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The MD 11 Lions Convention planning committee is excited to announce this year's LCI guest speaker will be Immediate Past President Douglas Alexander! IPIP Alexander served in 2021-2022 during LCI's 103rd year.

A retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, IPIP Alexander was focused on building global membership, increasing service impact in the communities we serve, and supporting the final year of Campaign 100, the Lions Clubs International Foundation campaign to raise US\$300 million.

IPIP Alexander worked to encourage the 1.4 million Lions around the world to show what we can achieve through service from the heart.

This will be a chance in a lifetime for Michigan Lions to show our own "Service from the Heart," which is sure to not only impress IPIP Alexander, but to impact the community of Muskegon while there to celebrate our many years of service.

IPIP President

Douglas Alexander

UPCOMING

Events:

MARCH 2023 CONVENTION SEASON BEGINS!

MARCH 17 Happy St. Patty's Day
B2 Convention Kalamazoo
D2 Convention Grand Rapids

MARCH 31 - APRIL 2

A2 Convention Mt. Pleasant

APRIL

Environmental Awareness Month
Family & Friends Month

Leo Club Awareness Month

APRIL 2 Palm Sunday
APRIL 5 Good Friday

APRIL 9 Easter

APRIL 14-16

D1 Convention, Grand Rapids

APRIL 21-23

E1 Convention, Clare
E2 Convention, Grayling
APRIL 29

B1 Convention, Jackson

APRIL 28-29

District 10 Convention, Sault Ste Marie

MAY 6
A1 Convention Detroit

MAY 20
C1 Convention Muskegon

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& additional information

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> FORUM KICK OFF - NEWS

EXECUTIVE Director's Pride

I sincerely hope you attended the Lions Michigan Forum last month and that you left feeling uplifted and excited to take back what you learned to share with your club members. Forum Chair PDG Jim Leach, Jr., and the

Forum Committee are to be commended for the work they did this year to bring back a stellar event after a 2-year pause. Well done.

Our Friday night service project to benefit Kid's Food Basket was supported by nearly 100 in attendance. Global Service Team Chair Terri Huffman and the District GST's coordinated with each district food items to bring to the event and put together snack packs for 200 sack suppers to be distributed by KFB.

11 Districts x 200 items = 2,200 pre-packaged foods packaged by Lions serving together. Together We DID...Make a Difference!

All together we had 28 outstanding presenters provide 16 breakout sessions to choose from over a brief, 4-hour timespan. When shuffling in between the sessions, attendees gathered information from the 15 exhibitors and display tables. The final count for the day: 210 Lions and guests representing 76 clubs. Wyoming and Battle Creek tied for 10 members each in attendance. It was great to see every one of you!

We've now moved into Convention Season – one of my favorites! Like spring, it takes a long time to get here and gives us renewed commitment to our clubs and community. We are honored to host this year's LCI guest speaker, Immediate Past International President Douglas Alexander in Muskegon. If you've never had the opportunity to meet him during previous LCI sponsored events, now is the time.

Thursday, May 18th is the kick-off picnic and IPIP Alexander will be there to meet with you and spend time getting to know more about what motivates Michigan Lions to serve. Friday night's Welcome Dinner and Party will be hard to top after last year's Gong Show success, but we know we'll succeed with the Lion's Got Talent show. If that isn't enough to bring you to the convention, maybe Saturday's Extraordinary Lion's Parade through downtown Muskegon will do it!

Conventions are a time to come together to learn, and this year is no exception. Breakout sessions include how to become an extraordinary club secretary or treasurer; learn about the extraordinary ways Lions are helping in Ukraine both locally and abroad and take advantage of the Project KidSight training to be held. We've even worked in a birding session at a local hot spot for migrating birds-bring your binoculars!

The MD 11 Lions Convention Co-Chairs PDG Dave and Lion Brenda Hacker and the dedicated team of committee members have been working on the final details leading up to May 18-20 and we can't wait to see you in Muskegon.

Together We Can...Be EXTRAORDINARY!

Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

From the desk of Council Chair From the desk of Council Chair
Ron GibsonRon Gibson

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Tired of the same old new
Tired of the same old new
member induction? member induction?

I love spring!

Everything is new again and hope abounds. I am a huge baseball fan and spring means the start of baseball season. I grew up in the Chicago area and still root for the Chicago Cubs. They, like other sports franchises, are made up of talented athletes who come together to form a team.

We as Lions form a team, defined as a group of people who do collective work and are mutually committed to a common team purpose and goals related to that purpose. As talented as any of us may be, we don't do it alone. We do it together, as clubs, as Districts, as a state.

Remember, it's not I serve, it's WE Serve!
Now, get out there and support your Lions' team!

Council Chair Ron

Try something like this
at your next one.

Lions started back in 1917,

When a man named Melvin had a big dream.

He went to his business club with a plea,

What happened after that is written in Lions history?

He said we need to stop helping ourselves,

And being quite greedy,

We need to help others,

especially the needy

The Lions took off in a huge way,

With 1.4 million members in the world today.

Wherever in the world there is a need,

A Lion will be standing there indeed.

The Lions are especially dedicated to serving the blind,

In 1925 a commitment was made to support mankind.

When a lady named Helen Keller was inclined,

To ask the Lions to be her Knights of the Crusade for the Blind.

We have our State Projects to help us along,
With support from them nothing will go wrong.
Providing a Leader Dog to serve the blind,
Or a cornea transplant so people can see just fine.
Our Foundation can help us financially,
Helping our Vet's is one of their specialties.
Eye screening equipment to screen our children is another thing they provide,
Making it easy for us to serve our children with pride.
Bear Lake provides a camp,
for children with disabilities,
Making sure they all can experience,
a camping reality.
All State Band helps our young musicians,
Performing for the elderly is one of their missions.
Performing for the elderly can be a blast,
Putting a smile on their faces is an experience that will last.
The projects are there to help us it's true,
With help from you there will be nothing we can't do.
We belong to a group of men and women working together,
"TOGETHER WE CAN" that is how we make our communities better.

DG Rod Leathers
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The MD 11 Global Action Team (GAT)

Applications now being accepted for the
2023-2034 Lions year

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

Term One year; selected by the multiple district (per the multiple district constitutional bylaws). May serve multiple terms. Applications now being accepted for the 2023-2024 year, and must be submitted to the Lions State

Office no later than May 1, 2023.

Recommended Qualifications:

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

GLT, GMT, and GST multiple district coordinators report to multiple district Global Action Team chairperson (council chairperson). Applications will be emailed upon request.

Contact Lion Wendy Burns at wburns@lionsofmi.com

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Lion Doug Klein regularly passes along tips to help your club sharpen its public relations and marketing efforts. He has been a member of the Mason, Michigan Lions Club since he retired in 2018 as a Lansing Community College adjunct professor of public relations, communication, business, and marketing. He is currently serving as Mason Lions Club Secretary and District 11 – C2 Public Relations Chair. A member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1983, he has held their prestigious APR designation (Accreditation in Public Relations) since 1996. He was inducted into the American Marketing Association's national honorary Alpha Mu Alpha in 2012. Contact him with any public relations or marketing questions at douglein@wowway.com or (517) 775-8601.

Lion Doug Klein

APR, CTA

Is Your Lions Club Newsworthy? Is Your Lions Club Newsworthy?

Have you ever heard a radio or TV reporter say something like "Next, we'll hear about a woman who is visually impaired and yet has collected thousands of used eyeglasses to help others see"? How about a newspaper headline on the order of "Teens Take on Trash and Win?" The chances are you said to yourself, "That might be interesting," and stayed tuned in or continued reading. Those stories might have come -- not from a reporter's digging -- but from a Lions Club just like yours.

Even in these days of diminishing print journalism, placing news stories can be the most effective means of getting your message to the local media and, through them, to volunteers and donors. Here are some guidelines both for recognizing or creating news stories related to your Lions Club's service and fundraising projects that may appeal to and persuade the media to publish or broadcast those stories to your local stakeholder publics.

A news story is a written or recorded (or, occasionally, live) article or interview that informs the public about current events, concerns, or ideas. Sometimes local media will use exactly what words you give them, but you may not end up writing the final story. Instead, you can provide story ideas to journalists who then flesh out your idea to create the story as it appears on air or in print.

A news story can be long or short, depending on its newsworthiness or interest to people who watch TV, listen to the radio, or read the paper. It may be written, recorded, live, or taped, depending on the medium you use and the timeliness of the story.

Your Lions Club does many newsworthy things that people want to know about. You can:

- Highlight when community

members join your club.

- Provide information on an upcoming service project or event or talk about the results afterward.
- Share the news of fundraisers with your community to be even more successful.
- Get out the news of your support of community youth through academic scholarships.
- Announce your club's milestone anniversary or member chevrons.
- Introduce new officers to the community to help raise awareness of your club.
- Recognize an individual or group of members who receive an award.
- Promote your upcoming Leo club service project or event.
- Recognize a Leo who has received an award.

For example, your Lions Club's 50th anniversary story could be associated with a local, national, topical, or historical event. A good example of this might be connecting your Lions Club to marking the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Education of the Handicapped Act in 1973 that mandated special education services to children with disabilities. At any rate, an anniversary is an important milestone to celebrate whenever a community-based organization survives for more than ten years.

Your story can be "hard" -- full of important facts and news items -- or "soft" -- focusing on the personal, more human side of an event or situation. An example of a hard news story might be an article on the alarming rise of diabetes and how Lions work to combat the disease. A soft news, or feature, article would be a story about a member who uses a wheelchair to overcome architectural barriers in town as they work on their various Lions service projects.

The main benefit of using television,

newspaper, and radio stories to spread your message is that they can provide cheap, immediate coverage of your events. They can connect you with larger and more diverse audiences who may be interested in joining or supporting your Lions Club.

Don't lament that your Lions Club has no money to pay for space and time by advertising. Instead, be glad that news stories add credibility to your work since they're much more widely believed than advertising. They offer a wide variety of strategies to communicate your message. They can provide a comprehensive explanation of your issue or description of your organization and your work.

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ACTION PROGRAM ACTION PROGRAM

by Donald Spinks MD11 by Donald Spinks MD11
Have you ever heard of Have you ever heard of
Dyslexia? Dyslexia?

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Dyslexia is a learning disability in reading. People with dyslexia have trouble reading at a good pace and without mistakes. They may also have a hard time with reading comprehension, spelling, and writing. But these challenges aren't a problem with intelligence. Dyslexia is a common condition that makes it hard to work with language. Some experts believe that between 5 and 10 percent of people have it. Others say as many as 17 percent of people show signs of reading challenges.

People with dyslexia don't outgrow it. But there are teaching approaches and strategies that can help them improve their reading skills and manage the challenges. People of any age can be tested for dyslexia, although the tests are different for adults than for kids. People with dyslexia typically have trouble reading fluently. They often read slowly and make mistakes. That can impact how well they comprehend what they read. But when other people read to them, they often have no problem understanding the text. Dyslexia can create difficulty with other skills, too. These include Reading comprehension, Spelling, Writing and Math. People sometimes believe dyslexia is a problem with vision. They think of it as reversing letters or writing backwards. But dyslexia is an issue with language. It's important to know that while dyslexia impacts learning, it's not a problem of intelligence. People with dyslexia are just as smart as their peers. There are countless stories about people thriving with dyslexia, including actors, entrepreneurs, and elected officials.

Now, as lions, I want all of us to take a good look at this. Ask questions like, what can we do to help with this problem? What can lions do? How can we

identify this and get their trust? We can read to them and listen to them read. We can help identify their problem areas and help them.

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> LIONS, LEOS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND MORE

Congratulations MD 11 Congratulations MD 11
Leo of the Year,
Leo of the Year,
Madison Schulz! Madison Schulz!

TIMELESS TIMELESS
SERVICE! SERVICE!

Sometimes Service has the most remarkable way to bring the reality home to what Lions do. Many readers are aware that in my tenure as Area Leader my emphasis has been swayed by the service that Lions do. Serving others and having fun at it are tied to both membership numbers and the need for leadership. Many will recognize the FUN triangle that both Lion Lindy Wineman and I designed.

Early in March, the opportunity arose where I could attend UN Day in New York City. I had the airmiles from my travel adventures at Abadata. So that softened the blow just a bit. I was fortunate to get an invitation to several different events. At one of the events (a sit down dinner) I sat with a couple from the Congo, several different ambassadors from different countries and a young man aged around 12, Keaton and his mum Sonya from Toronto Canada area. Keaton is blind. He uses a white cane. It was easy to tell that Keaton was a bit shy and sat across the table from me for easy access. We all had name placards in front of us. Keaton's was next to me. So most might think it really didn't matter. But just the simple act of asking the couple from the Congo to pass the name placard around where Sonya his mum described it to him brought beams of light! Man can Keaton talk when given just an opportunity! I got my picture taken with many ambassadors that evening. The one that I treasure is the one with Keaton and his mum. By the way the next day Keaton addressed the UN. He was the Essay contest winner. It is amazing what Lions can do in service, by just being FUN!

At the 11C2 convention I met three remarkable youth. Two of them Leo's and one getting ready to be onboarded to the Leo program. For the most

part, they were just normal kids. When we first met they were bored, sitting around a table, with each of them having their nose in a cell phone. (I refuse to call such technology "smart".) Lions were finishing up breakfast. The youth were long done eating. The penny hadn't dropped yet for me. These kids had a very "adult" purpose that day. DG Traci had them doing the pledge and the prayer to start things off. What an impact! What fine leadership! This was not accidental. It was very simple. Sure, the youth were a bit nervous. For that matter shouldn't we all be a little respectfully nervous during the pledge and the prayer? At the end of the day, the youth got some wonderful experience. They were taught to be role models and lead others. Go back and read that last sentence again! These kids did a better job of portraying respect for our country and God than most adults. Looking back, they had little idea of what they were doing. After some reflection, it hit me. They were leading.

The service was simple. It took little time for both these examples to be organized and carried out. Yet, I am willing to wager that the impression by just some ordinary Lions, will last a life time. The kids might just remember it too!

PS... Remember Lions. 100% service is possible. It shows our Lions and our communities that we care and that we are leaders. You have the vest on. Now do the service and show others so that they can do even better than us.

Madison became a member of the Western Leo Club in MD 11 D1 in 2017. Since that time, she has held numerous offices, recruited four new members, encouraged volunteerism and implemented Zoom board meetings.

In partnership with a fellow Leo, Madison assisted in writing a successful grant and the Western Leo Club was awarded \$1,000 to be used for improving a 1-mile stretch of roadway in front of her school. A second grant soon followed which allowed for clean up and assistance at a newly constructed city park, and recruited 20 Leo members to assist with each project. Her leadership is demonstrated in every challenge she undertakes – from academics, to her dedication to fellow track team members, to her volunteer work with Ducks Unlimited.

Madison values the many becoming a Leo has taught her: Leadership, initiative, teamwork, and compassion. The Lions of Michigan Council of Governors are pleased to recognize Leo Madison as the MD 11 Leo of the Year.

by PDG Dave Wineman

Leo -Madison Schulz

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Lions of Michigan White Cane Scholarship winner, Kyle Kelly, center, was honored recently in Escanaba by Joseph Mold, Executive Director of Online Learning at Bay College, and District 10 2nd Vice District Governor Scott Kwarciany.

Keaton and his Mom Sonya pose with PDG Dave at the United Nations

MEET THE 2023 WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Julia LaGrand

Julia is a gifted and accomplished young woman at the young age of 19. She was born blind and as stated by her violin professor; her musical journey is nothing short of extraordinary! Julia will attend Harvard in the fall.

Nasko Cleland

Nasko has never let his visual impairment get in the way of living life to the fullest. A high school wrestler for three years, a vocalist and a drummer. He has been accepted to Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids where he will pursue a degree in technology. Nasko is a senior at Pennfield High School in Battle Creek.

Kyle Kelly

Kyle has completed two associate degrees and will be pursuing his BS in Criminal Justice degree at Lake Superior State University. Kyle is a student mentor to a group of young people. He works with students facing homelessness, domestic violence, and mental health barriers. He will continue this work while pursuing his criminal justice degree, and will go onto obtain his Master's in Social Work and finally, his Doctorate in Social Work.

Alyssa Groenveld

Alyssa gave a moving acceptance speech at the recent Michigan Forum. She maintains a 4.0 GPA while being an active participant with a Student Access group, taking on a position that involves marketing, facilitating student events and assisting with general office duties. She holds a part-time position with the State of Michigan through the Student Ambassador program, completed an apprenticeship and walks in faith with God by her side. This scholarship will enable her to live amongst her peers at college while diligently pursuing her degree and continue to maintain living a purposeful life.

Brenna Hayward

Not just a dedicated student, Brenna is also a dedicated friend, sister, daughter, and granddaughter. One of Brenna's instructors' states that possibly the best characteristic she has may not even be realized by her, and that is that she inspires others every day. Brenna has just completed her first semester at Grand Valley State University, where she is a psychology student.

(Left to right) PID Bob Block, DG Traci Tribley, and soon to be "Leo" Karsen Rounds who spoke the prayer (Karsen is aged 10)

Leo Parker Owens (left) and Leo Hadden Andre (right) led the pledge of Allegiance.

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Youth Camps Youth Camps

and Exchange and Exchange

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

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

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Become a Host Family

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

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

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

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

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

Benefits of Participation

As an exchange youth, you will:

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

As an exchange youth you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural

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

by SD10 DG
Gretchen Preston

Upper Peninsula Lions are moving toward success in many different ways. We participated in the LCI GAT Success Story Contest and were awarded \$500 for our entry. We will use the funds to add to the coffers to assist our All-State Band students with travel expenses to the international convention in Boston and to provide "seed" money for our new Juvenile Onset, Type 1 Diabetes Assistance Program. If your district has not submitted a story, there is still time. The contest closes on May 1st. They ask that our stories are interactive having live links, graphics, photos, and videos. Below is our story submission. Enjoy!

Single District Successfully Grows Charitable Arm

In 2019 D-10 created a website to serve Childhood Cancer and Defense Against Diabetes, which changed the face of our district forever. www.uplionsserve.org.

Chairs in Childhood Cancer and Diabetes were successful in obtaining grants, partnering with groups for fund-raising events, and reaching out to club Lions. Donations came flooding in. As bank balances grew, it became apparent that we needed our own district charitable arm, functioning similar to LCIF, to process donations, provide grants, and to build communities. Our foundation, U.P. Lions Serve was founded in 2021.

Board member Gary Perala shares, "The most important aspect of creating our interactive website is our ability to fund-raise, with the click of the "Donate" button, visitors make a direct, tax deductible contribution to District 10 Global Causes. Our non-profit status opens new opportunities for us to collaborate with philanthropists, and to apply for local, regional, and LCIF grants."

The moneys donated through the website, funds raised by volunteers, and grant awards have enabled U.P. Lions Serve to be successful in the following ways:

- Through a charitable bequest, Northwoods Air Lifeline, Northwoods AirLifeline from Iron Mountain in Michigan, a volunteer pilot group

has been able to update their planes making it safer to fly children

and families for medical care.

- Enabled us to provide financial support for families fighting cancer.
- Create a future camp for Childhood Cancer families.
- Support Kids Kicking Cancer, Heroes Circle , and Maggie’s Wigs,
Maggie’s Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan | Custom Wigs For Children In Need,
for Kids
- Provide Diabetes Education & Training, Defense Against Diabetes|U.P.Lions Serve (uplionsserve.org).
- Providing a “donate” button and informational links to Project Kid
Sight,Project KidSight (lmsf.net).

We stay connected by social media including Facebook, facebook.com/
U.P. Lions Serve , and Instagram, U.P. Lions

The video below showcases a success story of how we serve Upper
Peninsula families fighting childhood cancer.

Visit our district website: Single District 10 Lions Michigan

Superior Health Foundation - Gala 2022 - UP Lions Club - Childhood
Cancer on Vimeo

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM SUCCESS!GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM SUCCESS!

When the Lions of Michigan put a plan into place, you need to know it is
going to be everything that is promised, AND MORE.

The Michigan Forum Service Project benefiting the Kids Food Project,
targeted packaging 200 bags of snacks. Due to the Districts generosity
we not only filled the 200 plus bags, but we also had enough excess snacks
that we could have filled another 200 bags. There was so much food that
Kyle from Kids Food Basket had to bring a larger vehicle on Saturday to pick
up all the food.

The project event began with Kyle showing the over 100 Lions who
participated, a wonderful video that gave an overview of the Kids Food
Project history and daily operation. Lions then personalized lunch bags
with inspiring drawings and words that will be used to send food home
for the over 10,000 meals that are packaged daily by Kids Food Project
volunteers. Thank you to all the District GST coordinators for the hugely
successful collection of snack items in your Districts.

We are now moving forward to the MD State Convention. We have an
AWESOME sock hop planned where we will gift three different homeless
shelters in Muskegon with our sock donations and learn about what more
we can do for homeless shelters in our Districts.

Districts are to bring at least 25 children, 25
women’s and 25 men’s socks to the event.
Any extra socks that have been collected and
the District would like to donate to the 3 local

homeless shelters should be brought to the event. Keep collecting those socks!!!

We will have representatives from each of the shelters available to discuss what needs local shelters have and ways that Lions can SERVE. Join us May 20 after the parade for music, popcorn and root beer floats. Wear your dance shoes!

GST Chair, PDG Terri Huffman

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Kickoff PicnicKickoff PicnicThursday Night Kickoff Picnic hosted byMuskegon Northside Lions Club. Join

us aboard the USS LST 393 and enjoy a BBQcatered meal by the Ravenna Lions ClubGrab your club

members, your yellow vests,

club shirts, old cars and community floats. Lionsare going to roar into Muskegon with a paradelike no other!

Take part in this inaugural eventwith fellow Lions from around the state. Now'sthe time to bring out your

creativity, humor, &

talents. It's your time to shine and BEEXTRAORDINARY!

Do you have a hidden talent? Join the Lions GotTalent Show on Friday Night! Looking for singers, comedians, magicians, dancers, and more! Show uswhat you got! The stage is waiting for you to shine.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN

IPIP Douglas AlexanderIPIP Douglas AlexanderJoin us in welcoming keynote speaker for Saturday Night,

IPIP Douglas Alexander who served as the Lions ClubsInternational President in 2021-2022 with the

theme"Service From The Heart."

Lions MD 11 Convention

Together We Can...Be Extraordinary!

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

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

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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!

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

Club Name/District _____
Contact Person _____
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The Lions Got Talent Show will be held Friday, May 19 at the VanDyk

Mortgage Center and will be the entertainment during the MD 11

Convention Welcome Reception and Dinner. You must pre-register your act

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Entries must be received by May 1. Prizes will be awarded to the top acts!

Participant Name/s (list all): _____

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

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What can .50 get you these days? Well, back when membership totals
hovered around 12,500 in 2012, .50 went a long way. As of this writing,
membership stands at 9,378.

Enter in sponsorships – a way to offset some convention costs and bring
attention to your club or organization. Your club could consider the
Heart of a Lion sponsorship to help fuel a much-needed coffee break or
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Your support this year is greatly appreciated as we work to enhance the overall MD 11 Lions Convention experience.

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

_____ Total Number of Lions in YOUR Club as of April 1, 2023 who Total Number of Lions in YOUR Club as of April 1, 2023 who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day. In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions International and the Multiple District are entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

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

Your delegate(s) must register and obtain a name badge before they can be certified to vote. Then they must sign this form

at the convention and receive a delegate sticker from the Certification Desk. All delegates must be REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED by 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023 in order to vote at the convention. VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AT THE VANDYKE MORTGAGE CTR., MUSKEGON MD 11 CONVENTION DELEGATE FORM MD 11 CONVENTION DELEGATE FORM Return this form prior to April 30, 2023 to: Lions of Michigan State Office • 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911 NOTE: THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM. All Lions must register before they can be certified to vote. Please advise your delegates to arrive early. The Certification Desk at the VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon is open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 19, 2023 and from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023

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

Name Delegate or Alternate Signature THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB SECRETARY THIS

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT CONVENTION SITE Signature of Governor or Governor-Elect

(Valid only at convention and only if President/Secretary of club is not present) (Valid only at convention and only if President/Secretary of club is not present)

President's or Secretary's Signature I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with

Lions Clubs International and the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11.

Lions Club of _____ District

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Royal Caribbean - Navigator of the Seas

7-Night Cruise: February 2 - February 9, 2024

Roundtrip From Los Angeles, CA

Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

LMSF GROUP CRUISE 2024

GST Chair Terri Huffman provides instruction on the group service project to benefit Kid's Food Basket. Over 200 snack packs were packaged with items provided by Lions in Michigan – District 10 and MD 11. The snack packs are included in healthy sack suppers provided to
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Lion Michelle Turner-White, Dustin Dale and PIDs Gy Anderson and Jenny Ware pose for the money
Lion Joe Gwizdala, Karen Routson, Chrissy Andre, Kurt Stromlund and Wendy Burns.
State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck welcomes Speaker Dustin Dale to the ForumAlyssa Groenveld addresses Lions with a heartfelt message of thanks for receiving the \$3,000 White Cane Scholarship.
Council Chair Elect John Daoud pumps up the crowd!
While many of the Forum committee members
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PID Gary Anderson encouraged all Michigan Lions to attend the MD 11 Convention in Muskegon to meet guest

speaker, IPIP Douglas Alexander!

Keynote Speaker Dustin Dale and Public Speaking session presenter Evan Pulver
Forum Committee Chair PDG Jim Leach shows his appreciation to members of the planning committee with a certificate of appreciation for the work they did on this year's Forum. Thank Scholarship recipient Nasko Cleland receives a \$3,000 White Cane Scholarship presented by White Cane Chairperson, Lion Roger Bosse.
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

The 105th Annual Convention -LCICon Boston!

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

Registration Fee:

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

What goes on at the convention?

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

The Exhibit Hall

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

Plenary Sessions

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

The International Election

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

the organization.

The Parade of Nations

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

March with Michigan Lions in the parade! Parade uniform consists of a Lions of MI parade shirt (parade gear available for order through the state office); optional white hat; navy slacks, dark shoes. 2023 Michigan pin now available.

Parade date: Saturday, July 8.

Register now at <https://lcon.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

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

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTESAVE THE DATE FOR MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute will be November 2 -5, 2023

Location RAM Center, Higgins Lake

Two tracks will be offered: Leadership and Faculty Development Institute (FDI)

Cost: Leadership \$250.00 FDI \$350.00

FDI will need to arrive Thursday night for a Friday morning start

Leadership will need to arrive Friday morning for a Friday afternoon start

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Romeo Lions - On December 18th, the Club held the 2nd annual Pack the Bus benefiting Samaritan House. The club and community members as well as local businesses donated \$2,000 worth on non-perishable food and hygiene products as well as \$1,075 in monetary donations for the food pantry.

Bedford Twp Lions - Thanks to recent generous donations from the Bedford Lions Club and the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, 6 updated AEDs are now in the Bedford Public Schools Athletic Department and a new AED is located in the concession stand at White Park. The cost of each AED is approximately \$1,500.

Livonia High Nooners Lions Club- On January 18 club members were delighted to learn from Leah Bengel of SandCastles, a Grief Counseling and Support Group affiliated with Henry Ford Health System. She joined us for dinner at Mr. Miguel's restaurant. We shared good food, knowledge, and learned about another charitable organization available to serve residents of Livonia, Redford, and the greater Metro area.

The Mount

Clemens
Lions
welcomed
reps'
from local
organizations, community groups
and non-profits on Tuesday
evening, January 24th, 2023, at
the Rec Bowl in Mount Clemens
to receive checks through funds
raised during the 2022 Lions Soap
Box Grand Prix. Guest speaker for
the evening was Lion Peter Frame,
whose Grandfather won the 1932
Indianapolis 500. The Mount
Clemens Grand Prix, over its thirty
years, has raised and given more
than \$415,000.00 to local groups
and charities.

Ortonville Lions- During the first
Brandon Community Child &
Safety Awareness Night held at the
Brandon Township Public Library
on January 5, The Ortonville
Lions Club conducted free vision
screenings, the Ortonville Masons
handed out free Child ID kits and
the Brandon Prevention Coalition
distributed information and fun
giveaways. Ortonville resident,
Sheryl Forbes, brought her Leader
Dog puppy Hope and the attending
children had the opportunity to
read to her and get some puppy
cuddles! Ortonville's beloved Miss
Fran, Outreach Liaison Librarian,
hosted this first time event and it
was a successful fun filled evening
for all those that attended. The
Ortonville Lions Club would like
to offer this program again
possibly May and/or August.

SVDG La Wonna Lofton-Coleman
spoke on Heart Health Month
and how Diabetes control helps.

She also spoke about "hands only
CPR" with Mini Annie.

Bedford Twp Lions- In February
the club had a wonderful
presentation by Dr. Jeff Chapman
talking about his many mission
trips over the years. They were

pleased to present him with a check for \$5,000.00. Also in attendance was District Governor Matt Collins. What a great night..."We Serve"

Livonia High Nooners members were very happy to leave their freezing cold house to help in building beds for kids in need in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Pictured are Cathie & Dennis Wiedenbeck.

The Royal Oak Lions raised \$12,015.42 for the Salvation Army red kettle drive. It is the twelfth year in a row of over \$11,500. Eight Lions and several friends and family put in 87 hours. They also adopted two families for Christmas. Photo shows Lion Bob Westbury and some former choir members on December 24th when \$1,534.91 was collected in 5 1/2 hours of caroling.

Royal Oak
Lions Club
members
plus one
spouse
volunteered
at Forgotten Harvest on Monday,
January 30, 2023, in recognition
of Hunger Awareness Month.
Along with other volunteers,
6,329 pounds of fresh food was
sorted into "like" commodities for
distribution to Food Banks.

(Left): Lions Maureen Elliott, Laura
Mastracci, Maureen Kennedy,
Bob Westbury, Mary Lambrix and
Laura's spouse, Mark Mastracci.
(Right): Lion Bob and Mark
surveying the "fruits" of our labor.

Northville Lions Club- Lions Kevin
Clark and Clay Galarneau attended
the Lions Forum in Grand Rapids
to attend several breakout
sessions on Lion community

service activities.

District 11 A1 has a new partnership with Wayne County Community College District and were included in the colleges weekend memo. Lions Club International - District 11 A1 had their 3rd Cabinet Mtg there... thanks to our District Governor Matt Collins, after a 30yr. lull in LCI hosting an even in the city of Detroit.

DG Shawn Blaszczyk recently took the plunge at Lions Bear Lake Camp's SubZero Hero Polar Plunge Fundraiser dressed as Captain Underpants. The event was a huge success and money raised will help to fund the camp's summer programs.

PDG Dave Wilbert of 11-A1 followed Executive Director DG Traci Tribley along with 23 other brave Lions who jumped in the freezing lake at Lions Bear Lake Camp. Much thanks to the local Fire and EMS who volunteered for our event. Lions from across the state to cheer on the Polar Plungers and enjoy the delicious soups in homemade bread bowls! The 11-A1 cabin co-sponsored with LCI still looks great along with all the other club/district sponsored cabins, the First Aid Station, the lodge and the grounds. " Together We Can" Photos by Ron Coleman

Richmond Lions - Lion Paul received recognition for his 30 years of service from President Jeff in January! WELL EARNED PAUL!

Canton Lions John Spencer and Mel Morris join Northville Lion Bill Elsesser in assisting with a State audit during the Charity Poker event on Wednesday evening. (We passed inspection)

Romeo Lions - At our last dinner meeting we held a chili cook off. We had 6 entries and everyone in attendance could donate \$2 to vote for their favorite. We have some good cooks in our club!!

Congratulations to our winners!
1st place - L. Jeff Kowalke 2nd place L. President Tom Martin

Sterling Heights Lions Club had another great turnout at Euchre in February. It was a packed house full of laughter and fun, thanks to all that attended and participated.

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The newly-formed Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club enjoyed a fabulous charter event on Saturday February 4 during Winter Camp for the Blind. Many of the club members are regular attendees to this annual camp. For more information on Clear Lake Lions, contact Shawn Welker at info@ClearLakeVirtualLions.com or Bea Furman at (517) 581-0325 or healingsongcmt@gmail.com

Pictured here: Past District Governor Terri Huffman addresses the charter event attendees. Seated at the head table with her are GLT Roger Bosse, President Phyllis Magbanua, Marketing Chairperson Jesse Bolinger, PID Justin Faber, and DG Kelly Lubbe.

The Three Rivers Lions showed their support to the Three Rivers Varsity Girls Basketball team on February 24th. For the past 6 years the team and coaches have assisted the Lions with our annual Christmas Food and Toy Distribution on a Saturday morning in December. These young ladies go out into the cold to the cars that are coming to pick up toys for their families through the lists the club receives from Department of Human Services. The ladies then make toy selections from the hundreds of toys the Marine Corp. League in the area collect and then assist in loading them in the cars. They do this out of the good-ness of their hearts without expecting anything in return. So, the Lions give back to them by attending a home game and cheering them on. We make a tunnel and welcome them out

onto the court before the game.

Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club members got together to make knotted fleece blankets to benefit Michigan Donor Family Council. They had put out a call for neutral color blankets. Hopefully they like the plaids!.

The Coloma Lions Club is pleased to announce the presentation of The Melvin Jones Fellowship award by the club to it's President Lion John Sternaman. Lion John has been instrumental in helping the club recover through the Covid "problem" by continuing to serve as President for an extended term. In addition, Lion John is the backbone of our community support program of building temporary wheelchair access ramps throughout our service area.

A District Wide Zone Meeting was held where members discussed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to success. What can you control? What can you change?

Polar Plunge
Prep - DG
Kelly Lubbe
prepped for
her upcoming
frigid jump by
barefooting it
in the snow.
DG Kelly
pledged to
jump during
Lions Bear
Lake Camp's
first annual Polar Plunge and Dinner
Fundraiser held on February 18th at
Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer.

Ann Arbor Host Lions have focused their winter service projects collecting warm clothing for the homeless in Ann Arbor. In recent months

they have donated to the Delonis Homeless Shelter clients through the First Presbyterian Church's Winter nighttime shelter program. There were 15 beanie hats, 8 ski gloves, 15 fleece scarves, 26 heavyweight socks, and 100 packs of 2 hand warmers. They also donated to the daytime warming shelter hosted by the First Congregational Church in Ann Arbor. This included 12 pairs of ski gloves, 66 pairs of warm socks, 60 double-pack hand warmers, 18 knit toboggan hats, and 11 fleece neck scarves.

The Jackson Eyeopeners had a busy December ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and celebrating during their annual Christmas Party.

KidSight- On January 19, the KidSight Team was at the Mattawan Early Elementary School. We screened 690 students with 47 referrals here. (Same as Edwardsburg's referral numbers) The Head RN Nurse was shocked we were done in 2 hours and 50 minutes with this amount of students.

Portage Lions Club - DG Julie presented MC Lion Elvie a Membership Satisfaction Banner Patches 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. (2021-2022 Membership Satisfaction Patch is in the mail.) DG Julie also presented Lion Elvie the Campaign 100 Model Club Banner Patch and Certificate. (Thank you to all the Lions Clubs from California, Washington and Michigan who supported our facemask fundraiser.) DG Julie presented Lion Pres. Laura Berry a Club Excellence Banner Patches 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. (2022-2023 Club Excellence Patch is in the mail.)

The Edwardsburg Leos received their Leo Pin and certificate at their January 10th meeting. The LEO Club has 75 members and 50 of those members were able to receive their LEO pin because they had 6 hours or more of community service.

11-B1 District Cabinet- At a recent district cabinet meeting, the members were caught on film.

Pictures, left to right: Jim Phelan, Roger Bosse, Bryan Cook, Barry Allen, Gregg Brindemour, Susanna White, Barb Ray, Bea Furman, Louvenia Shack-Seals, Terri Huffman, Annette Hemeryck, Nancy Hill, Kelly Lubbe Not pictured: Cathy Koning, Anita Hoyt

The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their monthly club meeting on Thursday night January 12th. The program for the evening was an update on the Redbud Area Ministries presented by RAM Director Jan Nowak-Walters. The Lions club made a donation of \$500 to support RAM, club members also brought food and personal care items to the meeting in support of RAM, and the club recently donated some Nut and Candy Fundraiser packages to them also. Also, Dr Brad Munday (new owner of Smokes Family Vision) presented a check for \$700 to the Lions Club from the Smokes Family Vision "Snow Cones for Sight" event held as part of the last fall community Thrill on the Hill weekend. Pictured are L-R Past President Lion Mark Skene, RAM Director Jan Nowak-Walters, Lion Alice Kring. In the last picture L-R Dr. Brad Munday, Lion Alice Kring.

Jackson Host Lions recently celebrated membership anniversaries for Chris Lake (15) and Dave Palmer (20).

Operation: Valentine's Day: The Buchanan LEO club made some wonderful Valentine's Day cards for our military Veterans hospital in Battle Creek, and those serving overseas!

The Mattawan Lions Club held their January soup supper and are currently planning on one again on February 11 from 4-6pm with a Quarter Auction to follow.

Sock Donation Campaign - The District Governors for MD11 have asked every club to participate in a campaign to collect socks for distribution to homeless shelters. Collect them in your local area and bring them to DG Kelly at Pearle Vision at Westwood Mall, now through May 1, 2023.

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club President Bryan Cook and Sponsor Kay Donna Smith, watch Membership Chairman Red O'Leary induct new member Dianne Elliotte last night! Thank you to DG Kelly Lubbe for attending!

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Register now for the District
11-B1 Convention being
held on April 29th at the
Commonwealth Commerce
Center in Jackson. The theme
for the event is a Hawaiian
Luau "Hana ho'omana'o"
(Making Memories.)

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The Lakewood Lions Jan 21st
Pancake Supper was another
great Event including the
diaper benefit for the Alpha
Center – All activities were
very successful! Huge thanks
as always to our many Lions
and Lions at Heart volunteers,
we had 30 volunteers plus 7
added helpers from the Solid
Rock Homeschool Group.
Special thanks to St. Edward's
for the use of the Hall as well
as thanks to our KOC Partners
to make the entire Event come
together. This is another one of
the Lakewood Lions big events
requiring lots of hard work
and their team did its usual
amazing job including a terrific

“clean up” at the end. Once again it makes us all proud to be Lions and generate funds to continue our services to the Community. THANK YOU ALL!! From Left to right is Janet Licari, Jerry, Licari, Art Meade, and standing Ray Dykhouse.

St Johns Lions Club- DG Traci presented Lion Stan Murray with a plaque. His 90th birthday celebration photo placed second in the District's photo contest. The contest was based on the number of likes among numerous photographs submitted by several Lions Clubs. Lion Stan has the plaque proudly displayed on a wall at home, along with his Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

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tire contest
runners-
up: Bretton
Woods - Lion Craig Mestemaker
& Charlotte Burghdoff

And the Winner is... Charlotte.
Congratulations!

Ravenna Lions - The annual Love Connection Holiday Food Baskets were organized, packed, and delivered by the Ravenna Lions for families in need in the Ravenna School District. This year they were able to help 40 families. Each family received 4 boxes of various food along with a ham.

Polar Plunge- Our very own DG Traci Tribley who is also Executive Director of Lions Bear Lake Camp, braved the cold dressed as Wonder Woman for the SubZero Hero Polar Plunge Fundriaser held at the camp.

Holt Lions Club - Welcome our latest member Lion Brandy Church.

The Fruitport Lions Club held their 17th Annual Fruitport Old Fashioned Christmas event at Pomona Park in Fruitport on Friday & Saturday, December 9 & 10, 2022. There were several lighted Christmas trees along with lighted blow-up seasonal figures in the park. Bonfires were provided to keep the visitors warm that night. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there both nights in their special house for the children to visit. Also, a Cardboard Sled contest was held on Saturday with prizes for the top three winners. Hot Dogs, chips, cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee were served. The event was free of charge to the public.

Mason Lions Club - Joe and Linda Pulver were guests of the Mason Lions Club last month to talk about their experiences "Hiking the Appalachian Trail in 2022." Expert walkers and hikers, they completed this, their longest hike, in 142 days and traveled across 14 states.

Holt Lions Celebrate 35 year of Women in Lions - On Thursday, January 5, 2023 the Holt Lions Club had a special meeting. In honor of Lions Clubs International 35th anniversary of having women as members, we had a Women In Lions Celebration.

1st Vice President Barb Sherbino planned and put together a great meeting. Our keynote speaker, making her official visit to the Holt Lions was District Governor Traci Tribley. Special guest was PDG Karen Routson of the Mason Lions and several of our women call her our cousin in Lions, she was most

welcome. In addition we had a great turnout of women members. We had one guest attend and now she is saying yes she would like to join as well. DG gave several updates on activities in the District and finished by presenting Membership Chevrons pins to several members. The final one was to PDG Stuart Goodrich, Lion Stuart is our last Charter Member of the Club and has fifty-five (55) years of service. Lion Stuart received a standing ovation from club members.

1st VP Barb presented DG Traci with a gift from the Club and then a special "Women In Lions 35th Anniversary" pin she found and managed to get 20 of from a Club in Florida. Then Lion Barb asked that all the women present stand up and be recognized. Then she presented them the same pin. She asked that each Lion tell why and what made them decide to be a Lion. We heard some stories of wanting to help, to give back and be more involved in the community.

Throughout 2022 the Wyoming Lions Club collected backpacks and items for the homeless. They were assembled on 1/12/23 at their meeting and delivered the next week to Mel Trotter ministries in Grand Rapids. All together they provided 30 backpacks this year that contained winter scarfs, gloves, hats, socks, flashlights, snacks, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, hand sanitizer, lotion, soap and lip balm.

The 3rd District Cabinet Meeting of the year was held in Bancroft at the Shiawasse Township Hall where a delicious breakfast was served to over 50 lions in attendance. Five clubs were honored with the Club Excellence Award (Ashley Lions Club, Durand Lions Club, Holt Lions Club, Dewitt Breakfast Lions Club, and Grand Ledge Lions

Club.) Pictured are PDG Brent Beracy, PDG Lloyd Kilbreath, PDG Ray Robins, PDG Tom Doyle, and Lion Chuck Wriska accepting on behalf of their clubs. Lion PDG Charlie Blackburn and Lion Phyllis Blackburn also recently celebrated their 92nd birthdays.

Elsie Lions Club Wild Game Night, held on January 9, 2023. We had a fun night with many Wild Game dishes. Our guest speaker was Chad Krumnauer from the DNR station Rose Lake, he summarized the 2022 Deer Hunt and answered many questions. We were honored to have several Past District Governors attending!

Lyons Muir Lions Club presented a donation of \$5000 to the Zion Community Food Pantry. The club applied for a grant through the Lions of Michigan Foundation for the money.

Pictured left to right. Lion Marv Ludwick, Lion Earl Howell. Deb and Elwin Hall from the Food Pantry and Lion Carol Ludwick

The Cedar Springs Lions got together to complete a service project to bring a few smiles to children in their town whose families receive services from one of two local pantries. The club packed over 200 "Kids Snack Bags" for them to receive a total of 5 treats. The project was done in less than 45 minutes. The representative from North Kent Connect who picked up the bags for distribution was amazed at the number of bags collected for the local pantries.

Grand Ledge Lions Club Tail Twister Lion Jim Voltattorni auctioned off Douglas, the stuffed toy puppy from the Leader Dog Organization, at the January 10,

2023 Grand Ledge Lions meeting.
It went something like "Heyyy,
bidda, bidda, bidda, I got 20,
who'll give me 25" until the final
"going once, going twice, Sold to
the Lion in the front row" for \$45.
Following the bidding another
\$20 was donated and the entire
amount was sent to the Leader
Dogs for the Blind to support their
Puppy Dog Program in Rochester
Hills, Michigan.

The Ravenna Lions participated
in the Ravenna Parade and tree
lighting event. Afterwards the
kids were busy working on
crafts for Christmas.

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Elkton Lions Club Since March of 2020, the Elkton Lions Club Food Pantry team chaired by Lions Kurt Damrow and John Champagne, have hosted over 241 Free Pop-Up Food Pantries in the upper thumb. The food giveaways have taken place rain or shine, in downpours and snowstorms. They have traveled as far south as to help the Emmett and Memphis Lions Clubs also to locations in Tuscola and Sanilac Counties. In Pictured to the left is Elkton Lions Pres John Champagne and VP Kurt Damrow. Pictured on the right is the volunteers and Elkton Lions standing in front of that huge truck. This truck has been delivering the food for the communities' citizens.

Frankenmuth Lions Club- Dr. Dolores Kowalski spoke at a Frankenmuth Lions Club meeting in February. Following the presentation, the club gave her a check for \$5000 to support the work of the Special Needs Vision Clinic.

Anchor Bay Lions at work delivering 50 food baskets this past December. This has been an annual fundraiser for the club. Our members do all the buying and packing. Along with the 20-gallon tubs they include a turkey, bags of apples and potatoes and a gallon of milk. Every year they also adopt 2 needy families and fulfill their wish list. On February 25th Anchor Bay Lions will have their annual Wild game dinner and on March 4th they will be holding a Boozy Bingo.

The Chesaning Lions Club recently donated \$200 to Hill-McCloy High School students Carma Dix and Isabella Wells, who have been accepted into the Lions Youth Exchange Program. The two will be traveling to a summer camp

and a home stay with a family in Europe. Pictured are, from left to right: Lion Renee Kulhanek, Carma Dix, Isabella Wells, and Chesaning Lions Club President Dwayne Amman.

Past International Director Justin Faber's appreciation dinner was held at the Ubly Hieghts Golf Course in November. The appreciation dinner was well attended. Among the notable Lions in attendance were: PID Gary Anderson, PID Jenny Ware, District D-2 Governor Shawn Wightman, current candidate for International Director Dave Wineman, Past Council Chairman Barry Allen, and PDG Peggy Allen. Representatives from Bear Lake Camp, Leader Dog, and Lions of Michigan Service Foundation were all in attendance. A great meal was served.

Montrose Lions Club help set up the Santa Store at the Montrose Orchard for the giving out of Christmas gifts to the children in need in the Montrose area. With the help of community and all the donations we were able to help make Christmas a happy one for 169 children in the Montrose area.

Caro Lions Club- Pictured are Club President and Secretary on an Annual Brat Run. Each year we travel (maybe numerous times) to various places and hit ALL the Brat stands we can. This year we went to Frankenmuth's Winterfest and hit 4 Brat stands, rating them on a list with the Best at the top. Willi's won the top spot on this trip. We are open to grow the group of participants that love to eat Brats. FYI...just a fun thing we do.

The Freeland Lions Club recently welcomed new member Brandon

Meaux to their club.

Jeddo & Ft. Gratiot Lions - Lion Laura Campbell, from the Fort Gratiot Lion's with the collection of bottles and cans. Fort Gratiot Lion's conducted a can and bottle drive along with Jeddo Lion's. This was for Tire and tread community project group. A family with a little boy who has been fighting cancer was in need of assistance. Tires and Treads stepped up with the help of many folks in the community.

St. Clair Lions hosted Blue Water Squadron of Civil Air Patrol held a CPR/AED/First Aid Training at the Lions Hall - if you're looking for a place to hold training - the hall is an excellent location.

Deerfield Lions Club had their first food giveaway in conjunction with Stone Soup food pantry in Lapeer. It was a smashing success as they were able to feed 65 families and were sold out an hour early. The giveaway started at 2:00 and people were lining up at 10:30. Thanks to Joe Stratton and Stone Soup Food Bank for putting this together. WE SERVE!

Bay City Lions - The first week of February was a busy week to be a Bay City Lion! From Tuesdays Peace Poster award ceremony, and the first evening meeting on Wednesday, to a scholarship award presentation Friday- we aren't short of Lion pride around here

Flushing Lions Club- Lion Cecil "Cec" Peterson is the 2022 recipient of the Flushing Lions Club Lion of the Year Award. He was selected for his active coordination of delivering food to shut ins receiving food assistance from the Flushing Christian Outreach Center. In addition, Lion Cec has chaired

the collection of used eyeglasses for donation, spearheaded woodworking machine repair at the Flushing area Senior Center wood shop, and assisted in the building of clothing racks at the Outreach Center clothing building. The award presentation was conducted at the Outreach Center surprising this dedicated Lion volunteer!

Flushing Lions Club has been working with the Masonic Lodge to help a 55-year-old man who had both legs amputated above the knees due to complications from Hemophilia and diabetes. He needed a ramp to get into his house which the two organizations were working to provide.

Unionville Sebewaing Area Lions Club next Blood Drive is coming up on April 11th at the American Legiom Post 293 on Unionville Road SEbewaing from 2pm to 7pm call 989 450 3644 for more details and if you would like to sign up! Thankyou.

Metamora Lions hosted a shrimp dinner at their club. Since the addition of square feet on the facility. They are now able to seat 450. They sold completely out with their shrimp dinner. The have been selling out every year no matter what the capacity. Serving 450 people is shrimp dinner is not an easy accomplishment for any club. Pictured above part of recipients.

USA Lions Club- School is in full swing and so are the members of the USA Lions Club. For the past five-years (apart from COVID Year) the USA Lions have been reading with first grade students. Our "Falling into reading" program consists of members going into the classroom once a week to have the students read

one on one with a Lion for a few minutes. Books are chosen for the appropriate reading level for each student. Skills focused on are: reading fluency, sounds and literacy skills. Our members are amazed at how well students progress throughout the school year. USA LIONS CLUB Lions Jill Millerwise, Lindy Wineman, Steve and Helen Langford and more take turns throughout the month to listen to 1st Graders reading.

Shields Lions Club sponsored a blood drive at the Thomas Township Library. Club Treasurer Bill Roasa is shown donating along with other Club members. Bill is being supported by Club members who donated their time to make the drive successful.

The Linden Lions Club had a good time at the Linden Ice fishing and Chili cook-off ! Looking forward to next year.

Fremont Lions held a community breakfast in January well attended.

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Harrison Lions Club- PDG Jerry and Kay Brandt recently received Chevron Awards presented by District Jackie Glazier. PDG Jerry received his 55 year and Lion Kay received her 25 year Chevrons.

Boyne Valley Lions inducted new Lion Judy Smith, sponsored by Lion Julie Hasse. Pictured: Lion Julie Hasse, New Lion Judy Smith, King Lion Lisa Luebke

Oscoda Lions held their 11th annual Souper Bowl Supper, the Lions provide 24 different soups for sale and Jamie Merdzinski Art classes at Richardson Elementary school provided handmade Bowls for sale. We served 265 people, The money raised by the Lions will good to their charities and the money raised by the art classes at Richardson Elementary school will go to a charity of their choice. We want to Thank everyone for all their help and support. WE SERVE

Alpena Lions Club donated to the Mya Hall benefit fund to help support her and her family through their battle with cancer. Please keep Mya and all young people dealing with cancer in your prayers.

Central Montcalm Lions- Several PDG's from around our District 11E1 came together on January 28th to celebrate PDG Stan Preshaw's 90th Birthday! DG Jackie Glazier and Lion Steve, PDG's Harry & Laura Johnson, PDG Lynwood Mast, and PDG Janalee McClure enjoyed a luncheon and fellowship with this talented, dear friend!

Midland Lions- DG Jackie visited the Midland Lions Club to hand out chevrons. We also welcomed potential new Midland Lion, Octavio Hernandez. Lion Sandy House is his sponsor. President Lori Shelby-Hall recognized for 10 Years of Service. Lion Pete Conarty recognized for 40 Years of Service! [Other Lions recognized, but not present, were Al Ducham for 25 years and Roger Frazer for 10 years.]

The Boyne Valley Lions gave a tribute, honoring club founding member Lion Rex Judkins with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations Lion Rex!
Pictured: Lion Rex and King Lion Lisa Luebke

LIVE at the District 11-E2 convention during the Friday night mixer! Help DG Rod and PID BJ reach their goals. Club and individual donations can be made by check and mailed to PDG Barb Durflinger .

Coleman Lions- IPDG Bill Bradfield presented Lion Al

Roeseler, past president of Coleman Lions Club with a Club Excellence award at the January 14 Cabinet meeting.

Onekama Lions Club- Another great turnout for Friday night cornhole and good times at the den! The Lions Club appreciates everyone who comes to play, eat, or enjoy some cocktails.

Central Lake Lions - Four new Lions were inducted to Central Lake Lions Club in December & January. Left: JoAnn Nell, sponsor of Diana Postmus. Back: DG Rod Leathers, sponsor of Greg Shooks; Right: Lynn & Bob Samuel joined on December 15, sponsored by Ray Kuiper.

STANDWOOD LIONS PDG James Walls of the Stanwood Lions Club was named to the top 200 recruiters from among more than 250,000 Lions Clubs in Constitutional Area 1. Lion James did a Zoom Membership Interview with Lions Clubs International. The goal of Lions Club International is to use his story to motivate and inspire others to "Just Ask One " to join before June 20, 2023.

Lewiston Lioness Lions- A recent Social Meeting of the Lewiston Lioness Lions was a great success! Thank you to guests Marie Leathers, District Zone Chair, and Rod Leathers, our District Governor. Thank you to J&Bs for another fabulous catered meal. Thank you to Cara Lynn Pender and her fantastic Program Committee for working perfectly as hosts and dessert makers. Finally, thank you to Karen R. W Lewiston for presenting her program, Collecting Postcards.

Cedar Maple City Lions Club inducted a new member in January and she happens to be a 3rd generation Lion!! Welcome to the club Brittany Hobbins.

She follows in the foot steps of her grandfather Pat Hobbins and uncle Dan Hobbins.

Midland Lions 1st VDG Jim Patterson was one of our guest speakers during our January meeting. He spoke about Hunger, service, Leadership, and membership. He is slated to be our next District Governor. Midland Lions were encouraged to attend the Forum in February and/or the District Convention in Clare in April to learn more about being a Lion and District 11E1. Our other speaker for the meeting was Scott Litle Executive Director from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Great Lakes Bay Region. There is a great need for mentors.

Oscoda Lions has a new member Lion Jennifer Pavlat, she was sponsored by Lion Bill Shiflet and inducted into the club by IPDG Bill Gaines. They also recently had a speaker Amanda Bergeron from the Northeast Michigan Community service Agency. Check out their Web Site at www.nemcsa.org. They help with food banks, homeless etc.

LAKE ANN LIONS Save the Dates! Lake Ann Lions Club Golf Outing will be June 10, 2023 at Mistwood Golf Course, Lake Ann, Michigan. Lake Ann Lions Club Sunday Breakfasts are scheduled for the three holiday weekends this summer. Find out more at Lakeannlions.org or find us on Facebook. Schedule your trip up to see us. See you there.

East Jordan King Lion (Bill Chase) welcomed 3 new members to their club. Kim Forester, Paul and Linda Michael will make great Lions! Lion Paul has already gotten the club involved in Toys for Tots. (Paul & Linda Michael joined December 5, 2022, and Kim

Forster joined January 1, 2023)

Big Rapids Lions Club- Lions Dave Hamelund and Doug Fitzgerald thank Barb Seabolt Executive Director of the Mecosta County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Barb informed the Lion's about how Habitat operates and how the community can help.

The Indian River Lions Club recently welcomed Art Arthur Woollard as a member to our club.

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