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MD11 Announces Peace Poster Winner "We are All connected"



This year's MD 11 Peace Poster winner is Miss Julia Wei, from Northville Schools. The contest was sponsored by the Northville Lions Club, District 11 A1.

With the theme of "We are All Connected" for her inspiration, Miss Wei states: "We are all connected because even though we are all different we all live together on Earth. Everyone, everywhere has to work together to keep it a peaceful place." Her artwork beautifully represents the theme, We are All Connected.

Congratulations to MD 11's winner! A check in the amount of \$300 will be presented to Miss Julia Wei by District Governor Roshni Patel.



For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING Events:

DECEMBER
MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy Holidays to All

JANUARY 2022
HUNGER AWARENESS

FEBRUARY 2022
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

FEBRUARY 25
VICE DISTRICT GOV. TRAINING
Holiday Inn Gateway Center Flint

FEBRUARY 26
LIONS MI FORUM SERVICE PROJECT
7PM
Holiday Inn Gateway Center Flint

FEBRUARY 26-27
LIONS MI FORUM
Holiday Inn Gateway Center Flint

Check our website for updates and additional information
www.lionsofmi.com



Merry Christmas To All Our Lion Pride Lions!

2022 looks to be our come-back year with two of our favorite Lions events scheduled for February and May! Join us this year for the Michigan Forum February 25-26 at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc, where we'll hear from Sandy Pearson, President and CEO of Michigan Habitat for Humanity, our featured keynote speaker on Saturday, February 26.

Friday, February 25 there will be a service project designed to help those in need of warm winter gear while featuring recycling through the use of clothing banks and re-sale shops, both of which are often times organized by Lions Clubs. You are asked to bring clean winter coats, hats, scarves and glove for donation. The highlight of the evening will be a fashion show which features clothing purchased at minimal cost by our models. Get ready for the latest runway styles as we bring you fabulous fashion from upcycled clothing!

The MD 11 Lions Convention will be held in Auburn Hills May 19-21, 2022. Our invited guest speaker is LCI Past President, Joe Preston of Arizona. PP Preston oversees LCIF Campaign 100 and we are pleased to host his visit and show off LCIF grant dollars in action during his time with Michigan Lions.



LCI Past President
Joe Preston of Arizona
Campaign 100




Sandy Pearson
President & CEO
Habitat for Humanity

Check inside this issue for more coverage on both of these exciting events!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

> PRIDE NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE

WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Christmastime for me is full of nostalgia. The moment I hear the opening lines of The Chipmunks Christmas song, I float back to my childhood days. All right you Chipmunks! Ready to sing your song? In 1963 my idea of the perfect match for me was a cartoon character with a goofy singing voice—Alvin. The one who always got into mischief.

Walking through downtown Lapeer to Christmas shop and visit Santa, listening to the holiday music streaming through the loudspeakers and the smell of popcorn and candy at the 5 & 10 are what I'll think of when my mind won't recall anything else!

And somewhere in all the hustle and bustle, I know there was a Lions Club selling trees or hosting Santa while serving hot chocolate and candy canes.

Lions have worked year-round at concession stands; hosting fundraising events and selling candy, nuts, garland, oranges, onions, brooms – you name it. You've managed to turn your profits into food baskets, holiday gifts, candy bags,

LCIF HELPS MICHIGAN WITH GRANT MONIES TOTALING \$587,660



What can you score for \$587,000.00 these days? How about a nice home, a tesla car and then throw in a fancy yacht!

From August 2018 to October 2021, the Districts in Michigan have received a record eighteen (18) grants from LCIF totaling over \$587,000 during LCIF Campaign 100. These years have been full of many challenges but also many rewarding times watching Lion members helping those in need.

Lions have not put a pause on helping those that need our assistance.

LCIF has given Michigan Districts \$70,000 in Emergency Grant Funds. They gave four (4) \$10,000 COVID-19 Emergency Grants to: District 11A2 (400 gallons of hand sanitizers to the Fire Departments in Oakland & Macomb counties); District 11 B1 (making masks and providing hand sanitizer for essential workers at local medical facilities, walk-in clinics, food pantries, nursing homes and other essential workers); District 11D2 (providing food boxes to hospital workers, police & fire departments and essential workers); District 11E2 (400 gallons on hand sanitizers were delivered to 1st responders, homeless shelters, small adult care homes along with the fire & police departments).

LCIF gave Michigan five (5) \$10,000 Emergency Flood or Tornado Grants to Districts. District 11E1 was hit with a Tornado Disaster in 2018 and immediately received help from LCIF. In the midst of another emergency, the COVID-19 global pandemic, Michigan was hit with a flood disaster in 3 counties affected by the Edenville dam

collapse and received three (3) Emergency Flood grants. On May 19,2020, Edenville Dam which held back Wixom Lake failed causing water from the lake to surge downstream toward cities along Tittabawassee River including the areas of Midland, Gladwin & Saginaw Counties. The Sanford Lake Dam breached causing closure of M-30 and the collapse of a bridge on US-10 Sanford Lake. After declaring a “state of emergency”, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer called the flooding a "500-year event." In July, 2021, District 11A1 received an Emergency Flood grant for the flooding in their area.

These COVID & Emergency Grants of \$10,000 each were given to the Districts just because they asked for help after a disaster hit their area.

In addition, District 11A2 was awarded a Matching grant of \$100,000 to build an all-inclusive playground for disabled children and used District & Community Grant funds of \$11,646 to improve an Autism work-plus program. An inclusive playground takes away the barriers to exclusion, both physical and social, providing a “sensory rich” experience for all. The inclusive playground provides a number of different opportunities for children to explore. They integrate all the senses and encourages social play. There is a little something for everyone including those that like to climb, run, spin, slide, swing and more. Thanks to Kiwanis Club, Shelby Twp. Lions, Utica Lions, Sterling Heights Lions, LCIF and many supportive community members, this playground has become a reality. The Autism work-plus program built a replica of a fast food restaurant so the older students would experience working at a fast food facility, enabling them to be better employed due to their experience.

District 11C1 was awarded the 1st LCIF Hunger Grant of \$45,000 for the expansion of a freezer for the Hungry for Christ Food Bank in Hamilton, located in west Michigan. HFC also supports several weekend backpack programs which serve 26,645 children each month. This Humanitarian grant is going to help HFC complete the expansion of their freezer and be able to continue their mission to combat hunger in Western Michigan.

District 11D1 applied for a Community Impact Grant for flood damage and received \$16,235 to help their community.

wheelchair ramps and so much more for your communities. You have inspired others by your tireless acts of generosity and service. Even if you are physically unable to do the legwork to clean up a community park or build a ramp, everyone has something to offer that helps make a difference and inspires all. That spark that is inside of you is easily spread to others.

Know that your giving spirit is creating “future” nostalgic memories in the minds of so many, and that is a gift worth giving.

Wishing you a Christmas season full of joy, love, hope and inspiration!

Lion Wendy Burns
Executive Director

In 2019, District 11D2 and the Croswell Lions Club received \$34,155 in a Diabetes Grant to renovate a Community Walk-in Diabetic Prevention Center. They used District & Club Grant funds of \$1800 to help Veterans in their area. District 11D2 also applied for a matching grant of \$86,577 for equipment & to make renovations at Bear Lake Camp (state project). The Diabetic Prevention Center will offer a no cost diabetes facility to create a healthier community one person at a time.

District 11E1 received a Tornado Emergency \$10,000 grant in September 2018 in addition to the Flood Emergency \$10,000 grant in 2020.

In addition to the COVID & Flood Emergency grants of \$10,000 each, District 11E2 used their District & Community Grant funds to help Hillman Lions Club with \$1,933 to upgrade their Recreational Walking Trail. This is monies that are given to Districts which have donate over \$10,000 in the previous Lionistic year. Each year LCIF gives back to the District 15% of the funds donated to use as the District Cabinet chooses. Individual Clubs that donate over \$5,000 in the previous Lionistic year also received 15% of the funds back for their Club to use. I know donations have been low this year BUT hope we make up the loss next year and have more receive this 15% Impact Grant to use in their communities.

In January 2019, Michigan Lions (MD11) received \$187,509 for “Defense Against Diabetes” and each District was given monies to start prevention programs within their areas. This was GREAT for Michigan Lions as they work hard thru-out the state to educate and fight against Diabetes. THANK YOU, MICHIGAN LIONS for your continued support of LCIF.

Submitted by PDG Connie Shelton,
MD11 LCIF Coordinator pdgconnie@outlook.com

LCIF MOBILIZES RELIEF FUNDS

LCIF is mobilizing relief funds to Lions after a rare, late-season series of tornadoes battered portions of the Southern and Midwestern United States. When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Your generous donation to LCIF helps Lions continue to serve!

Donate to our Disaster Relief Fund: <https://bit.ly/3DMoJPa> #LCIFLions





DISTRICT GOVERNOR Spotlight!



DG Ron Riebschleger
11C1

As the calendar year draws to a close, it makes me think of two things: What is the value of a Lion? & Thank God that we are putting the covid craze behind us! I will try and combine the topics for this month's article.


What's a Lion worth? The best answer is like the credit card says... "priceless"! Have you ever thought about what just one Lion can do? The spectrum is huge. All or nothing. To do it all, it is simple. Just stand up, raise a hand or a voice and get it done. To do nothing, just sit down and do nothing. We all know you get what you give. The math is simple, the more you put into something, the more you get out of it. Let's do some more complicated math (calculus for Lions!). To grow a club, if we lose a Lion, do we just replace them with one new Lion? No. If a Lion is lost, we must replace them with TWO Lions. Remember, we want to grow a club! This means the value of an existing Lion should not be overlooked. Find the old guys, the bored folks or the ones that rarely show up for a meeting and get them involved. Sometimes that is not easy. Try new ideas, try new projects, get a new member or two and let them infuse some new life, ideas, or projects into a club. This often gets the whole club invigorated. We recently ask one of our older Lions, who had quit the club, to come back and simply tell us about the "old days" of the club. He is now visiting us more regularly and feels part of the club again. Show the existing Lions they are needed and really are "priceless". It's a lot more fun, rewarding and helps us along our ultimate goal of being the largest providers of community service in the world!

As for putting covid in the rear-view mirror, just understand it will always be here, there and everywhere. Let's be glad it is mostly behind us and not in front of us. It has forced us to try new things and ways of operating. Some of those ways and projects will even stick around for the future. Some will be thankfully buried in the past. My home club lost most of our sources of fund raising in 2020. Out of desperation, we started collecting returnable cans and bottles. After about 4-5 months, we not only made up ALL our normal funds, but even made an extra \$10,000 ish dollars to give out this year. It was crazy, simple, and profitable at the same time. Let's use these new tools to our advantage. Try: increasing communications via the internet. Put an occasional club meeting online via zoom and a laptop for those folks not able to attend, but still want to know what the club is doing. Use LCI's website to teach/learn more about Lionism. Research other clubs' activities via Facebook and copy them for your own club. They usually don't mind and would even consider it a compliment if you borrowed their ideas for your own club.


Make it fun, increase your VALUE to yourself, your club and your community via Lions and Serving. Make it a great year!

Sincerely,

*Ron Riebschleger DDS
Proud District Governor of 11C1*



R.A.C.K. Random Acts of Christmas Kindness



Dave Hill
MD 11 Council Chair
2021-2022

Lions are humble and generous people who provide thousands of food baskets, gifts and clothing to those who are less fortunate throughout the year, but especially during the holidays.

I once attended a presentation that was given by a Lion from Georgia. One of his club's fund raisers was collecting donations at stop lights in town. This fund raiser made him uncomfortable, but he always participated. While he was collecting donations, he heard a loud car coming that obviously needed a new muffler. He looked down the street and saw the car quickly changing lanes and heading his way. A mother with three very loud children in the back seat pulled up next to him. The driver's side window did not work, and she opened the door and extended a twenty-dollar bill towards him. She said that her family had a tough time last year and if it were not for the local Lions, her three children would not have had a Christmas. He is no longer uncomfortable collecting donations.

While doing some research I found an article in a Louisiana newspaper on a local program called RACK, Random Acts of Christmas Kindness. I found several articles suggesting acts of kindness. Most of them were activities that Lions have routinely done in their communities for years, but there were a few that I thought were unique that individuals could do.

- If you are flying someplace, buy some candy or cookies and give them to an attendant. Tell them that it is a thank you gift for the crew.
- Take flowers to the nurse's station at your local hospital – the nurses will know who needs them most.
- Take lunch, cookies, or cupcakes to your local fire department and/or police department.
- Buy dessert for someone eating out alone.
- Sing Christmas carols, play board games, or just visit with senior citizens at a nursing home.
- Let someone go ahead of you in the checkout line.
- Give a hot drink to the person ringing the Salvation Army bell.
- Leave candy canes on the windshields of random cars.
- Take something special to a person who's working on Christmas Eve
- Donate to the local animal shelter. Contact a local animal shelter to find out what they need. (food, blankets, towels, and food bowls, etc.)
- Put something you no longer need on Craigslist's FREE section.

Lions have demonstrated for over 100 years that the smallest acts of giving, generosity and kindness are contagious! Goodness spurs goodness: A single act can influence dozens more

Nancy and I consider ourselves blessed to be able to share the company of fellow Lions. Thank you for everything you do for your communities and Lions around the world.

**In your service,
CC Dave Hill**



by PDG Dave Wineman

A Christmas Carol(ion)!



Most of us are familiar with the Charles Dickens tale, A Christmas Carol. So how would it have looked if Lions existed back then and good ol' Scrooge was a Lion?

The Ghost of Lions Past... Our ghost of Lions past is considerably kinder and gentler than Scrooges. Scrooge was self-absorbed and selfish. He had opportunity but turned his back to it. Unlike the original story, we have a rich history of service. Lots of role models. Lucky for us, our role models had a good heart. They stepped forward, rather than bowing out. The result, great humanitarian service. Be it "Knights of the blind" or promoting peace across the globe, fighting hunger, combating disease, you name it. We have a century of service that has contributed to our communities and the world at large. We started out on the right road and stuck to it.

The Ghost of Lions Present... Our ghost of Lions present shows us a variety of opportunities where our organization does make a difference. Scrooge witnessed others enjoying their lives. He contributed nothing to either those that had much or those that had little. Lions bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors and community. We do more than watch it. Lions generate it! Everything from food to gifts to friendship be it shut ins or the neighbor next door. Instead of just seeing others make merry, Lions create it in both opportunity and the hearts of our communities. Instead of witnessing greed and avarice, Lions give generously and freely in time, talent and treasury. We have fun to boot!


The Ghost of Lions to Come... Already your district and multiple district leaders are training and organizing for next year. Each year Lions have a re-awakening of service. We look at our districts and clubs. We build new teams to address service opportunities. We build a new vision to better service our community. We build a new plan and set goals to address the vision of a better community. Then we generously carry out those plans as a team of Lions. As Lions we didn't have to have a dream to inspire us. We make dreams come true. We work together to bring that difference. We are self-less rather than selfish. We place pride aside and wear a robe of patience and kindness.

As we close out 2021... There is no need to have our ghosts haunt us. We have worked hard. There still is and always will be plenty more to do. Lions, we have done great things. Keep dreaming of and building a better community. Enjoy your family and friends. Be inviting. Spread the kindness. We have a rich history as Lions. There may be a new year ahead of us, but round #2 of our Lions year is directly ahead. There is plenty to do. Make it count!


*Cheers!
Lion Dave Wineman*

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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT



Ron Gibson
MD 11 GLT
2021-2022

As we pass the halfway mark of our program year Lions leaders in our Districts are really making a difference. And new leaders are coming forward and accepting additional responsibilities.

Last June we had 6 vacant Vice District Governor positions in MD 11. Today that number is down to 1 and the last remaining District is working hard to fill their vacancy. Thank you to all for your good work in your Districts and congratulations to our new Lions leaders who will bring added enthusiasm and new ideas to their positions.

Together, we are making our communities better places to live, work, and play!

Global Leadership Team – PDG Ron Gibson

> SAVE THE DATE FOR 2022

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2022 MD11 CONVENTION



Past International President Joe Preston, of Mesa, Arizona, will be the Lions International guest speaker at the MD 11 Convention in May. PIP Preston was elected to serve as president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 97th international convention held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 4-8, 2014.

The MD 11 Convention planning committee is already busy working out the details to bring back the live and in-person Lions Convention! The convention will be held at the beautiful Auburn Hills Marriott, May 19-21, 2022.

Our invited guest speaker is LCI Past President, Joe Preston of Arizona. PP Preston oversees LCIF Campaign 100 and we are pleased to host his visit and show off LCIF grant dollars in action during his time with Michigan Lions.

Friday night's Welcome Dinner and Reception will feature world-class entertainment by YOU, as Lions line up to participate in THE GONG SHOW. We all remember the Gong Show from the late 70's, right? Get ready for some '70's fun as we bring back Chuck Barris and others for a great night of FUN.

Educational breakout sessions, vendor tables, exhibits and the silent auction are all convention traditions and it's exciting to be planning once again. We're coming back bigger and better in 2022, and you won't want to miss out! Reservations are now being accepted at 248-628-6016 at the special rate of \$89.00.



Beautiful FIREPIT lounge At the Auburn Hills Marriott



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2022- SERVICE FROM THE HEART OF A LION!

February 26, 2022 - Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc, MI

The Michigan Forum planning committee is hard at work planning the details for this LIVE February 22 event. 16-breakout sessions will be offered and are designed to provide you with ideas and programs for continued growth within your club. Take a look at some of the topics that will be available:

- Gardening for Good will dig into community gardens.
- Wait, What Did You Say?- Public Speaking: Getting your message heard
- Who's who and what's what: Where have we been and where are we going?
- Making Fundraising FUN-and Profitable!
- Learning Opportunities for Lions
- LCIF Grants – How-to's Answered!
- Global Action Team Update
- Fundraising for your Club from a Panel of Experts
- Childhood Cancer
- Lions of Michigan Foundation
- Marketing you Club

...and much more!

2022-2023 Council Chair Elected in December

Congratulations to Council Chair Elect, PDG Ronald Gibson. PDG Ron served as District Governor, 11 E1, 2016-2017. In addition, he is the current MD 11 Global Leadership Chair and conducts all training for the 2021-2022 Vice District Governors. He has served on the E1 Diabetes Grant Committee, Bear Lake Board of Directors, Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee and beyond. Three excellent candidates were interviewed at the December Council of Governors meeting, held in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Council Chair-Elect Gibson is a member of the Portage Lions Club in District 11 B2.



PDG Ron Gibson, DG Roshni Patel and DG Jim Leach, Jr., recently interviewed for the 2022-2023 position of Council Chair.

Become a Youth Exchange 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! 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

Expectations of a Host Family

- Room and Board

You are expected to provide room and board for the youth. It is recommended that youth be roomed with youth of similar ages and similar genders. Meals should be balanced and healthy. Anyone in the home 18 and older must have a background check!

- Transportation

Typically, you are responsible for all of the youth's transportation during the exchange. Travel may include but is not limited to, transfers to and from the airport or train station, transfers to other Host Families or International Camp, transportation to and from any planned activities by you and/or the Host Club.

Selecting an Exchange Youth

The criteria for selecting youth differs from YCE program to YCE program. Hosting a youth is dependent upon desired age, gender, interests and nationality and upon the availability of the youth meeting those requirements. Your local YCE Chairperson will advise you of available youth or if arranged early enough, may seek a youth meeting your request.

- You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Family by checking out the YCE Host Family Handbook!

Contact MD 11 Youth Exchange Chairperson Eileen Delany for complete details:
517-281-1856



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BREAKOUT SESSIONS TO BE OFFERED:
MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



2022: Service from the Heart of a Lion
February 25-26, 2022

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Telephone 571-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

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Club Name _____
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Names of Registrants
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2. _____
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*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and
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Lions of Michigan

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REGISTER EARLY!

To guarantee lunch and materials!

Mark the sessions you plan to attend

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.

- ☐ Resale Fashion Show– Service Project
☐ Hospitality Suite – The Fillmore – 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

7:00 a.m. – Registration
8:10 a.m. – Welcome

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

- ☐ Public Speaking
☐ LCIF Grants
☐ Fundraising
☐ Global Action Team

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

- ☐ Lions Learning Opportunities: Alli, Elli, FDI and more
☐ Diabetes
☐ Becoming a Social Media Super-User
☐ Marketing your Club

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

- ☐ Ice Breakers
☐ Lions 101 What We’re All About
☐ Childhood Cancer
☐ Membership – The Power of Re-Gifting

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

- ☐ MyLCI/MyLion De-Mystified
☐ Lions of Michigan Foundation
☐ Hunger – Gardening for Good
☐ Passion to Serve!

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships;
Keynote Speaker Sandy Pearson, Habitat for Humanity;
Drawings, Dismissal

2022 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM
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Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2022 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Holiday Inn
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\$85, which includes an ad in the Forum proceedings booklet and one lunch ticket. The charge is fully refundable
only if, for any reason, the Forum is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic
occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all
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The undersigned releases the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 and its agents from any and all liabilities that
may arise or be asserted as a result of participation in this exhibition. The Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11,
Inc. will determine the eligibility of any company or product for exhibit. Acceptance of an exhibitor for the MD 11
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(nor legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), nor their members, officers, directors or employees shall be
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person or persons while in transit to or from the hotel or while in the hotel property or otherwise. The exhibitor
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> MICHIGAN FOUNDATION SWEEPSTAKES

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May 7, 2022
Lions of Michigan State Office
Lansing, Michigan

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Donor's Email Address: _____

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Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

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www.lmsf.net

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517-887-6640

PID Gary Anderson Shares Service Opportunitites



Past International Director Gary Anderson makes a presentation at the recent Council of Governors meeting, sharing service opportunities through the 2022 Special Olympics Unified Cup, coming to Detroit next summer. An ad-hoc committee was appointed to investigate the opportunities for Lions to volunteer at the event.



LIONS NEWS from North of the Bridge!

Mountain Lions Club Collaborates to Make a Difference!



30 years in the making, tow rope reopens in Greenland Township

It’s crazy to think about what was happening in central Ontonagon County on winter weekends before January 22, 2021, when the tow rope at Adventure Mountain in Greenland Township reopened. Every weekend since, and it looks like for many weekends moving forward, children and their families have been flocking to the hill. “It’s a vehicle for hope,” said Mike Laakko, Mountain Lions Club President.



Ontonagon County has been hit hard by a changing economy over the few decades. It’s made jobs hard to come by good jobs even harder to come by, and when that happens many other things in a community will falter. That was evident in Greenland Township when around 1990 the tow rope at their popular Adventure Mountain broke.

It remained broken for months. Months turned into years. Years into decades. Plans were drawn up and they fizzled. Time and time again the project couldn’t get going. That changed in 2015 when township officials secured grant funding. And even then, the challenges were mighty. A flood. A global pandemic. But there it was on Friday, January 22, 2021, all lit up. Greenland Township’s Adventure Mountain was back in business. “I was so happy last night to see the children and the skiers who were having such a great time,” Laakko said the morning after that first night. “To go up there last night and see it under the lights and see the kids hooting and hollering, it was awesome,” added Kip McIntyre, owner of Pat’s Motorsports. “Just a good outdoor activity for them to do. It’s good for their health and minds. We needed that. Now more than ever.” McIntyre and his family donated funds to help keep the project going through budget overages and volunteered time to make sure the project didn’t stall. As it was nearing opening, they funded the lights. For their family, it’s personal. “My mom grew up here, my whole family grew up here, my parents started a business here and I wanted to give back to the community,” McIntyre said. “We’re losing so much in this area, I felt we needed something to get the kids outside



doing something. That hill did it for me and a lot of people older than me.” Laakko was one of those kids. And he takes his responsibility as the current president of the Mountain Lions Club very seriously. This accomplishment is a huge step forward for them. It wouldn’t have been possible without a sizable DNR grant, a Portage Health Foundation (PHF) recreational grant, the support of Greenland Township officials and the many members of the Mountain Lions Club that made it happen. “This is a phenomenal success,” Mountain Lions Club Secretary Dean Juntunen said. “It was very much a team effort, the entire community and a wide variety of people came together and got it all to work.” This is a prime example of the kind of project Portage Health Foundation is aiming to fund with its Community Recreational Facilities and Resources fund. The foundation put \$20,000 toward this project and worked for years with the Mountain Lions Club and Greenland Township officials to help see its completion. “Being up there on the opening weekend was an unforgettable experience,” PHF Executive Director Kevin Store said. “These people deserve a huge round of applause and appreciation for the amount of time they spent making this happen, and now every weekend our community is filled with the joy that comes from youth going out and experiencing Adventure Mountain.”

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GET READY FOR LCIC ON 2022 MONTREAL 2022



When Lions and Leos coming together to celebrate, the future of service gets brighter. That’s why we’re thrilled to see you at LCIcon 2022 in Montréal, Canada next year! Get ready and register today. **LCIcon JUNE 24-28, 2022 | PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL**

Take in Montréal’s rich history and culture at LCIcon 2022! From beautiful architecture and a buzzing art scene to a wide variety of cafes, restaurants and shops, Montréal offers an LCIcon 2022 experience like never before!

At the Palais des congrès de Montréal Exhibit Hall, where the convention takes place, you’ll be greeted by beautiful contemporary windows and modern art that truly represents the incredible diversity of Lions Clubs International.

Connect with Lions International staff as well as Lions and Leos from around the world in the Exhibit Hall while exploring the many facets of our organization. And if you’re a delegate from a club in good standing, vote in the International Election.

Join us in the famous Bell Centre, to listen to a wide variety of topics from world-renowned keynote speakers at our Plenary Sessions. And, of course, hear from our organizational leaders about the past, present and future of Lions International. But that’s not all — at the International Show, which will also take place in the Bell Centre arena, you can catch world-class entertainment!

It wouldn’t be LCIcon without service opportunities — which we’ll tell you about closer to the date. Take part in, or simply enjoy, the Parade of Nations featuring thousands of Lions from all over the world. Registration now open: <https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/get-ready-for-lcicon-2022-montreal>

Staying safe

As always, safety is always a top priority for us. This year, we will be partnering with local officials to apply all recommended health and safety guidelines. We’ll let you know more about the safety procedures as we get close to LCIcon 2022.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND 2022 TOUR TO MONTREAL



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LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911
Phone: (517) 887-6640 • Fax: (517) 887-6642 • E-mail: lions@acd.net

2022 Lions All State Band – Montreal, Quebec, Canada

APPLICATION

Legal Name (please print) _____

Age _____ Grade in School _____ Sex: M F

I plan to audition: ☐ In Person ☐ By Tape

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Guardian E-Mail _____

High School you attend _____

Instrument Played _____

Specialty: ☐ Flag ☐ Drill ☐ Twirler

This student is a member of our high school band. _____

Band Director's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail completed application with \$20 non-refundable audition fee to
Lions of Michigan All State Band, Inc.
• 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

Important: Returning band members MUST BE members of their high school band.

Membership must be certified by the band director.
Application Dead line: December 12, 2022



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- Participate in unique activities in diverse settings
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/projects/masb

Becky Dahlke, CEO
989-277-9598
nickandwyattsmom@hotmail.com

Jason Russell, Band Director
trumpet_fan01@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT DATES:

Try-outs: Virtual
(see website for information)

1st rehearsal: January 08, 2022

2nd Rehearsal: March 19, 2022

3rd Rehearsal: May 14, 2022

Pre-Camp: June 19-21, 2022

Tour: June 22-29, 2022

A \$20 registration fee is required with your application. Please include it in your first payment in December (information will be sent out with payment information and schedule after registration is received) or send a check with applicant's name in the memo line to:

Wendy Burns, Executive Director Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
Details on our website: www.lionsofmi.com

GREAT READY FOR MONTREAL!

OFFICIAL LCIcon Hotels
in MONTREAL

Michigan Assigned Hotel Monville
or Omni Mont Royal Hotel

Guests who book their housing with Lions Clubs International at a delegation hotel will have free shuttle transportation to all official convention events. Booking your hotel through LCI helps keep convention costs low.

- Lions will be assigned to their delegation hotels on a first-come, first-served basis (subject to availability) through January 7, 2022.
- After January 7, Lions can choose their delegation hotel, or a hotel based on rate or location (subject to availability).
- In addition to at least one adult registration payment, a hotel deposit in the amount of US\$200 per room is required to make a reservation. The deposit is not the daily rate but will guarantee the reservation. The US\$200 deposit will be credited to your guest folio at check out.
- A minimum of two nights is required to book your housing with Lions International.

The cancellation deadline for individual and group refunds of hotel deposits is Sunday, May 1, 2022. Failure to cancel by this deadline will result in the forfeiture of your hotel deposit.

The Hotel Monville rate is \$168.00. Hotel Omni Mont Royal is \$225.00. Hotel Monville is closest to the convention center, The Palais Des Congres.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, February 26, 2022
Lions Michigan Leadership Forum
Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint

Saturday-Sunday, February 26-27, 2022
4th Council of Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint

Michigan Lions White Cane Week April 22-May 1, 2022

May 20 -21 2022
MD 11 Lions Convention
Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac

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MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA • FRIDAY, JUNE 24 - TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022



CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE - SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation and to request a refund for registration, housing and/or ticketed event.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ATTENDEE (Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.)

First/Given Name

Last/Family Name

Badge/Call Name

Address

City

State/Province

Postal Code

Country

Daytime Phone

E-Mail (Unique email address is required for every attendee)

☐ Lion

☐ Leo-Lion*

☐ Omega Leo

*Leo-Lion is a Lions membership type available exclusively to Leos who served in the Leo Program for over a year.

Club #

Membership # *

District

Title

*Required for club delegates who will certify and vote in the election

COMPANION

First/Given Name

Last/Family Name

Badge/Call Name

☐ Lion

☐ Leo-Lion

☐ Omega Leo

☐ Alpha Leo

☐ Adult Guest

Club #

Membership # *

District

Title

*Required for club delegates who will certify and vote in the election

E-Mail (Unique email address is required for every attendee)

CHILD

First/Given Name

Last/Family Name

Age

☐ Alpha Leo

E-Mail (Unique email address is required for every attendee)

First/Given Name

Last/Family Name

Age

☐ Alpha Leo

E-Mail (Unique email address is required for every attendee)

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone Number

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON (Must be registered to attend.)

☐ I/we plan to attend this event.

Date/Time: June 26, 12:30 - 14:30

Fee: US \$75

Quantity:

Amount Due \$:

DISTRICT GOVERNORS/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS BANQUET (Must be registered to attend.)

☐ I/we plan to attend this event.

Date/Time: June 27, 20:00 - 22:00

Fee: US \$125

Quantity:

Amount Due \$:

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

☐ No Restrictions

☐ Indian Vegetarian

☐ Vegetarian

☐ Other:

SERVICE PROJECTS IN MONTREAL

☐ I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Montréal International Convention.

LEOS AND YOUNG LIONS INTEREST

☐ I am interested in receiving information on sessions and activities for and about Young Lions, including: Leo-Lions, Student Members and Campus Lions clubs. Please email membership@lionsclubs.org for questions about Young Lions programs.

☐ I am interested in receiving information on sessions and activities for and about Leos. If you have questions, please email leo@lionsclubs.org.

HOTEL INFORMATION

PACKAGE A Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

☐ Before January 7, 2022 - room reserved in delegation hotel based on availability

☐ After January 7, 2022

☐ I prefer my delegation hotel

☐ Prefer another hotel:

Arrival Day/Date

Departure Day/Date

of Guests in room including yourself:

of beds requested

☐ 1

☐ 2

Special Requirements:

☐ Wheelchair Accessible

☐ Other:

• US \$200 Hotel Deposit is per room and credited to your hotel bill at check out.

• Room requests are subject to hotel availability

PACKAGE B

☐ NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above)

REGISTRATION FEES AND PAYMENT

Full payment is required with this form. US Currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US Banks. Visa, Mastercard & Discover accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY (Before January 7, 2022)

Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$175

Omega Leo: US \$100

Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20

REGULAR (January 8, 2022 - March 31, 2022)

Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$225

Omega Leo: US \$100

Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20

LATE (April 1, 2022 - Onsite)

Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$250

Omega Leo: US \$100

Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20

PACKAGE A:

Registration: US \$

Ticketed Events: US \$

Hotel Deposit: US \$200.00

Total Due: US \$

PACKAGE B:

Registration: US \$

Ticketed Events: US \$

Total Due: US \$

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Check # (payable to Lions Clubs International)

☐ Wire Transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form)

☐ Visa

☐ MasterCard

☐ Discover

Name as it appears on credit card. Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number

Expiration Month/Year

Security Code (3 digits)

Cardholder Signature:

• Please submit all pages of completed form once via mail, fax, or email • Allow 4 weeks for processing.

• Mail: Lions Clubs International, Attn: Convention Division, 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook IL 60523-8842, USA

• Fax: (630) 203-3787

• Email: registration@lionsclubs.org

• Credit card information should only be entered into this form and never written into the body of an email.

• Personal checks should be mailed.

• After processing this form, Lions International will email your Official Registration Confirmation.

• Please print your Official Registration Confirmation and bring it to the convention in order to obtain your name badge. A photo ID is required.

• Information provided on this document shall be used in accordance with the privacy policies and procedures of Lions International.

• Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting LCIcon for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event.


• Your registration is your consent for use of images by Lions International.

• To avoid a duplicate, please do not mail original if faxed or emailed.

FORTHCOMING CONVENTION FORMS

> LIONS CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

2022 Lions Clubs of MI Scholarship for the Visually Impaired




2022 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office
Attn: Scholarship Committee
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640
Fax: (517) 887-6642
email: lions@lionsofmi.com




Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 30th annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	()
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email Address					
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity			
<small>* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.</small>					
How did you hear about the scholarship?					



Education Information


High School you attended		
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?		
Have you been accepted?		
What do you plan to study?		
What are your personal and educational goals?		
How will the scholarship funds be used? (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____		

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.

Special honors and awards	
Special talents and training	


Applicant's Signature		Date	
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DG Roshni Patel
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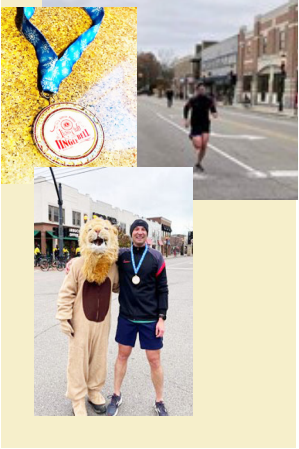
The Bedford Township Lions participated in the Christmas in Ida Sled race on Friday evening. They won the adult division in their “Bed Sled” ...Go Lions!

The Bedford Township Lions are the main supporters of the “Now I Lay Me Down Ministry” at Monroe’s First Presbyterian Church. Over the last 10 years Bedford Lions have donated over \$55,000 to this program that provides beds to local children in need. This program has provided over 3700 beds to Monroe County children over the last 15 years.



Some of the Lions that came out to support our Team...Go Lions!

The Grosse Pointe Lions held their annual Lions Club Jingle Bell Run, the day after Thanksgiving. Thank you to all our runners, walkers, strollers, wagons, Lions, and elves who came out to the event today! We appreciate all of you and thank you for supporting the Lions Club!



The Detroit Greater St. John Lions Club held a household goods giveaway, providing clothes, furniture, housewares, and other items free to members of the community. Livonia Lions Gordon and Allison Johnson joined in the fun at 8am to help sort, organize and assist shoppers.



Lion Phyllis Turner of the Detroit Westtown-Hartford Lions visited Maggie’s Wigs 4 Kids with prospective Lion Claudia Carrington and Phyllis’s granddaughter Julia. Claudia crocheted and knitted over 25 hats and scarves for the kids. We also presented Maggie with 50 gift cards and discount cards. Maggie Varney and her staff are wonderful caring people, and they offer amazing services at no cost, to children and young adults experiencing hair loss. They depend on donations to be successful.



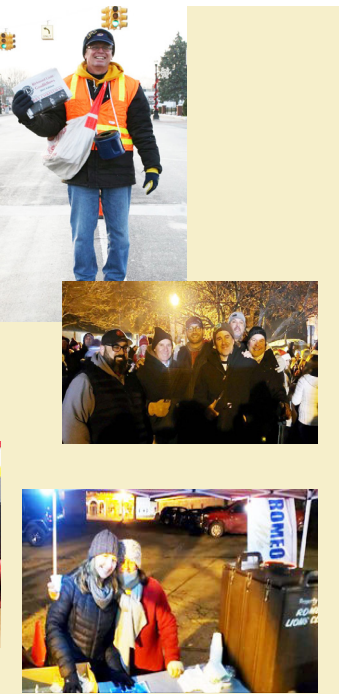
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DG Jim Leach Jr
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The Royal Oak Lions Club gathered to raise funds for the Leader Dog “green parade”. Shown here are Lion Mary Lambrix, Region Chair Maureen Kennedy, Lion Karen Burke, Leader Dog Minkey, Zone Chair Laura Mastracci and Club President Bob Westbury.



Richmond Lions Goodfellows held their annual newspaper sales this weekend. The Richmond Lions Goodfellows Christmas food basket program assists families residing within the Richmond school district who need extra help during the holiday season. We provide food for seniors and families, and toys for children. This program could not be successful without the assistance of the community who generously donate the food and toys for us to distribute.



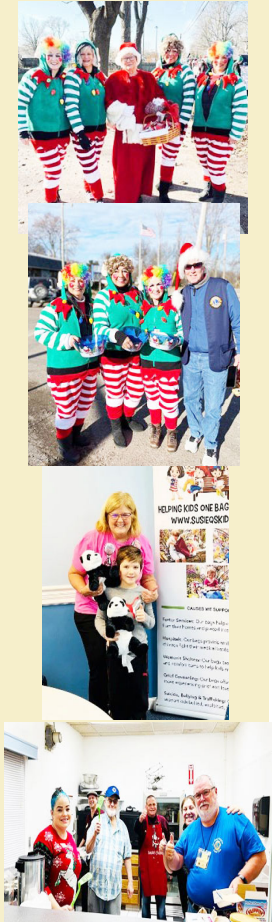
The Sterling Heights Lions Club Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus 2021 was a success again this year. Thank You to everyone who came and joined us in the festivities. We even had some little ones make cards for Santa today. A Big Thanks to Susie Q’s Kids, Inc.

for providing special Bags, Blankets, & Beanie Babies for the kids to take home and enjoy and the Cub Scouts Pack #358 who volunteered their time to clean up during and after the event, they did a fantastic job.

Thank You Mike Pedrie for being Santa again this year. You are truly a remarkable person with a huge heart, and it showed in the eyes of the children.



The Ortonville Lions Club participated in the Christmas in the Village parade. We passed out candy to the kids, greeted everyone with a smile and hopefully brought some holiday cheer to those that were there!



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2021-2022 District Goals



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> REGION NEWS



11 B1

DG Terri Huffman
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The District 11 B-1 Peace Poster winner is Ennocene Courtwright Moody from the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club. The theme is Joining together for Peace. The entries were all excellent. The winner will receive \$100, and their poster moves on to the State competition. Second place is from Aspen Taylor submitted by the Dexter Lions. Gov. Terri Huffman displays poster



Cereal City Lions participated in the Battle Creek Christmas parade to promote Kidsight! Thanks to Scott and Hope Swank for the idea to participate, Jerry Mackey and Lion Hope for the flier design. Lion John Stiff for his awesome tow vehicle and all the Lions who decorated. DG Terri Huffman showed up in the Lion costume, accompanied by Teresa Gest for a double Lion mascot show. They were a huge hit, giving hugs and high fives to the kids along the way. Also, Lion Nancy Gallant, Muriel Walters, Mike Guzak.



Dexter Lions partnered with local volunteers and youth organizations to get setup for their annual Christmas Tree sales, which started November 26th. Over 1200 trees, wreaths, and roping will be sold to benefit local charitable projects.



Downtown Jonesville is alight with Christmas trees. For the third year in a row, Jonesville Lions have sold tree sponsorships. Sponsors can decorate their own tree or have Lions decorate it for them.




The Vandercook Lake Lions worked hard to provide Holiday decorations for their community. The Club plans all year to prepare the decorations and work with Consumers Energy to install the drops on the light poles. The lights were put up November 20 and will be lit for all to enjoy through the holiday season. Donations from the community and VCL Lion fundraising provides the funds to pay for all that is involved in providing this service to our community. The Club was able to add additional lights down Hague Avenue going out toward Jackson College, so we hope everyone will drive by and enjoy the lights!

Jackson Eyeopeners made scarves and collected paper good, hats and mittens to donate during their December Christmas party. The highlight of the night was the White Elephant gift exchange. DG Terri Huffman and Lion Wendy Burns walked away the self-declared victors, scoring the coveted elephant statue and the Bush/Prince Charles and Princess Diana slippers.



The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club are back at the Interfaith Shelter! Karen Hutton, Margie Horsch, Shawne Lige, Diane and Ed Schweda were all at the Interfaith Shelter serving lunch on again in November. It was the first time the Club had been able to serve there since the pandemic began. Jackson Eyeopeners had been serving faithfully once a month since July 2012. Connie Neese started this program and was our chair until 2018 when Karen Hutton agreed to be the chair. They plan to continue serving lunch once a month as long as they are able.





11 B2

DG Karol Chopp
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The Edwardsburg Leos worked on yet another project, writing Thanksgiving cards to the residents of West Woods Nursing home. The Leos came up with inspirational messages and thoughts of thankfulness to write on the blank cards. The club members were also given large sparkly snowflakes to write more words of inspiration on. The snowflakes were for each resident's door for the Holidays, at the close of the club meeting, the Leos were all a GLITTER!



The Edwardsburg Lions Club is busy selling Fraser Fir and Scotch Pine Christmas Trees. The Club has been holding this fundraiser for 56 years!

The Sturgis High School Leo Club is continuing their landscaping project for the school's courtyard by planting bulbs which will bloom in the spring and spreading mulch. They also hope to add a bench. Since there is a real need for winter coats throughout all levels of the Sturgis school system, the Leo's are also conducting a coat drive.



The Marcellus Lions Club always ready to serve! The Lions Club was busy serving a FREE Community Brunch on December 4th. The brunch was held as a drive through behind the United Methodist Church and lasted until the Club ran out of food.

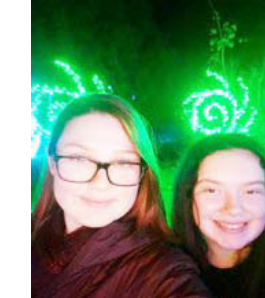


Holiday trees decorated by local businesses and organizations add to the festive atmosphere of the Celery Flats Historical Area in Portage. The tree sponsored by the Portage Lions Club showcased the Lions Projects and this year's International theme, "Service from the Heart." Lions Laura Berry, Amy Blankshain, Joey Hamilton (newly inducted member), and Elvie Marfil had some fun decorating the club's tree for this annual community event that allows them to share the good works that Lions do.



The Buchanan – Galien Leos had a festive time volunteering at the Lights@ Fernwood.

Fernwood's historically popular holiday lights exhibit! LIGHTS 2021 was completely re-conceived and is projected to attract more than 20,000 visitors over a 21-night run. Revenue from LIGHTS will be used for Fernwood's operations while creating an annual winter tourism focus in SW Michigan and all of Michiana.




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Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club Donated Thanksgiving baskets to U of M's Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools in the amount of \$254.10. As they did last year, 4 clear plastic storage bins were filled with lots of good stuff - canned vegetables, stuffing mix, dinner rolls, brownie mix, paper towels, mac-n-cheese, plus Oreos, SpaghettiOs, and a Meijer gift card for \$25 (for their choice of turkey, ham, etc.).

Blissfield Lions had a service project for the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital, and they had a wonderful display of Peace Posters that had been done at a local school. The club voted on one to be submitted for the district competition. Great news - they have 3 individuals pending being inducted into the club. Great work Lions!



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Fruitport Township Police Department , Fruitport Fire Department and Meijer continued the Shop with a Hero tradition again this year. The Fruitport Lions Club as in years past took care of all the Christmas Gift wrapping. And that's a WRAP folks!



The Muskegon Northside Lions Club sponsored and set up food boxes for the community in November, just in time for Thanksgiving. Great work Lions!



The Grand Rapids Lions Club sponsored the Christmas dance for the Association for All Handicapped Citizens at the Biron Municipal Center. Lions Keith, Lon, Chris and Scott along with some help from Lioness Kara as well as Jonathon, Teagann and Anna made the event run wonderfully. We even had a special visit from Santa Claus himself.



One of the Rockford Lions Clubs favorite service projects just took place. The Rockford's Shop with a Cop has been near and dear to the clubs' hearts for years. Because of the generous donations to Rockford Lions Club, they were able to help several children in the Rockford community have a better Christmas. Thank you to all who give so graciously.



11 C2

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Lions George Walter President and Tracy Temple DG Dewitt Breakfast Lions Club: Vice President Lion George Walter introduced District Governor Tracy Temple who updated the members on his goals for the year. Even though the state is up 115 members this year the District is down 19. We need candidates for VDG for next FY. International Presidents pins were given to Lions George Walter and Tom Doyle.



Lion Brandi Bauer and Lindsey Zarka

Grand Ledge Lions: Miss Lindsey Zarka was selected as the Grand Ledge Club's student of the month for the month of October. Lindsey spoke to Lion members and guests about her many experiences in the Grand Ledge School System. Miss Lindsey Zarka received the Student of the Month plaque and a check for \$50 from President Brandi Bauer. Cindy Langenberg was a recent speaker featuring the history of the 80th Anniversary of the Grand Ledge Garden Club.

Club members were back in action, spreading Christmas Cheer at the community parade. The club is also busy with Charitable Gaming nights in December and building the Little Comets Library, which will be completed soon. The club approved a \$1,000 to Stuff the Bus for the local food bank and will donate \$500 for the annual shopping tour. The giving didn't end there: Grand Ledge Lions also approved a \$500 donation to the GLHS Student Council to assemble product bags for students in need at the High School. The spirit of giving and SERVICE are alive and well in Grand Ledge!



Lions Kenny Kinsey and Tracy Temple DG

St. Johns Lions Club: DG Tracy Temple made a visit to the St. Johns Lions Club on November 11, Veterans' Day, to offer encouragement and support to the club that is starting to grow its membership.



Lions Kelly Bean and Mark Beilinski

Holt Lions Club members Lion Kelly and Lion Mark had the pleasure of attending the 2021 Lions Leadership Institute in Roscommon. The different sessions were very informative, and we both learned quite a bit about the Lions, the mission, and the history behind it all. Best sessions were with Jack Pyle on

listening and speaking and we took away a few lessons to be able to practice (both as Lions and as husband and wife!). 1st VP Lion Kelly stated the biggest take-away was networking with other districts. We've all faced so many challenges with COVID and it was great to hear the success stories when it came to meetings and fundraising. She met some other ladies that will be first time presidents next year and they plan on getting together to share our experiences.



Ovid Lions Club: This year, thanks to a grant from Modern Woodmen of America, every dollar we raise on our cheese sale is matched. Our purpose is to raise money to develop Veterans Memorial Park. The photo below is a concept of what we could do to develop the area near the flagpole and cannon. What started with the purchase of a bench, has sparked ideas for a great way for our Club to make a lasting contribution to our community #LionsWeServe



The Mason Middle School Leos Club is really into "driving" lately. Their service project this November is a canned food drive. They are collecting non-perishable donations for the Mason Food Bank. The members made posters to go up in the school hallways.

In September their big project was a school-wide coat drive that aided a community-wide coat drive spearheaded by Dart Bank. In December, they plan to have another drive -- this time it will be a toy drive. They will collect new toys to be distributed at Christmas-time to kids in need in the Mason area. The Leos are making each of their drives a challenge that puts the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in a competition to see which grade can donate the most. The Leos faculty advisor went to the principal to see if the Leos could put out tubes that could be filled with ping pong balls to represent how much was raised by each grade. The principal was so impressed that the Leos came up with this idea that he went to his staff and asked if teachers could do something like this in their classrooms based on good behavior. The teachers were in favor of doing this and now want to continue it through the school year. The principal said that he would treat the winning grade to something special at the end of the year.

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Millington Lions, this fall, were assisted by members of the Millington Varsity Football Team replacing worn out boards on two bridges located on the Southern Links Rail Trail. This rail trail is enjoyed by area wide bicyclists and walkers. The Millington Club also gave cider and donuts to community trick-or-treaters on Halloween night. Over 35 dozen donuts were served.



The Shields Lions Club members braved the cold weather and set up their annual Christmas display at Roberts Park in Thomas township. Other local businesses and organizations provide displays for this event which has a judging contest. The Lion members were accompanied by future Leader Dog, "Miss Ellie".

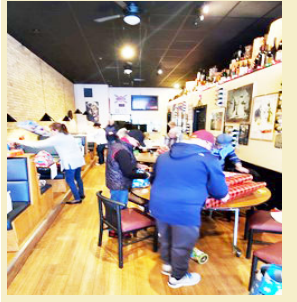


Kingston Lions - Proceeds from a recent can drive were \$400

which is being donated to the Special Needs Vision Clinic. Club will be meeting with Mayville Lions for a Christmas dinner & gift exchange. Also working on food baskets for 4 families in the area.

Western Leo Club took to the street on Sunday's beautiful afternoon, trimming, shoveling, weeding, pulling, cutting, and sweeping areas of the Midland Street landscape. Six Waste Management bins and 16 bags of debris and trash were picked up. This activity fulfilled the Bay Area Foundation Grant. The grant money is being donated Good Samaritan Rescue Mission and Maggie's Wigs for Kids. Also thank you to the adult parents and volunteers that supported the Leos. LEOs rock!

The Bay City Lions Club Christmas wrapping committee had a great day wrapping up toys for Santa! Many thanks to our friends Josh and Shawn for putting on another awesome toy drive, and Lion Greg for letting us use space at VNOs for Santa's workshop!

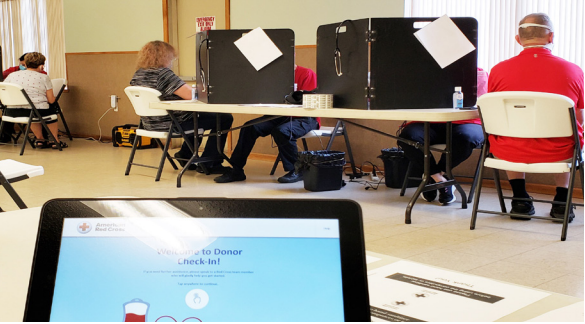


Once again, the Frankenthuth Lions continue the holiday tradition of ringing for the Salvation Army at the local Kroger Store. Members will be ringing for the 3 weekends leading up to Christmas.



11 D2

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St Clair Lion's Club recently hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive. Reaching 127% of our goal, generous donors came out to participate in our first blood drive event at our hall. We will have many more! Thank you to ALL our donors, Red Cross staff, and our Lion helpers; Pat Dubay, Pete & Tammy Tinsey.



Metamora Lioness Lions are ready and waiting for the kids to visit Santa and his sweet 4-legged helper!



The Almont Lions Club is proud to announce that for the second consecutive year the Peace Poster submitted by Rhianne Harwood, a thirteen-year-old student at Almont Middle School, has been chosen as the Lions of Michigan District 11 – D2 best Peace Poster. The winning Poster was selected at the Hadley Lions Club November spaghetti dinner. This entry will go onto the State representing our District D-2.

The Marlette Lions club planted a Maple tree along with a plaque and bench from Trex recycling at the Marlette Middle School in memory of a long-time fellow lion Gordon Pabst and former Marlette school teacher.



On behalf of the Marysville Lions Club and 1st Vice District Governor, Dr. Shawn Wightman, happy holidays! Christmas in the Park has become a Marysville tradition. Our Lions Club is on-board for a little Holiday fun!

At the Memphis Lions meeting on November 23rd the members of the club got together for their annual job of packing hundreds of candy bags that will be given to local children when they visit Santa Claus at the city's yearly tree lighting ceremony. Another service project that the club does every year is their annual Christmas Basket Project led by and organized by Lion Nancy Thompson. Every year the club is busy gathering grocery and other items to pack into baskets and hags to be delivered to local families and individuals in need during the holidays.



Peace Poster Contestants from Memphis and Marysville Schools



Diabetes Chairperson Mary Bokach presented to Kris a plaque in appreciation for all the work she has done in cooperation with the district. We are looking forward to many more events with MSU Extension.

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The Onekama Lions Club is very proud of this project in downtown Onekama! When we learned a member of our community was battling ALS the Lions saw an opportunity to help. We partnered up with Habitat for Humanity who engineered and built this ramp with Onekama Lions donated funds! The homeowners are very happy and very appreciative. Before this ramp was built, the wife had to carry her husband into the house. Now he can wheel himself into the house on his own. The Onekama Lions are proud of this community project!



Makayla Stillwell from Coleman Middle School



Alexis Price a seventh grader at Meridian Schools each received a certificate and a check for \$50 for their Peace Poster entries.

Coleman Lions Club recently awarded two young artists for their entries into the Peace Poster contest. Coleman Lions have made this a club activity since 2005. They delivered 5 turkeys to the Coleman Food Pantry for Thanksgiving baskets. Their needs were less this year with many generous donors in the community. Some years they have donated as many as 10 turkeys.



Happy Coleman Lions with Happy Turkey Deliveries! Harrison Lions Clubs supplied 12 Thanksgiving baskets for local veterans this year.



The Central Montcalm Lions have had a busy November. We voted on and sent in our winning Peace Poster, we fulfilled an eye glass and hearing aid request, we adopted 2 families for Christmas, we made a donation to the local VFW, we started talks on our Holiday baskets that we will be distributing in December, and we made a donation to Sheridan Community Hospital to help them purchase a new ECG machine.

Members of the Greenville High School Honor Society joined the Greenville Lions and their family members on November 21 to pack 65 boxes of groceries for Thanksgiving for families in the school district - a week's worth of food, including a ham and turkey, and, yes, a pumpkin pie. We wanted no family to go hungry.



Baldwin Lions had a great community Halloween party! We had 105 children and their family attend, even though there were at least 3 other events going on in the community. We served donuts and cider to all. The kids had half a dozen games to enjoy and win prizes. We had our young Cub Lion, Gavin Johnson, stepped up and ran a game! There was also costume judging each hour. The club received a lot of compliments from the parents!



Members and volunteers of the Alpena Lions Club delivered some cheer to Tendercare Greenview in Alpena during the Thanksgiving holiday. Goodie bags filled with puzzle books, lotions, tissue, snacks and plush toys were gifted to each resident. In addition, the Alpena Lions recognized the staff with a Holiday plant display and a basket of candy. The club also donated 200 ten-pound bags to potatoes to local charities and food pantries.



Left to Right: Beckie Lamay, Becca Brousseau, Barb Sumerix, Paige Sumerix and Jodi Gilmet

Boyer Valley Lions Club held a successful pasty sale this year. With the sale of 612 pasties, they made a whopping \$4,284.00! The best return on investment will be giving back to the community!



All in the Family - The Burnett's are third generation Lion members of Central Lake Lions. Pictured here, Laura, Rod, Al, Betty, Bob, & Cindy Burnett. Grandpa Elwyn Burnett was a member from 1975-2006.



Central Lake Lions sponsored live reindeer at Central Lake's Window Night and also collected eyeglasses and hearing aids during Kidsight screening at Central Lake Fall Fest.



East Jordan King Lion Terry Graham presents a check to Peace Poster winner Andrea Brille, shown here with art teacher Mike Schroeder and Lion Linda Poole who coordinated the project in the schools. Mike stated that the students were excited to participate and look forward to next year's contest.



A group of East Jordan Lions helped decorate the train and Tourist Park for the annual Christmas Village display.

Thanks to Lion Mark Paner and volunteer helper-Chuck Manning, the beautiful walking trail sign is up now up!



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Midland Lions Club 12th annual "Coats for Kids" event surpassed our goal of fifty! Our Lions donated 54 coats for this event. Fifty-four kids will be warmer this winter because of their generosity. Many of the coats came with snow pants or hats and gloves. The first ten years of our "Coats for Kids" donations averaged 20-25 coats

per year. This occurred because coats were collected at our members Christmas party. In 2020, we did not have a Christmas party and asked Lions to bring coats to our meetings. We collected 49 coats. This year the two events were separated because the Lions Christmas Party is occurring after the "Coats for Kids" collection ends. Our "Coats for

Kids" should be an event that continues to happen in November. A rough estimate is that we have contributed approximately 325 coats to the "Coats for Kids Campaign" since we began this event

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