

# LION PRIDE WE SERVE



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## Lion Veterans in Service DG Rod and Lion Marie Leathers



Their story begins in 1977 when Rod Leathers enlisted in the Air Force in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. After the familiar stop for many Air Force veterans at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas he then went to Tech School at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi where he was trained as an Inertial Navigation/Doppler Radar System Specialist. He was then sent to Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany on a two year tour. He loved being stationed in Germany and extended his tour an additional two years, so he was scheduled for a change of station in 1982.....

Marie Litwaitis, from Holton, Michigan, enlisted in the Air Force in 1981. She was all set to go to college but had a longing to get out and see the world. Fresh out of high school she was off to Lackland AFB, then Keesler AFB where she trained as an Inertial Navigation/Doppler Radar System Specialist and - you guessed it - got stationed at Rhein Main AB in Germany.

And here's where things start to get interesting.....while Marie was in Tech School, Rod, still at Rhein Main, ended up as an interim shop chief at the rank of Staff Sergeant until the new shop chief arrived. The branch chief received a long list of incoming technicians - all of them straight out of tech school. They simply couldn't handle training that many new recruits at one time so the branch chief started crossing off names from the bottom up. He had to give the list to Rod to sign since he was acting shop chief, and Rod noticed there were 2 women that had been crossed out, simply because that was the order they were in. Rod asked his branch chief if it mattered which recruits got canceled, and since it really didn't matter Rod literally erased the line through Marie's name.

Meanwhile Marie was in Tech school, where every week all the students would look at the assignment board to see where they were going. There was a long list of them going to Rhein Main, and then they started getting canceled, from the bottom up.....Marie couldn't believe it when it skipped over her name and she was really going to go to Germany.

And then things get even more interesting.... when Marie got to Germany Rod would have been her supervisor, so they most likely wouldn't have dated, but before she got there the shop split into two separate shops, so they didn't actually end up working together. They were married in 1983, had four children, will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in February of 2023, and have been serving together ever since.

Rod's military service included many adventures, especially while serving in the Special Ops Squadron in Germany. For Rod that was

an exciting time of his career. He got to visit many places in Europe and North Africa. There were some places he went where he didn't even know where he was. Some of Rod's most unique experiences were when they were flying low level missions in the MC-130E aircraft at 500 feet. They would open the back ramp of the airplane, put on harnesses and sit on the end of the ramp. Rod remembers one time sitting on the ramp flying over Egypt and taking pictures of their sister aircraft flying around the Pyramids. Then they flew up the Nile River and out over the Mediterranean Sea, then over the flight deck of the USS Eisenhower without them knowing they were there. It was rewarding and fun doing joint exercises with the other military branches. He also got to work alongside members of foreign military learning how to work together. Wow that's like Together We Can. It goes right back to International President Brian Sheehan's motto Together We Can. Rod also was stationed at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas Nevada., and retired after 20 years of service to his country at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson Arizona.

While Marie's service began with serving her country, her service to country took on a different role when they decided to have a family. Because of the nature of their jobs, it was highly likely they could both be sent off to war at the same time - and they didn't want to take that chance. They decided Marie would take an honorable discharge and take on the role of military spouse as they raised their son and three daughters. Sometimes life was just like that of any other couple raising a family. But there were times when Rod would leave for days or months at a time, and sometimes only on a moment's notice. She may or may not have known where he was even going or when or even if he would be back.

On the positive side there were times Marie could travel with Rod, like when he was on assignment to England for a month and Marie was able to take the



Leathers Family at the Berlin Wall

kids and stay with her sister who lived only a few hours away from where Rod was working. Together they enjoyed adventures like skiing in the Alps (they're a little bit steeper than Shanty Creek), spending Rod's birthday at the real Oktoberfest in Munich, and being part of history when the whole family rode the troop train to Berlin equipped with hammers and chisels and helped tear down that Berlin wall. These memories were made possible because of the path of service they chose.

They both agree that the hardest part of military life was missing so many things with their families back home. Your military comrades become your family because that's what you need to do to survive. When you're a veteran and have the opportunity to live in and visit many other countries it makes you realize there is no place like home. But it also makes you realize there is so much help needed around the world. Maybe that's why so many veterans become Lions, looking for a way to continue serving people in need all over the world. And there is no other Service Organization that can do it like the Lions.

## UPCOMING Events:

- NOVEMBER 2022**  
DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH
- November 14  
World Diabetes Day
- November 23  
Council Chair Applications Deadline
- November 14  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- DECEMBER 2022**  
Friday Dec 2 1st/2nd VDG Training  
Dec 2- 3 Council of Gvs Meeting  
Holiday Inn Grand Rapids Downtown
- JANUARY 2023**  
HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH
- FEBRUARY 2023**  
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
- February 24  
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- February 24-25  
Lions Michigan Forum  
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- February 25-26  
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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE



## WELCOME LION CHRISSY ANDRE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Greetings Fellow Lions!** I am Lion Chrissy Andre, and I would like to introduce myself as the new Administrative Assistant at the Lions of Michigan State Office. I am excited to be joining the team and getting to know all of you more in the months ahead.

My professional background consists of 14 years at Meijer working in many roles including Systems Monitor which included duties such as firmware/software upgrades, as well as investigating and repairing system equipment. I currently work for one of our state projects, Lions Bear Lake Camp as one of their Food Directors. I do additional work for the camp as well by assisting with marketing, social media, administrative duties, and photography. I am fortunate to be able to continue working for camp alongside this new position.

I am a member of the Bancroft Lioness Lions Club in District 11-C2 and have been a Lion since 2016. I first became involved as a Lioness and jumped in with both feet. I worked my way up through district leadership and served as the Lioness District President in 2019-2020. I currently serve at both the club and district level in Lions. At a club level, I serve as club secretary, marketing chair, and the Shiawassee Leo Club Advisor. On a district level, I serve as the GST, and District Leo Club Chair. I also sit on the Eversight, Hunger, District Convention, and Lions Bear Lake Camp Committees. At the USA/Canada Forum in Calgary this past September, I had the privilege of graduating from Lions University with my master's degree.

On a personal level, I am married to my husband Robert, and together we have one son Hadden who is currently a Freshman at Morrice High School. Hadden shares my passion for helping and serving others and is currently the President of the Shiawassee Leo Club. Some of my hobbies include photography, volunteering, reading, spending time with family and friends.

Some of my duties as Administrative Assistant will include directing eyeglass referrals to district/clubs, working on the Lion Pride Newsletter, and assisting with the Michigan Forum and MD 11 Convention. I am looking forward to taking on this new role and working alongside Executive Director Wendy Burns, and the Lions of Michigan. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, I look forward to speaking with you all.

**Lion Chrissy Andre**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Lions Of Michigan State Office**



## SD 10 LIONS NEWS FROM NORTH OF THE BRIDGE - DG Gretchen Preston Accolades from LCI Leadership Spur Childhood Cancer Riders



District Lions and cyclists alike were amazed when they received ongoing text messages of encouragement while they endured their 1203 mile, 10-day Childhood Cancer fund-raising tour of the Upper Peninsula. The "Tour Da Yoop, Eh" hosted cyclists from Michigan and as far away as Florida and Alaska.

"Everyday we received text messages of encouragement from our district leadership, but when accolades came in from LCI leaders including International President Brian Sheehan, First Vice International President Patti Hill, and two of our Michigan Past International Directors, we really got excited," states SAG support Lion Gary Perala.

District leadership stayed connected with the daily progress of the tour and local Lions served at hydration stations and celebrations along the route. Cyclists collected pledges for every mile ridden. To date, pledges collected are over \$50,000 and plans are already in progress for next year's tour.

Below are quotes from text messages sent to tour organizers and shared with cyclists:

**FROM IP Brian Sheehan:**

"Wow! That is awesome! Please thank this group for what they are doing. I love their name. This is great that they are doing a fundraiser for one of our newest global causes. Because of this group we can do so much more for those in need. Please thank them from the bottom of Lori's and my heart. We are proud to be Lions with efforts like this."

**FROM VP Dr. Patti Hill:**

"Congratulations Lions and Cyclists! You truly are humanitarians proving that everyone of us can make a contribution that benefits others in our society. You've taken something that you love doing, cycling, and turned it into a means of making a difference. All of your efforts, your tired muscles, and your time sacrificed away from home and family are very much appreciated. May the wind be at your backs."

**FROM PID Justin Faber:**

"Lion Chris, Lion Gary, and Tour Da Yoop, Eh, Our matriarch Helen Keller said, 'I believe there are angels among us, sent down to us from somewhere up above. They come to you and me in our darkest hours, to show us how to live, to teach us how to give, to guide us with a light of love.' You are all angels for those that have faced such a horrific diagnosis. Yet, because of your generosity and love, the burden will be eased. You will give them light and hope for a brighter tomorrow. The world is a better place for each of you! Thank you so much from myself and all of our 1.4 million members worldwide."

**FROM PID Jenny Ware:**

"Lions Chris and Gary and the entire Tour Da Yoop, Eh riders, Thank you doesn't seem to cover my deep appreciation for everything that you are all doing for your neighbors and friends in the UP!! The help you are giving to so many children and families who are and will be going through some of the most difficult times in their lives is priceless! THANK YOU for everything!! God Bless and stay safe!"

Tour Da Yoop, Eh cyclist, Zack Smith chatting with Camden, a young boy from Escanaba who was diagnosed with Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), a severe systemic inflammatory syndrome.

The Vulcan Norway Loretto Lions Club providing hydration to the Tour Da Yoop riders!



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT



DG Jack Frost 11D1

### CHURCH BELLS WILL RING...

...on Friday, November 11th, at 11:00 a.m., as they have every year since the Armistice went into effect at the end of World War I. We now call it Veterans Day, in honor of all veterans who have served in all wars, police actions, or other conflicts in our nation's history. We look upon our heroes with reverence, such citizen soldiers as Audie Murphy in WWII, and Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain in the Civil War.

They are examples of what one person can do! Sgt. Audie Murphy was credited with single-handedly stopping a German Tank attack and killing or wounding about 50 German soldiers in World War II. He received a Medal of Honor!

Col. Chamberlain was in command of the 20th Maine Regiment and was ordered to hold the left end of the Union line on Little Round Top at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. Two regiments of Alabama soldier made repeated attacks on their position. When his men ran out of ammunition, Chamberlain had a decision to make: Should he retreat, surrender, or what? He had no military experience and had been a professor of diction (speech) at a college in Maine prior to the rebellion. He gave the order to "Fix Bayonets, Charge" and his men followed him down the hill. Seeing this, the Rebels assumed that reinforcements must be behind the charging Yanks and began to flee. A large number of Rebels were killed, wounded, or captured, and the day was saved for the Union. This is often used as an example of what one person can do to accomplish great feats. But let's not forget, there were 358 brave men who followed orders and charged with only their bayonets! All who served deserve the credit!!!

Napoleon Bonaparte is credited with saying "An army moves on its stomach" thus recognizing the importance of the cooks and the waggoneers who brought the supplies. So on this Veterans Day remember the sacrifices of all who served, in whatever capacity! I would even extend thanks to those who served in wartime manufacturing or otherwise contributed to the war effort!

November is also the time when we celebrate a true American Holiday – Thanksgiving! It was first designated as a holiday by President Abraham Lincoln, in response to a letter written to him by a citizen named Sarah Josepha Hale following the Union victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg on July 3rd and July 4th of 1863. It is a time to reflect upon our many blessings and give thanks to God for our Country and the freedoms and prosperity we enjoy, and for our families. The retailers would have you jump from Halloween to Christmas, with little recognition for Thanksgiving. As for me and my house, we will not put-up Christmas decorations until after Thanksgiving! I hope that you are all able to enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving with your families, at tables groaning with turkey, dressing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, apple pie, pumpkin pie, and all your favorite family dishes! Spend some time relaxing and catching up with your parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins. My recommendation is don't talk politics and don't watch the Lions (that's usually a downer)!

Let's make this month a time of counting our blessings and thanking our veterans and all who make this the greatest country on Earth! Remember to serve others to the best of your ability in whatever way you can! We are all Lions, and it doesn't matter if you are a leader or simply work on some project! **WE SERVE! SERVE WITH HEART!**

*Yours in Service – DG Jack Frost*



## FROM THE DESK OF COUNCIL CHAIR RON GIBSON

Friendship is an important part of Lionism. Like me, many of you have established friendships with other Lions that will last a lifetime. Recently we said goodbye to one of those friends, PDG Bruce LaBelle of SD10, who passed away after a brief illness.

The funeral home where his service was held was filled with family, friends, and fellow Lions. Remembrances and testimonials given during the service were a reminder of the car-



Ron Gibson  
CC MD11

ing person PDG Bruce was. And while Bruce is no longer with us, the good works he did will continue through us. We have traditions to carry on, and communities that rely on us to fulfill them. As we work side by side to achieve our goals, let's continue to make and develop friendships that will enrich our lives, making us better Lions, and better servants to our communities.

PDG Bruce LaBelle of SD10



## 2023-24 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!

PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE OF NOVEMBER 23, 2022

Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors, Immediate PDG's, District Governors and 1st VDG's: The search is on!

In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor

or Immediate Past District Governor. He/she shall serve a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than November 23, 2022. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the 2022-2023 MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday afternoon, December 2, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Grand Rapids, MI. Selection of the 2023-2024 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews and introduced that evening at the Council of Governors meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11 in this very important capacity.

## 2023-24 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATION FORM

MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2023-2024  
Application Form

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2023 LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM!

**FEBRUARY 24-25, 2023  
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The Michigan Forum planning committee is already hard at work planning the details for this event. We'll return to an in-person Forum, famous for our 16-breakout sessions designed to provide you with ideas and programs for continued growth within your club.

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by PDG Dave Wineman



## The Mindset of Changing What We Do!

Many of us understand how to bring success to our organization. Or, at least we think we do. We jump into a service project, leadership project or maybe a membership project and... Well the "and" is quite sincerely, work our butt off. At the end of the day we end up tired. FUN (remember that Friendly, Upbeat & Nice thing) was not really in the offering. If we are successful and sustainable and you are happy with that tired feeling, great. Carry on.

Do we frequently end up with a committee of one though? Do service projects seem like a struggle? Is there typically something missing that seems impossible to solve? Ever heard someone say that we are too old? Have we hit a yes on any of the preceding questions?

Alright, let's get a bit closer to home. How are our Michigan districts doing? Gaining members comfortably? Are we above the magic 1250 membership level? Do we have a lineup of people running for second vice district governor? At our district cabinet meetings do we hear a full report with goals met or progressing for each committee report? Any one of these a "no"?

Many of our districts are run the same way today as when I joined Lions 28 years ago. We do the same things, even though times have changed. At the least, we have gotten older! The realization of FUN is not tied to age. It is tied to our attitude of the moment and how we approach it. In the Build a Vision process Lions International has a quote by Henry Ford. It is stated here as I learned it many years ago, so forgive the change!

*"If you always do as you always did, you will always get what you always got"*

Most of us would say that this saying is obvious even though the grammar is lacking. Yet do we embrace it? Do we live it with an attitude of change from lessons learned? Many districts do membership, leadership, and service the same way they always have. Some even argue against making any changes. If we are successful, we would all agree. Carry on! However, we see declining numbers in many districts. We see loss of service due to declining membership. We see the drudgery of getting someone to fulfill the office of second vice district governor. District committees are often a person that has several committees assigned and there are no written goals.

Here is recipe for starting a change. As a Lion there is every likelihood that you could add to it.

- Follow the GMA Process (It is a process that applies to all Lions endeavors including membership.) Take the time to know and understand it. Support your district GAT team and encourage them to follow the process. It should have already started in your district. It is one of the best team tools ever developed.
- Make written goals and report them as custom goals for any position or committee you are involved in. We know by experience that if it is not written, chances are it won't be done.
- If you are going to be on a committee (Well done, as service is what we do!) be the one to collaborate with the other Lions on the committee on a frequent basis.
- Report (in MyLion) all of the service that you do.
- Be an example to other Lions and the community of what our accomplishments are in Facebook and social media before and after events.
- Tell others the Joy of Being a Lion! It is amazing how much this helps our own attitude when we do this!
- Be humble and generous.
- Remember our two tools of working with others is positivity and encouragement.
- And insist on having FUN!

Lions, as we enter the Thanksgiving season, my challenge is to be generous in service and follow the above points.

Check out the GMA Process on our website: [www.lionsclubs.org/global](http://www.lionsclubs.org/global).

Happy Thanksgiving Lions! One thing I am happy to be part of is our Lions organization and the difference it has made in my life and those around me.

**We Serve. It's what we do!**

Cheers!

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# Lions of Michigan Service Foundation News from Trustees Lions Jeff & Julie Mayuiers

A question has popped up now a few times about our KidSight program and asking if we screen for color blindness. Color blindness is hereditary issue that can affect the eyes ability to distinguish color or color differentiation. It can have several different degrees. There is red, green; blue, black; yellow, red; moving through the color spectrum as far as leaving ones vision ability to only see everything in black and white. There are some screening test available but it's not a screening currently done through our KidSight program. Our recommendation is to have the person referred to an ophthalmologist for a complete exam.

## Lion Mints Flavor Update!



The other area we'd like to cover is pertaining to the clubs that sell Lions mints. Currently the only flavors available are Fizzy Fruit and Peppermint. Wintergreen is simply not available from our suppliers.

## and Thank You!

A Note from Lion Jeff Mayuiers.....

I want to personally thank everyone that has been able to donate a bike to the Twin County Probation Center. With your help this program has become a huge success. I need to apologize to someone from St. Joseph that had a bike to offer, I have misplaced your contact information and can only beg for forgiveness and ask you to re-contact me. This program is allowing these probation center parolee's the opportunity to have transportation to and from job sights that otherwise would be a 40 minute to full hour walk each way. That being said, I continue to ask you to look around and see if you have a bicycle not being used or know someone that does, that would be willing to donate it to a very worthy cause. Even if they need some repairs, we are still very interested.

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## WHO'S WHO In Michigan



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## MD11 READING ACTION PROGRAM

### TAKING UP THE CHALLENGE! by Donald Spinks MD11 RAP



#### LIONS HAVE TAKEN UP THE CHALLENGE OF PROMOTING READING WORLDWIDE.

Lions have taken up the challenge of promoting reading worldwide. Here is an article that I found on the Reading Action Program that I would like to share with you and your lions club. It is important work, aimed at helping lift millions of people out of hardship. Learning to read lets people acquire the skills and knowledge they need "to overcome poverty, disease and other social ills," said Past International President Wayne A. Madden, who served from 2012 to 2013. Literacy, he said, is "a gift Lions can give to children and adults around the world."

Globally, nearly 1 billion adults cannot read and write. The issue isn't just a challenge for developing regions, either. In the United States, 21 million people can't read, and millions more have reading skills so limited that they have difficulty with common tasks such as reading signs or workplace instructions.

The Reading Action Program, launched in 2012, is a 10-year Lions commitment to focus on strengthening global literacy. The program calls for Lions and Leos to organize service projects and activities that underscore the importance of reading.

Lions clubs around the world have responded with a broad variety of community-based, person-to-person efforts. Some have helped develop after-school reading programs. Others have volunteered to read to children at local libraries, work as reading tutors or donate books and computers. Whatever the project, Lions say the work is deeply satisfying.

"I get tears in my eyes when I see these children improving their reading on a daily basis. It's worth my time indeed," said Jean-Marie Willem, a member of the Bruxelles Saint Hubert Lions Club in Belgium, which created an after-hours school reading program staffed by Lion volunteers.

In Hawaii, the West Kauai Lions Club holds bingo games for kids. The prize? A book. "It's a good project, because it promotes reading," said club member Charles Ortiz.

The Nagoya West Lions Club in Japan teamed up with the Makati Golden Lions of metropolitan Manila to build a library for children in the Philippines, then donated new computers and educational software. "Computers are necessary nowadays," said Shinzo Suzuki, a member of the Nagoya West Club. "So I like (young people) to study or get more knowledge about computer use."

Many reading efforts tie in with Lions' longstanding efforts to help people with visual impairments. Leos and Lions from Multiple District 107 in Finland recorded stories, fairy tales and poems, then published the recordings online so children with visual impairments could listen.

The Montclare Elmwood Park Lions Club in suburban Chicago, Illinois, USA, held a reading carnival for more than 100 children, treating them to story time, a puppet theater, face painting, crafts, balloon twisting and snacks.

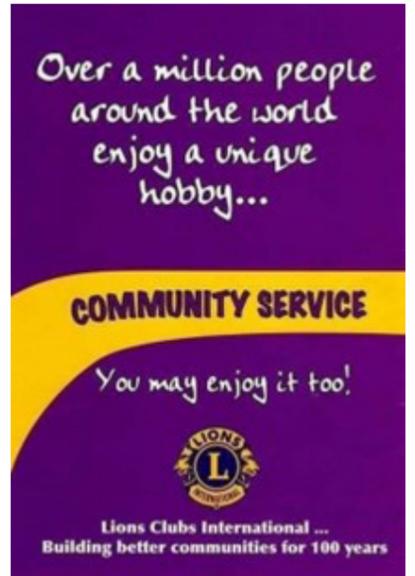
To increase the literacy program's impact, Lions have joined forces with other organizations that have the same goal, including Reading is Fundamental, the largest children's literacy nonprofit organization in the U.S. And at the 2012 International Convention in Busan, South Korea, Lions announced a partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development's global literacy campaign, saying USAID and Lions both believe that "literacy is critical to the future of all children." I do hope that you enjoyed this article and that it inspires you to go read to children and create your own club reading action program.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATE TO HELP FOSTER CARE CHILDREN - PDG CONNIE SHELTON MD11

Rochester, MI - Rochester Rotary, Rochester Kiwanis, Rochester Lions Club and Rochester Hills Lions Club worked together to celebrate and give back to the community with a joint service event, held September 11-30. The project focused on collecting new underwear, socks, diapers, and pajamas for children in the foster care system.

"Imagine the difference we can make when we harness the power of our four service organizations, all of whom share a passion for taking action and creating lasting change," said Rotary President Tim Duncan. Kiwanis President Chuck Bissell said, "We looked around for a project that would serve children in particular and decided to focus on foster children this year." Foster care is a temporary living situation for children whose parents cannot take care of them and whose need for care has come to the attention of child welfare agency staff. While in foster care, children may live with relatives, with foster families, or in group facilities.



Over 10,000 children in Michigan are fostered. "We are asking our members to bring in underwear, socks, diapers, and pajamas to our regular meetings, but this is a project that the whole community can participate in," said Connie Shelton, President of the Rochester Lions. "Sometimes foster children are delivered to foster homes bringing nothing but the clothes on their backs. This drive provides them with some immediate necessities to help transition into their new temporary homes."

Drop boxes for donated items were available at the Rochester Hills Public Library, Cedar Brook Senior Living and Eugenia's 3rd Street Hair Gallery, which are in downtown Rochester. These facilities were extremely generous in allowing the public to drop off items. "Foster children experience great stress being separated from their birth families and friends, for whatever reason," said David Meyers, President of the Rochester Hills Lions Club. "The lack of clean underwear and pajamas should not stress these children more."

Through this project, we harnessed the power of our service organizations and local businesses, all of whom share a passion for taking action and creating lasting change," said Rotary President Tim Duncan.

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer business leaders dedicated to improving lives at local and international levels, from helping those in need in their communities to working toward a polio-free world. Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International clubs and members are dedicated to serving the world's children in 85 nations and geographic areas. Lions Clubs have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects focused on supporting vision, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes, and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity. Although all four local clubs are associated with their parent international organizations, the clothing necessities service project is designed to help foster children in 11 Foster Care Organizations within our area. "Kudos go to all on the successful "Necessities Drive!", indicated Rev. Dr. Kate Thoresen, Director of Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care. "Thank you for having such a heart for our children who are part of the foster care system. Together we can all make a positive difference in their lives."

Summary of amazing results: 3042 Diapers; 194 Pajamas; 2586 Socks; 1354 Undies; 13 Sweatpants; 22 Sweatshirts; 10 Pants/Jeans; 37 Tops & jackets; 6 Backpacks; 6 Duffle bags plus numerous miscellaneous items including costumes, hats, gloves and school supplies.



Picture caption Left to right: Roger & Eugenia Bajorek (Kiwanis), Chuck Bissell (Kiwanis), Jean Mardeusz (Rochester Lions), Tim Duncan (Rochester Rotary), Juliane Morian (Rochester Hillis Public Library), Kris Liebszeit, (Eugenia's 3rd Street Hair Gallery) and David Meyer (Rochester Hills Lions).

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# 2023 Lions Clubs of MI Scholarship for Visually impaired Application



## 2023 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

There will be three \$3,000 scholarships awarded.

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee Phone: (517) 887-6640  
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 Fax: (517) 887-6642  
[www.lionsofmi.com/whitecanescholarship](http://www.lionsofmi.com/whitecanescholarship)  
email: [lions@lionsofmi.com](mailto: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 NOVEMBER 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Degree of visual acuity (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).

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)

- Tuition
- Books
- Housing
- Specialized Equipment (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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# NEED A REASON TO ATTEND LCICON? HERE'S 9! JULY 7-11, 2023

If you've never been to the Lions Clubs International Convention (LCICon), this year is the perfect year to start — register today! And if you've been, you know there are a million reasons why you need to head to Boston this July, but here's a few of our favorites.

### Friendship and fellowship

LCICon is the perfect place to connect with Lions and Leos from around the world and even make some new friends.

### Show your pride

The pins and vests, the stories and success will be on full display in Boston. Look the part and wear your favorite Lions gear!

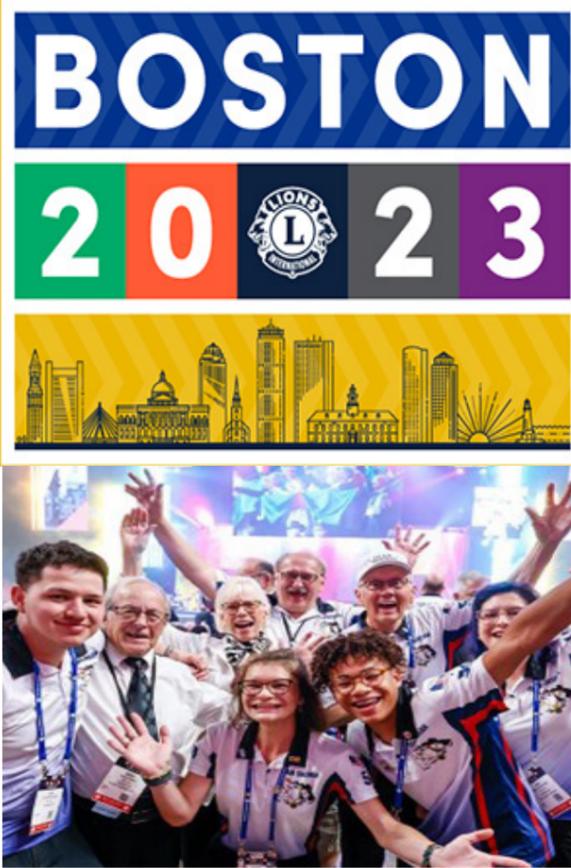
### Listen and learn at seminars

Hear from fellow Lions and Leos about their projects and find out how you can enhance your own Lions experience.

### Join the International Parade of Nations

Watch fellow Lions and Leos show their pride on the streets of Boston, walk in the parade or compete for prizes!

### Explore the Exhibit Hall



Grab branded merch at the Lions Shop, listen to your fellow Lions and Leos on the Lions Den stages, plus so much more!

### Enjoy world-class entertainment and speakers

See exciting performances, listen to live music, and get inspired by celebrated speakers.

### See the city on the hill

Explore the historical trails and modern amenities of our beautiful host city with an official tour — or do it all on your own.

### Serve with your fellow Lions and Leos!

Take part in some big service projects — it's what Lions do best!

### Make life-long memories

Head to Boston July 7-11 to be part of something big — a Lions celebration like no other that you won't want to miss.

Registration fee through January 13, 2023 is \$175. After January 14, \$250

## THORNAPPLE VALLEY LIONS CLUB AWARDED MD 11 KINDNESS MATTERS SERVICE AWARD



The project was voted on by the District Governors in that it best met all the criteria for this award. Not only does it meet the LCIF causes for the youth in our community, it clearly demonstrates creativity and innovation in the selection of reading materials chosen. The project is not only sustainable in the current school but is now being shared in other schools throughout the C1-11 district. By adding labels that highlight the Lions in the books, the teachers and parents are able to see the commitment the Lions have for the local youth. This project will have long term sustainability through the abundance of reading materials shared with the schools.

As the GST for MD11 I am very proud to submit the Thornapple Lions Club Guest Reader Program for this well-deserved recognition. The other nominations are from White Cloud Lions School Supply project and the Oscoda Lions Ramp project. All projects submitted were excellent representation of how we serve in our communities.



The partnership with the school district allowed for the (a) Lions to be adult role models for the children, (b) demonstrate a lifelong love of reading, and (c) make new award-winning books available in the classroom. Since the Lowell Area Schools is a large district, the need for both readers and financial resources was going to be a challenge for a small club. As each of the schools had a different number of classes and a different way that the principals want to implement the program. The club put into place three service project "team captains." The team



captains made direct contact with the schools and would be the point person to make sure that everything would run smoothly. They created reading schedules and made sure the books were available to the readers, and had a backup plan for unforeseen reader absences. This program is very scalable and implemented by other clubs. Also, the book titles can be continually updated. Often in the clubs there is discussion about aging membership. In this project, some of our older members are the best readers and are keen to volunteer for this service.

### THORNAPPLE VALLEY LIONS CLUB WIN AWARD

# 2023 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

-Dustin Dale

The first 125 registrants will receive Mr. Dale's book, "Learn to Lead by Serving" a \$10 value!

### LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2023

## TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! FEBRUARY 24-26, 2023

### LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2023 FEBRUARY 24-25, 2023

**DOUBLE TREE HOTEL, AIRPORT GRAND RAPIDS**  
**ROOM RATE: \$99.00 CALL 616-957-0100**  
**RESERVE BY 2/2/23!**

#### GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

Join us on Friday night for a service project to be held at Kids' Food Basket, Grand Rapids. 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. KFB is located at 1300 Plymouth NE, Grand Rapids.

Kids' Food Basket supplies thousands of children in West Michigan with a Sack Supper to ensure they have increased access to healthy food each day. Once the packs are ready, volunteers from KFB will add a fresh vegetable and fruit in a decorative bag to turn it all into a Sack Supper, ready to be delivered to a child's school.

Lions can help to supply and package the contents of these meals at the KFB location in Grand Rapids during our service project night on Friday, February 24, starting at 7:00 p.m. Watch for details on what your district is asked to donate. Whether you are attending the Michigan Lions Forum or just driving in to participate in this service opportunity, all are welcome!

#### GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM COMMITTEE

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**KIDS' FOOD  
BASKET  
HAS BEEN  
COMMITTED  
TO WEST  
MICHIGAN  
SINCE 2002.**



*In 2002, Mary K. Hoodhood received a phone call that changed everything. A local school principal reached out and said that students were regularly going into the cafeteria after school in search of food to take home. Mary identified an immediate need. With \$3,000 and a handful of volunteers, she committed to providing a solution to childhood hunger in our community.*

**Kids' Food Basket was founded.**

We began by providing 125 students at three schools in Kent County with nourishing evening meals in a brown bag, which we called Sack Suppers. Nearly 20 years later, thanks to the support of a diverse range of community partners, we have grown to now serve thousands of children and families in four counties throughout West Michigan every day.

Championing sustainable, community-driven farming and working alongside our West Michigan neighbors, we look to break down barriers to food equity and help to solve systemic and complex causes of childhood hunger with dignified, long-term solutions.

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

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



# FORUM - FEBRUARY 24-26, 2023

## MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

2023: Together We Can...Make a Difference!  
February 24-25, 2023



### REGISTRATION FORM

Double Tree Hotel Airport –Grand Rapids 616-957-0100 \$99  
4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512 2/2/23 Cutoff  
Please complete the registration form and send it along with  
a check to Michigan Lions Forum,  
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911  
Telephone 571-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Registrants  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Registrants at \$45.00/person\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Registration fee is \$45.00 and includes lunch, Forum and  
proceedings booklet. \$45.00 price is for reservations received  
no later than February 2, 2023. **After 2/2/2023 \$50.00**  
**First 125 participants will receive a free gift, valued at \$10**  
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.**  
 Kid's Food Basket– Service Project  
 Hospitality Suite – – 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 – Dr. Evan Pulver, Toastmasters  
 Fundraising – Panel of experts share proven projects  
 Global Action Team –PDGs Roshni Patel, Brent Beracy,  
Terri Huffman  
 Dealing with Dementia – PDG Bert

**Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)**  
 Childhood Cancer  
 Diabetes  
 Service – *Show me the Kindness!*  
 Marketing your Club -Lion Doug Klein

**Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)**  
 Ice Breakers – A great start to a great meeting!  
 Lions 101 What We're All About -PDG David Anderson  
 Membership – PDG Ron Riebschleger  
 Gardening for Good – VDG Dan Perkins, Partridge Creek  
Farm

**Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)**  
 Recycling and the Environment -Making a difference  
 Facing Change in 2023 -  
 Lions of Michigan Foundation – Project KidSight  
 Gardening for Good - Kyle Szucs, Kids' Food Basket

12:30 p.m. – Lunch, Scholarships, Keynote Speaker Dustin  
Dale, author of *Learn to Lead by Serving*, Door Prizes

### REGISTER EARLY!

To guarantee lunch and materials!

## 2023 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2023 Lions of Michigan  
Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

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### EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table (includes one lunch ticket)  
and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!  
**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
(City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 Included is a print ready ad or message  
 Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)

Ad Size: 1/8 page 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page full page TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that all ads MUST be prepaid. Deadline to submit: 2-7-2023**  
**Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan Forum**  
**5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911**

### EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT

#### MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2023: TOGETHER WE CAN!

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2023 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Double Tree Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan on February 25, 2023. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$55.00 OR \$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 exhibitors and their representatives.

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 Michigan Forum does not imply endorsement of the product or services, nor does rejection imply lack of approval of the product or manufacturer.

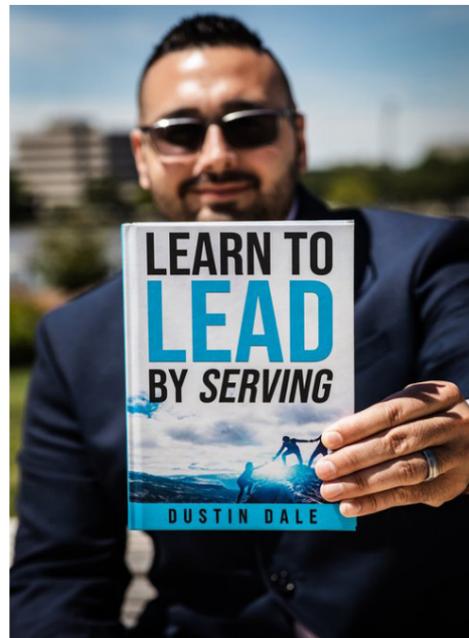
Exhibitors shall take precautions to provide security to safeguard their property during show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. nor the Double Tree Airport, Grand Rapids, (nor legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), nor their members, officers, directors or employees shall be responsible for injury to any person or persons for loss or damage to property belonging to the exhibitor or any person or persons while in transit to or from the hotel or while in the hotel property or otherwise. The exhibitor assumes complete responsibility and liability for all injury to any and all persons or property in any way connected with exhibitor's display caused by the exhibitor, his agents, representatives or employees. The exhibitor indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. and the Double Tree Airport, Grand Rapids (and legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), their members, officers, directors and employees against any and all liability whatsoever arising from any or all damage to property or personal injury caused by exhibitor or his agents, representatives, employees or any other persons.

### EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL

**Exhibit Table; 1 Lunch Ticket and**  
**Full-page Ad in the Michigan Forum Proceedings Booklet for just \$85.00!**  
**EXHIBITOR TABLE ONLY: \$55.00**

MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO: LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM  
5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911  
FAX: 517.887.6642 EMAIL: [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com)

Name:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$	



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

### LEARN TO LEAD BY SERVING - Written by Dustin Dale

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

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

> LIONS FOUNDATION

# LIONS MD CONVENTION

## MAY 18 - 19 - 20 MUSKEGON



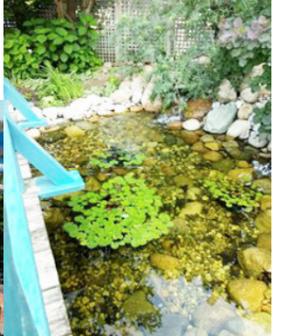
**LIONS LOVE A PARADE!**  
Grab your club members, your yellow vests, your club shirts, your old cars and your community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other!



**Can't make it to France to visit the acclaimed Monet Garden? Join us in Muskegon!**

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

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



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

**TOGETHER WE CAN! TOGETHER WE WILL.**

The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is please to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships for the 2023 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention May 18-20, 2023 – Muskegon VanDyk Mortgage Center/Delta Hotels

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

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Speaking opportunity during the Saturday Awards Banquet (up to 10 minutes); Advertisement in the Lion Pride publication; advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event; insert included in welcome packet

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



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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
#ofattendees\_\_\_\_\_@\$15=Total:\_\_\_\_\_

RSVP your attendance or include on your convention registration form and mail to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing MI 48911

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



**EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT –MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION**  
FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 18-20, 2023  
Muskegon, Michigan

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 Convention, at VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon, MI. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$80.00 for Friday and Saturday; the fee includes a *business card sized ad* in the State Convention booklet. \$50.00 is the fee for a *single day* and for an additional \$25.00 the *business card size ad* can be included in the State Convention booklet. The charge is fully refundable if, for any reason, the convention 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 exhibitors and their representatives.

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**2023 MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION – MAY 18-20, 2023**  
TOGETHER WE CAN...BE EXTRAORDINARY!

Please reserve a display table for me on: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Only (May 19, 2023) \$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only (May 20, 2023) \$50.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Friday and Saturday w/ad \$80.00  
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Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club had a table set up at Bunche School in Detroit presenting for Deaf Awareness Day.



Bedford Lions Club members Kim & John hosted a glasses cleaning event at their home. All the glasses cleaned will be used to help those without glasses to see. Lion Dave found some pretty snazzy glasses that match his personality! Thanks to Sherri, Jerry, Sandy, Jon, John, Bonnie, Dave, & Kim for such an outstanding job.



The newest Lions Club in our District, the Michigan Cyber Lions Club, celebrates its new Club Charter with Immediate Past District Governor Roshni Patel during her appreciation dinner. What a great time of celebration.



The Detroit Hispanic Lions Club would like to say Thank You to "Annual Don Julio Golf Outing" They surprised our club with a generous donation, which will help The Detroit Hispanic Lions Club continue to serve the Southwest Detroit Community.



Livonia High Nooners Lions Club joined forces and helped to clear trails in Lions Park. It was a beautiful day to spend time outdoors and beautify the trails.



Northville Lions Club participated in their local libraries Volunteer Fair and were able to greet many new potential members.



Recently the Bedford Lions Club participated in the "Bed Race to Aid Children" in downtown Monroe. Club Members raced to a second-place finish and helped raise \$30,000 to purchase beds for children in need. Congratulations to the Bedford Lions for their ongoing support of the "Bed Race to Aid Children"!

The Grosse Pont Lions Club will be holding a Jingle Bell Family Fun Run on November 25th. Come join in for a family friendly fun event. Bring your dogs, kids, strollers, scooters and join us before the annual Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade for a 2.2 mile walk, run, crawl, roll (however, you'd like). Every participant receives a medal and a guaranteed great time all to benefit charity! Contact the Grosse Point Lions Club for more information.



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Richmond Lions Club- In February 1991 Richmond Lions Club obtained their permit to participate in a new state program by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) call Adopt-A -Highway. Richmond Lions Club is responsible for trash pick-up along M-19 (Memphis Ridge) from 33 Mile Road to School Section Road.

Richmond Lions Club is the longest continuous serving organization in the history of the state's program. Co-leaders of this program are Lions Derek Habel & Brian Walmsley.



Breakfast with Santa is free for kids and enjoyed by all!

Richmond Lions Club will once again be as busy as Elves, sponsoring the local school's coloring contest, hosting Breakfast with Santa, and operating the area Goodfellow program. For the past 80 years Richmond Lions have sold Goodfellow ads to local businesses. The program includes can & bottle collection by middle school students and stuff the bus collection by Richmond Community Schools. They sell the Goodfellow paper at street and store locations, sponsor toy collections, sorting of food items and toys followed by delivery to families in need. Richmond Lions SERVE!

Ortonville Lions Club present Desert Angel with a check of \$500.

Shortly after the 9/11 attack in 2001, Louise Blain was moved to start a campaign of sending care packages to deployed service men and women. The recipients of these boxes referred to them as a "gift from an Angel" and hence Desert Angel, Inc was born. Since then, Louise and her followers have collected items and packaged thousands of "Miracle Boxes", named in honor of Ortonville resident, PFC Joseph Miracle.



A2 Lions answer the call to Celebrate Community 2022 Lions PIS Sue Blackwell, Lions Nancy and Dick Maxwell, PIS, Peggy Wanat, Lion Pres Jay Gardiner, Lion Roger Blackwell, and Lion Maryalyce Lupher ( not pictured Lion Dick Wanat) were joined by the Optimist Club of Southfield-Lathrup Village and the Cosmopolitan Detroit Kiwanis Club for the "Celebrate Community 2022" at the World Medical Relief headquarters in Southfield to sort through mounds of medical equipment and supplies to be sent to Uganda.



Members from Rochester Hills Club, Beverly Hills Lions Club and Royal Oak Lions Clubs came together with members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Troy, MI to pack 10,152 meals for Rise Against Hunger in two hours. The meal packaging event was a fun, educational, high-energy, turn-key way to engage everyone in our community in hands-on service. Rise Against Hunger brings all of the equipment, ingredients, and organizational staffing to host an impactful, easy service project!



*Pictured: Lion Kim Bishop, Louise Blain, Lion Stan Hughes, and Lion Liz Rheume. For further information on Desert Angel, please go to their website [thedesertangel.org](http://thedesertangel.org)*

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Vandercook Lake Lions Jim Phelan and Nancy Hill recently hosted the district Guiding Lion Training in September. PCC Jeff Mayuiers and DG Julie presented a workshop that will enable district leaders to better serve new and rebuilding clubs. Lions who attended the class were Dorothy Bosse, Jim Phelan, Roger Bosse, Nancy Hill, DG Kelly Lubbe, and IPDG Terri Ann Pease-Huffman.



Saline Lions Club enjoyed having PCC's Barry & Peggy Allen of Manchester help scoop ice cream at the Saline Community Fair. It was also a perfect day for a marvelous turnout at the car wash, which they provide free every Sunday afternoon during the summer months.



Clinton Lions Club held KidSight screenings at the Clinton Fall Festival, they also had pumpkin bowling and other fun carnival games for the kids.



Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club members Roger & Harriet Spriggs recently donated a kid's bike that will go to help Bobby Holley's Bikes for Kids campaign.



PCC Peggy Allen and VDG Annette Hemeryck visited Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan, Inc Wellness Center and dropped off an array of wonderful items for the center's wig recipients' welcome bags. The Manchester Lions Club help to sponsor the welcome bags all year round.



Vandercook Lake Lions Club took 1st place in the professional division of the K 105.3 Chili Cookoff.



Clinton Lions Club held KidSight screenings at the Clinton Fall Festival, they also had pumpkin bowling and other fun carnival games for the kids.



Lions Hope & Scott Swank, Mike Guzak, Bryan Cook, Dorothy Bosse, and Red O'Leary of the Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club took advantage of the great weather and helped Battle Creek DPW Environmental Department with recycling styrofoam and electronics. This was a great project with over 250 vehicles coming through to make our world a little cleaner! Additional cleanup efforts are in the works.

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Benton Harbor-Fairplain Cycle Re Cycle is a totally volunteer organization in Benton Harbor that rehabs bicycles for low cost resale and donation to those in need in our community. They also teach and help people to repair their own. After the theft of the storage trailer which contained many bikes awaiting refurbishing, the Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club Foundation

donated \$10,000 to Cycle Re Cycle for their needs. Thank you Cycle Re Cycle volunteers for giving back to our community. Bev Gould & Andy Menchinger-Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club Foundation Members were privileged to present the check to the volunteers of Cycle Re Cycle. Cycle-Re-Cycle, a 501(c)3 non-profit in Benton Harbor Michigan



Kal-Haven Lions Club: Hand2Hand prepares and delivers weekend food bags to 107 Bloomindale elementary students each weekend during the school year. The organization is supported by Townline Methodist, Journey Family, and Bloomingdale Christian churches as well as local businesses, and individuals. The 34 weekends means 3638 bags of food as well as 43, 656 food items. Because of their buying power, Kal Haven's donation alone will fund the purchase of over 3000 lbs of food.



Buchanan-Galien Lions packaged product for their Annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser in October. Candy and Nut distribution stands will start being set up November 2nd and sales will continue until all product is sold. Lions Club "Special Thanks" to XPO Logistics, Buchanan American Legion, and our local businesses who host a sales stand. And of course- Thanks to our local communities, families and friends who purchase and enjoy our product.



Edwardsburg Lions Club provided a float for use in the Homecoming Parade. The Leos loved the float and one community member yelled out that this float was the BEST! The Edwardsburg LEOs loved hearing the elementary kids screaming when they saw the float, the Lions on the truck and the Lion Mascot riding in the back of the truck! The LEOs just had a great time.



Paw Paw Lions and LEOs were part of a community Trunk or Treating event at Tapper Chevrolet in Paw Paw. Approximately 150 kids took part on this beautiful Saturday afternoon.



Mattawan Lions Club invite the non-profit League of Enchantment to give a presentation. They dress up like super heroes and go to hospitals, providing Make a Wish grants for kids. They are a very dedicated group of people and have very specific guidelines they must adhere to do for these events. They donate their time and purchase the costumes themselves. The Mattawan Lions Club was joined by the local Brownie Girl Scouts pop in and see what it was all about.



Paw Paw Lions welcomed new members Lion Matthew Hartman and Lion Craig Hess. Lion Matthew is a third generation Paw Paw Lion and Lion Craig has been an active part of the community for years. Lion Matthew is sponsored by his father Lion Mike Hartman and Lion Craig is sponsored by Lion Rick Zuiderveen.



Portage Lions Club held its 5th Annual Monster Mash in coordination with Portage Parks and Recreation. This is one of the service projects that the club holds each year and is much anticipated by club members and the community. Portage Parks and Recreation put together a haunted hayride, magic show, midway games, inflatable obstacle courses, pumpkin carving demos, airbrush tattoos, drive-in movie, and many other activities.

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Rockford Lions Club held a successful white cane drive. Spirits were high even though the weather was a tad bit cold and rainy! Thank you to all those that volunteered!



District 11-C1 Lions enjoyed a fun and informative Projects Night where they were able to talk with and hear about all the great projects that Lions help to support.



Cedar Springs Lions participated in the Red Flannel Festival, one of the longest running festivals in Michigan. They are pictured with the Red Flannel Festival Court.



There is never a dull moment with the Rockford Lions Club. Recently they gathered on the White Pine Trail to install one of their benches and a bike repair station downtown. If you happen to be in the area, take a seat, and take a selfie and tag the club on facebook.



Hastings Lions Club spent a few Thursday nights slinging popcorn during the Freshman and JV Football games this fall. How fun, and such a great way to get your Lions Club involved in the community.



Marne Lions Club had a spooky good time serving up donuts and cider at the Wright-Tallmadge Firefighters Association Halloween in Marne.

Middleville Lions Club is holding a Christmas Parade on December 10th and looking for Lions to join in on the fun. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place float winners that the community will vote on. Please contact the Middleville Lions Club if you are interested in participating.



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DeWitt Breakfast Lions Gift of Sight, Specialty Eye Institute (SEI) has done an annual day of free cataract surgery for those who are not insured. On Oct. 14 they performed 10 procedures. All the fees were waived, and world class care was provided. Jon's cataracts were so bad that he could see past 2-3 feet, could not work, and properly maneuver in public. He had been threatened with eviction and having his power turned off. The DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club is providing transportation to and from the pre-op, surgery, and post-op appointments. As Jon heals, the Lions will provide him with glasses. Jon has said that he is anxious to get back to work so he can get back to financial independence.



Charlotte Lions Club made popcorn and passed out candy to trick or treaters at the Courthouse Square. For two hours an estimated 300-400 children and other family members went through the downtown and their final destination was the Courthouse Square. Lion in disguise is Kathryn Conrad who was a big hit with the children. Other lions helping with making popcorn and passing out candy were Dean Steward, Dianne Barmes, Connie O'Neill, and Jan Phillips the popcorn goddess.



Grand Ledge Lions District 11-C2 Governor Traci Tribley brought a promise of an exciting, fun year of Lionism as she started visitation to the District Clubs with the Grand Ledge Lions. Along with the many tasks of continuing recovery from the hurdles of Covid thrown into the path of Lions worldwide, Governor Traci has accepted the challenge of leading the District's Bear Lake Camp project as its new Director. Lion Traci explained that the opportunity to accept that position is something she could not pass up.



Elsie Lions supported the Elsie Fall Festival with their Lions Food Trailer selling great Burgers, Hot Dogs, and other items, with all the profits going to the Elsie Food Pantry along with extra food they didn't sell. Lion President Rick Jones presented a check for \$628.13 to Toni and Terry Ornelas Director of the Elsie Food Pantry.



Elsie Lions held their Lions Beef Raffle the same day, raising \$1,979 profits. They had 4 winners, 1st place 1/2 beef, 2nd 1/4 beef. 3rd 1/4 beef and 4th cash prize. Lion members drew the winners.



Dewitt Breakfast Lions President George Walter introduced Honorable Lion Cori Barkman, Clinton County Circuit Court Judge who shared with the members her background of how she became a Judge and of the coming new court for Felony Drug abusers in Gratiot County. Before taking the bench, Lion Cori worked as a trial attorney at the Michigan Department of Attorney General for 18 years. She is a graduate of University of Michigan and Wayne State Law school.



Mason Lions Club Melissa Oesterle, the board co-chair of the Mason Promise Scholarship, spoke to the Mason Lions



Lions Sandy, Cyn, Lori, Kay, District Director Lion Sheri March Lansing Capital Lioness Lions and the 11-C2 Childhood Cancer Committee assisted with the composition of an art project that is currently displayed at Abrams Planetarium, MSU. Lions Sandy, Cyn, Lori, Kay W, and Sheri March assisted Boyang Twin Brothers Art in assembling "Cranes for a Cure" a Childhood Cancer Awareness art project on display at Abrams Planetarium, MSU. The project collaboration with Joey's Wings Foundation is constructed using 2000 origami cranes representing approximately 2000 children who pass away from cancer each year in the United States. The Childhood Cancer Awareness Month display is open to the public.



St. Johns Lions Duane and Marilyn Witter have transferred membership from the Carson City Lions Club to St. Johns. They were officially welcomed at the September meeting. Duane has been a Lion for nearly 49 years and Marilyn has been a Lion for nearly 32 years. Duane served as District Governor of District 11-E1 in 1991-1992. During that time, he and Marilyn logged over 100,000 miles visiting 52 Lions Clubs and 17 Lioness Clubs in that District. They also have attended International Conventions in Hong Kong and Australia as well as many other Lion conferences and events. Both have held various officer positions at the club and district levels.

Club at their October meeting about the program which aids select Mason students who attend Lansing Community College. Mason Lions Club President Karen Routson PDG then presented her with the club's annual contribution of \$500 to the scholarship fund.

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District 11 B2 has a new Facebook page (11B2 Lions). Like and follow this page for all that's new in 11B2! If you want items posted on the Facebook page, please send them to Lion Tammie Grabowski at [cheftammie@gmail.com](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com).

Medical equipment for loan: Contact Lion Judy Pullins, Sister Lakes Lions for wheelchairs, canes, and crutches. 269-277-8821 or [pullins1852@gmail.com](mailto:pullins1852@gmail.com).

Three Rivers has a couple of wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches to loan. 269-273-2424.

Mattawan has a couple of walkers and other mobility aids. Contact Kim Copenhaver: [partylikeabanker@yahoo.com](mailto:partylikeabanker@yahoo.com)

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**LEO CLUB NEWS**  
 Buchanan-Galien Leo's and Lions took part in the Buchanan McCoy Creek Trail 17th Annual Trek or Treat. Some Lions and Leo's dressed up as characters along the trail and handed out candy- and others parked cars for visitors. Just shy of 2,000 children and parents attended the event. Great job Buchanan McCoy Creek Trail committee, Buchanan-Galien Lions and Leo's, Scarecrow Ladies and everyone else who helped organize the event and donated candy.

Another recent event included the Paddle Auction (Uptown Improvement Association). The UIA paddle auction is a fundraiser to raise funds for Christmas decorations in the Village of Edwardsburg. Several Leos assisted the auction by collecting the quarters that were bid on over 100 beautiful baskets. The LEOs also helped by distributing the baskets to the winners.

Leo members participated in the Lawless Park Annual Fall Harvest Festival and later that day helped the Edwardsburg Sports Complex by manning concession stands during soccer games.

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Buena Vista Lions Club along with the Police and Fire Departments, held a Trunk or Treat for 300 kids at the Buena Vista Recreation Center.



Cass City Lions Club President Dan Caister, Rich Witherspoon (son of Al) and DG Jack Frost attended a Pavilion Dedication for PDG Al Witherspoon. PDG Al was a Lion for over 56 years.



Chesaning Lions Club had a fun time seeing all the unique costumes and participating at the Trunk or Treating event at St. Peter's Parish in Chesaning. Looks like it was a spooktacular event.



Frankenmuth Lions Club purchased and donated a pocket-sized United States Constitution for each of 370 5th graders in the Frankenmuth & Birth Run communities in recognition of Constitution Day. Also included was a study and resource guide for teachers.



Lion Bob Farris of the Frankenmuth Lions Club was presented with a Melvin Jones Award during their October meeting. Lion Bob has been an active member of the Lions Club for over 30 years.



Linden Lions Club participated in the Zombie Walk/Trick-or-Treat Trail at Eagles Wooden Park in October. They handed out candy to approximately 300 scary ghouls, sweet princesses, and outrageous creatures each night. What a fun and creative event!



Marysville Lions hosted a very successful "Made in the Thumb Showcase". Along with having many Michigan vendors showcasing and selling their products, the club handed out hot dogs and refreshments after the village trick or treat hour on Halloween. The group has their own grill and have become well known in the community for serving up some pretty good dogs.



Shield Lions Club recently presented a check to the Thomas Parks & Recreation Department. The amazing park system makes their township a beautiful place to live.



PDG R.G. Barnum, PDG Harold DeMott, IPDG Duane Wilcox, and PCC Richard DeLong served up some amazing soup for Lions attending the 2022 Fall Conference held at Trinity Monitor Lutheran School in Bay County.



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DG Wightman addresses members at the installation dinner for Emmet Lions



Lion James Haley and Lion Beau Heilig received awards presented by DG Shawn. Emmett Lions hosted their annual awards officer installation dinner. District Governor Dr. Shawn Wightman installed all this year's officers and awarded two Melvin Jones fellowship awards and a key award. Receiving the Melvin Jones awards were Past President Noel Katz and long-time member Lion James Haley, receiving the key award was Lion Beau Heilig. Officers President Dick Belesky, Secretary Dave Treutle, Treasurer Chuck Belesky, 1st Vice President Nathan Riggs, 2nd Vice President Paul Krause and Tailtwister Charles Wood. Board members; Lions Dave Rakes, Darrin Kreger, Beau Heilig, and Tim DeShon. A great dinner was served for member and their wife's, fellowship followed.



Marlette Lions honored Lion Dave Horan for 50 years of service to the club and community. Lion Dave is now a member of Lions International Half Century Club. Congratulations and Thank You Dave Horan. What a great "career" in service to the community.



George K. Kirkindall Memorial Pavilion at the Memphis Lions Club will combine culinary challenges worthy of reality show cooking with the childhood excitement of Halloween. This first-time event is a Family Fun Night event, which will include a chili cook-off and pie baking contest held beneath the George K. Kirkindall Memorial Pavilion at the Memphis Lions Club. Patrons of the chili cook-off will pay \$5 to sample unlimited chili concoctions. Patrons of the pie competition will pay \$5 to taste a sample helping of each pie.



Gov. Shawn K. Wightman enjoyed his recent visit with the Anchor Bay Lions Club during their new "Strut Your Mutt" event. Pet owners from all over the area brought their four-legged friends out for a day of fun.



Congratulations to the Emmett Lions Club for successfully conducting their first Reverse Raffle with nearly 200 people in attendance hoping to win the \$3,000 grand prize. Club members will use proceeds to fund some of their service projects this year, which include college scholarships, eye screening for children, holiday food baskets, and eyeglasses for those in need.

Memphis Lions Club will combine culinary challenges worthy of reality show cooking with the childhood excitement of Halloween. This first-time event is a Family Fun Night event, which will include a chili cook-off and pie baking contest held beneath the George K. Kirkindall Memorial Pavilion at the Memphis Lions Club. Patrons of the chili cook-off will pay \$5 to sample unlimited chili concoctions. Patrons of the pie competition will pay \$5 to taste a sample helping of each pie.



Minden City 5K Run/Walk made a return this year! The 3.1 mile course starts and finishes to the South of the Minden Fire Hall, making two laps around town on a lighted course. Trophies will be awarded to the first overall male and female and medals to the first three in each age group for both run and walk. The race will be professionally timed by Miller Race Management.

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Metamora Lions Club would like to thank Hy's Cider Mill, Bailey's Smokehouse, Tina Clark-Sauve and of course our generous community for another successful Cider and Donut sales weekend. All the money collected will be going towards the biggest and best Halloween kids party in the area. Marlette Lions Club participated in the community Monster Mash at the city park. Lots of monsters and ghouls looking for treats. Almont Lions held their 25th consecutive annual "Spooky Time Bash" and provided a

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KidSight screening, screening 17 children with one referral. This month they celebrate the dedication of their beautiful new Memorial Garden. Port Sanilac Lions Club members participated in their community Haunted Village. Owendale Lions held a successful Wine and Cheese tasting paired with some great silent auction items. Thank you for all the community help! Marysville Lions Club helped serve nearly 120 meals today at Mid-City Nutrition. The menu featured pork loins with apple

sauce, salad, and cakes. Great teamwork under the leadership of Lions Paul Wessel. Eleven Marysville Lions helped make it all happen! Marine City Lions held the second annual BATTLE OF THE BANDS in Nautical Park. This 2-day event raised \$11,100 for the Boosters Clubs of St. Clair, Algonac and Marine City. Thousands attended both Friday and Saturday evenings for great Music and a great time. Four Bands played alternating hours and votes were taken by donations for each. Forty-one Sponsors contributed to cover expenses.



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Fremont Lions Club presented Carol Albright with a new cane that was purchased by the club after conferring with Leader Dogs for the Blind. Pictured with Carol are Lions Max Gardenour and Darl Purdy. Carol said she has been blind for 25 years and needed help fixing her cane for the blind. Carol is a feisty, independent, and happy person that lives by herself, and even raises a garden. She was diagnosed with retinitis as a teenager and became blind in her late fifties. When asked why she reached out to the Lions, she replied, "Everyone knows the Lions help the blind!"



White Cloud Lions hosted a Michigan Pin Traders Swap at their clubhouse. Congrats to PCC Janalee McClure and PDG Bill Simpson for tying for the silly hat contest.



Coleman Lions Club celebrated 82 years of service to the Coleman area with their 13th Annual Charter Night Dinner and Auction with a record 170 guests. This year's Heart of a Lion award, given to non-Lions who exemplify service to the community, was presented to the Coleman Historical Society.



Coleman Lions Club During their 13th Annual Charter Night Dinner, The Coleman Lions Club presented the highest award offered by Lions Clubs International, a Melvin Jones, to the family of Lion Lynn Brugger who passed away last spring.



Manistee Lions planted native grasses and flowering plants at Magoon Creek to help with protecting the bluff from erosion and feed the butterflies, bees, and birds.



Central Montcalm Lions were happy to present a check to Trinity Church for their Baby Pantry to purchase Formula, diapers, and other baby needs. During their October meeting they were able to vote on over 20 Peace Poster entries. They were very excited to see all the hard work the kids put into them.



Midland Lions held a recent KidSight screening.



White Cloud Lions During White Cloud Lions' 52nd Anniversary Party, President Dawn Houghton presented her Presidential Medal of Honor to four very deserving Lions in the club: PDG Bill Koch, PCC Janalee McClure, Lion Peggy Frank, and Lion Audrey Williams. She also presented Lion Ray Williams with the club's Lion of the Year award. Congrats to these well deserving Lions!



Alpena Lions Club President Jon Emerson presents a donation that will help ease the financial burden for the family of a one-year-old recently diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, a tumor on the aorta.

Boyer Valley Lions partnered with the Boyne City High School Hospitality Class by selling Classic Michigan Beef and Roasted Vegetable & Mushroom pasties. Their orders capped out in five days with 596 pasties sold. The Hospitality Class received \$953.60 from the sales total sales of \$4,768,00.



Central Lake Lions Club Members Lions Mark & Shelly Lewis, and JoAnn Nell held a KidSight screening at the Central Lake Fall Festival.



Central Lake Lions Club held their annual Golf Outing. This year's event was in memory of PDG Lion Bill Stenback, one of the founders of the 20 plus year golfing tradition.



East Jordan Lions Club helped do some much-needed maintenance on the Camp Daggett Boy's Cabin. They painted the floor, replace trim, cleaned gutters, and installed the club's sign. Pictured are Lions Linda Reich, Richard Russell, Ron Warnos, Linda & Bill Chase, Richard Russell, Faye & Dan Miller, and Sherry & Bob Pursel.



Hillman Lions Club made their first "Adopt a Class" fifth grade project visit of the year in October working on some creative crafts. Great job Lions!



Mackinaw City Lions Club held their annual Soup in a Bread Bowl Fundraiser in October, which is always a successful and fun event for the community to come together for fellowship and some delicious food.



Oscoda Lions Club Members Lions Bob Drogash, Tony Priebe, Ann Bovan, & Chuck Andrina helped to build a 5'x10' platform and 22' ramp for a veteran and his wife. They had to tear out an old ramp and steps that had become very unsafe to access the home. Thanks to the Iosco County Veterans Assistance Office for paying for the materials for the project.



Oscoda Lions Club held their 21st Annual Fall Festival Arts & Crafts Show, which consisted of 93 vendors. Proceeds from the event allowed the club to donate over \$940 to the Iosco Animal Shelter. Thanks to events like this, their club is able to continue to do great things to help those in need in their community.



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## Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Sight Leaders and Sight Supporters!

We are happy to announce Eversight's 2021-2022 Lions Sight Leaders and Supporters! This is the third year Eversight has supported this special recognition program, and 71 Michigan Lions Clubs throughout the communities we serve will receive this honor.



### Lions Sight Leaders

Thank you to each of these Sight Leaders during the Lions 2021-2022 fiscal year that donated \$3,000 or more—an amount that helps completely cover expenses for a patient in need of a sight-restoring transplant. We look forward to recognizing you with a Sight Leaders Banner Patch for your club's outstanding support.

Bedford Township Lions Club      Lakewood Area Lions Club      Lathrup Village Lions Club      Shelby Township Lions Club

### Sight Supporters

Eversight also thanks and recognizes each of these clubs that contributed between \$500-\$2,999. They will receive a Sight Supporter Collectors pin to display on their banner for their commitment to the gift of sight.

Almont Lions Club	Dexter Lions Club	Jackson Host Lions Club	Rochester Lions Club
Alpena Lions Club	District 11 A-2 Lions International	Laingsburg Lions Club	Rockford Lions Club
Ann Arbor Host Lions Club	District 11 D-1 Lions International	Lake Orion Lions Club	Romeo Lions Club
Bad Axe Lions Club	Elk Rapids Lions Club	Les Cheneaux Lions Club	Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions Club
Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club	Emmett Lions Club	Lewiston Lions Club	Rose City Lions Club
Bay City Lions Club	Empire Lions Club	Livonia Lions Club	Royal Oak Lions Club
Beaverton Lions Club	Fraser Lions Club	Macomb Township Lions Club	Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club
Beverly Hills Lions Club	Fremont Lions Club	Metamora Lioness Lions Club	St. Johns Lions Club
Cass City Lions Club	Fruitport Lioness Lions Branch Club	Midland Lions Club	St. Joseph Lions Club
Center Line Lions Club	Grand Ledge Lions Club	Mount Clemens Lions Club	Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club Branch
Central Lake Lions Club	Grand Rapids Lions Club	Mount Pleasant Lions Club	Sterling Heights Lions Club
Charlevoix Lions Club	Greenville Lions Club	Muskegon Northside Lions Club	USA Lions Club
Chesaning Lions Club	Harsens Island Lioness Lions Club	New Baltimore Lions Club	Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club
Clawson Lions Club	Harsens Island Lions Club	Northville Lions Club	Zilwaukee Lions Club
Deckerville Lions Club	Holt Lions Club	Onkama Lions Club	
Delta DeWitt Ledges Lioness Lions Club	Hubbard Lake Lions Club	Paw Paw Lions Club	
DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club	Ithaca Lions Club	Plymouth Lions Club	
		Rochester Hills Lions Club	

Congratulations and thank you again to all clubs recognized. Please spread the good news and share this recognition with your fellow Lions Club members and district leaders. Your service gets us each one step closer to achieving our mutual vision of a world without blindness, one transplant at a time.



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