Ellie!

Metamora Lioness Lions held their Ladies Shrimp Night Fundraiser November 11th.. They had over 250 women attend who enjoyed a night of drinks, games, raffles, 50-50s, and AYCE shrimp and potato bar.

Metamora Lions and Lioness Lions Clubs worked together to host a Halloween party after Metamora's pumpkin drop and trick or treating. There were hotdogs, cider, donuts, coffee, chicken strips, and every kid got to go home with a gold dollar coin.

The Hadley Lions will once again host the Christmas Tree/bridge lighting on Tuesday, December 6th. The event will take place at the old Town Hall and include some caroling, crafts and hot chocolate. Santa will also be there for the children. A special thanks to the guys on the fire department (especially the Tunison family) who put the lights up so beautifully every year

Each year the Marine City Lions Club tries to help a local family or organization this time of year. This year the club chose to help Kids in Distress with items they are in need of. They started an amazon wishlist and the support from the community has been amazing!

The Port Sanilac Lions Club handed out treats to the ghouls and goblins at the Port Sanilac Trunk or Treat.

The Sandusky Lions Club shopped at Meijer purchasing Thanksgiving dinners for families at the Heartbeat Pregnancy Care Center. We are blessed to be able to serve these families in need. Pictured below are Lions Rhanda, Mike, John, Craig, and Jim.

Croswell Lions Club members are made these adorable porch gnomes that sold out in "gnome" time. So cute and festive.

Representing the Algonac Lions at the 2022 Marine City Christmas Parade.  
Lion Paul, Lion Marc, Lion Donna and Lion Dwayne.

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The Weidman Lions Club has had a very busy fall this year. In September, they assisted the "Community Cancer Services" with their Cancer Walk by serving food to their participants. The club was also happy to resume food sales at the Wheatland Music Festival. They had about 12,500 attendees and the club was able to make several thousand dollars so they can get back to their normal donations. The club also handled their Adopt A Road cleanup with the help of the Central Michigan University softball team. They were happy to assist because it helps with their community service time.

Coleman Lions Club recently had their Peace Poster winners from both Coleman and Meridian Junior High Schools attend their meeting. They, their parents, and their art teachers were all invited to the potluck supper and meeting. Each student was presented with a check for \$50 and a certificate. Pictured are Kearnin Alexander and Kenley Guza with their winning entries

Crystal Lions Club, with 1st VDG Jim Patterson, awarded Lion Laura Smith with collecting the most money during White Cane weekend.

Crystal Lions Club putting up the Christmas decorations. They took advantage of the last nice day to get the Christmas Ornaments up on the telephone poles

The Kingsley Lions Club participated in Kingsley's Halloween "Trunk or Treat" on October 31, 2022. They anticipate that over 400 wonderfully (and inventively) dressed children and adults came through. Wonderful time for all!

The Manistee Lions collected and distributed 125 pairs of socks to ECHO, one of their homeless shelters and to Choices of Manistee, a domestic abuse shelter. To date they have collected 474 pairs of socks.

District 11-E1 Convention will be April 21-22, 2023 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare. The theme of the event will be "Going Camping with DG Jackie."

Central Montcalm Lions were able to attend the Sheridan Fire Department's pancake supper and present them with a check that they will use to purchase a new piece of equipment. The Lions appreciate our local fire fighters and their service to our community.

Meridian Lions Club Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army- A big thank you to Lions Roger Frazer, Pete Conarty, Al Ducham, John Clever, Dave Romenesko, & Scott Berry for all their help on November 25, 2022. Midland Lions will also be "ringing the bell" at the mall for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 2, 2022.

Edmore Lions Club- In cooperation with Christian Endeavor in Edmore and other local groups, the Edmore Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the "Holiday Giveaway Extravaganza" scheduled in early December! The giveaway will include clothing, coats, blankets, food boxes, a hot meal and more. This is in support of Feeding America projects in the area. Also, the Edmore Lions Club contributed \$250 to a local Vestaburg family for expenses incurred from the loss of a family member in a recent devastating house fire.

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Oscoda Lions Club members Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosch, and Chuck Andrina built a ramp in Greenbush. The project consisted of two platforms of 4x4' and 4x6' as well as two ramp sections of 8' and 12'. The resident is on oxygen and uses a walker to get around. She was having difficulty getting in and out of her home. Volunteers picked up the material at 8:00am and finished up at 2:45pm. The ground was snow covered and it snowed off and on all morning. The weather improved in the afternoon. We Serve!

East Jordan Lions sponsored Tourist Park Christmas Village. Many clubs and businesses set up displays.

East Jordan Lions donated \$500 to the East Jordan school welding class towards the completion of the Veterans star of Dedication. It will be complete in June and on display in Garr Park. Pictured are King Lion Bill Chase with the welding instructor, David Muladore and his wife Brenda.

Alpena Lions Club have been busy this month. They decorated their Christmas tree at Besser Museum. They also had another successful potato sale. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help the Lions serve the community. In addition, over 280 bags of potatoes were donated to area food banks.

Mackinaw City Lions Club members recently cleaned out their storage building. They have walkers, canes, wheelchairs, and toilet assistance

chairs available for community members and loan the items out to help anyone in need. Way to Serve Lions!

Boyne Valley Lions Club- Librarian of the year Monica Peck, was the guest speaker to the Boyne Valley Lions Club November meeting. Monica is doing great things at Boyne District Library.

Hillman Lions Club- Congratulations to Roger Harris who received the 1st place prize of this rifle from our annual Rifle Raffle!! Faye Lewis's husband won the gift certificate!!!!

Lewiston Lions Lioness announced the winner of their 2022 Quilt Raffle was Mary Beth of Clawson, MI (r). The quilt was presented to her by Diane Bissonette, VP(1). Thank you everyone for your support. 2023 Quilt Raffle tickets will be going on sale soon!

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