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The Michigan Forum Committee is pleased to announce Sandra Pearson, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan as the keynote speaker for the 2022 Michigan Forum.



Sandra Pearson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, which supports a network of 50+ affiliates and ReStores. A graduate of Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business, Sandy began her career in housing with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) where she spent 16 years working in Civil Rights, Fair Housing, and all federally funded housing programs. In addition, Sandy co-wrote the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher "Key to Own" Homeownership program to transition people from renting to realizing their dream of owning a home.

In the years she has been with Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, she has provided leadership with housing advocacy both in Michigan and nationally, having served on Habitat International's U.S. Council, Finance and Resource Development council, and National Public Policy committee. She has also served on Michigan coalitions including the Homeownership Study Task Force, Sense of Place Council, Community Development Advisory committee, and was at the table when the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund was established.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING LIONS!

PRIDE NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A THANKSGIVING STORY WORTH RETELLING!

Many of you will remember that I wrote about this in 2014, but it bears in my head, moment by moment, mile by mile, year after year. Today, it's beretelling-Enjoy!

ginia Sherriff's Deputy to my husband. "No" was the simple response down for many generations to come. body back here?" Like the classic scene made famous from the movie, memories! Home Alone, I shot up like a rocket and yelled "NICK!" In an instant I'd realized we'd left a child behind. At a rest area. In West Virginia. At one o'clock in the morning...

This major life-event happened over Thanksgiving weekend in 1989-a time when cell phones were not in use, at least not by this family. We had driven over an hour from the rest area, and now had the longest drive of our life ahead of us to turn back and rescue our son. Talk about middle child syndrome! One of four brothers. A quiet, sweet-natured, athletic, and artistic child who had just turned eight years old. I'm proud to say he showed his calm and level-headedness that night, explaining that he "needed help because my parents left me here" and describing the family van over the phone to the Sherriff's department. He grew up to become a sailor, a search and rescue swimmer, an engineer, fantastic husband and doting father of three children of his own. He keeps a guarded eye out for those kids, and experiences moments of panic when one slips away!

Thanksgiving is a big "memory trigger" for me, and although I've enjoyed many happy Thanksgiving memory-makers over the years, I've never felt more grateful than in I did in 1989. A Thanksgiving does not go by without this story playing

come legend in the family and repeated with humor (by some!) and has become "Do you know why I've pulled you over tonight, sir?' asked the West Vir- a part of our family history. It's a tale that will be told over and over, passed

as he shined his flashlight to the back of the van. "Are y'all missing any- Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with friends, family and new

Thankfully yours in Service, **Lion Wendy Executive Director**



And, by the way, this little boy turns 40 this month!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM!

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

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

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

Gardening for Good will dig into community gardens.

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Fremont Lions Club participated in this year's Harvest Festival Hay Art Competition in Fremont with their entry of Carl from the movie "UP" created by Lions Evie Reed and Brenda Adsmond.

Voting is done by bringing non-perishable food items to the Fremont Chamber of Commerce office during the voting window.

One Business and One Residential winner is chosen by the most weight in food collected.

All food donations were donated to True North Food Pantry! Fremont Lions Club did not win for the entry with the most food donated, however, 10,598 lbs. of food were collected so the real winner is True North and the people they serve.



- Wait, What Did You Say?- Public Speaking: Getting your message heard
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- Lions of Michigan Foundation
- Marketing you Club

...and much more!



SPOTLIGHTS <



HELLO LIONS! - "Humble and Kind"

Can you believe it is November already? It just feels that I was elected as Governor and here it is 4 months have passed going on 5.

My beautiful wife First Lady Lion Roberta passed on Sept 14th from an accidental fall. It has turned my life in so many ways. A big Thank you goes out to my Council of Governors - without their support I would be lost. I thank all the Lions of MD11 for all of the cards and prayers.

My district 11D-1 is back in full swing of things, clubs are back out in their communities doing what Lions do best Service. We had a tornado come through the Flushing area and we put in for a Community Recovery Grant and have been approved for \$16,239.00. The Flushing Lions did all the leg work on getting the grant. We now are in the process of doing the clean-up with help from other clubs volunteering as well.

Our district held its first big get together at Hope Lutheran Church, my home club's meeting place. We held our fall conference on Oct.10th. It was a good turnout and at the Parade of Checks we gave \$18,591.00 to our state projects.

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We have so many clubs doing great things. Two clubs Bay City, Freeland Lions clubs have been doing food giveaways throughout Covid times with no stopping in sight. Great Job!! Other clubs held concerts in the park and now it is time for Thanksgiving and Christmas.Food baskets and gifts and we still have clubs that are selling Christmas Trees. My club Linden Lions are going on Nov.6th to pick our trees up. 270 for this year. Good times to be had by all.

Here's hoping that all districts are doing well and keep up the outstanding work that we as Lions do every day to help those in need. It has been a great honor being elected as a District Governor for 2021-2022 year.

Your Friend in Lionism, Lion Duane DG 11D-1



"A Reflection on Veteran's Day!" Council Chair Dave Hill



CC Dave Hill Receives Presidential Award!

A belated presentation was made at a recent Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club meeting. PDG Michael Scott presented Council Chair Dave Hill with a Presidential Medal. Council Chair Hill was honored to accept the award. Lion Nancy Hill assists in the "pinning" as PDG Michael Scott and PID Esther LaMothe look on with approval of her work!

The World War I allied nations and Germany agreed to an armistice (cease fire) starting at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. In 1938 "Armistice Day" became a legal holiday, primarily meant to honor veterans of World War I. After World War II and Korea, Congress renamed the holiday "Veterans Day" and November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



I was commissioned as an Army officer in 1976 and had the honor of serving for thirty-four years. The last seven years I served on active duty in Germany and Iraq. When I entered

the service in 1976, we were told to not wear the uniform when we traveled for safety reasons. I remember having people I knew approach me with concerns about their children joining the military. They seemed relieved when I would congratulate on having a "patriot with a plan" in their family.

It has been heartening to see a renewed pride in our military and service members receiving the respect, and support that they deserve. I am proud to say that both of our children served. The last official act that I performed on active duty was to commission our daughter as an officer.

Veterans never really leave the military when they discharge. They may be civilians again, but they continue to be Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guard for the rest of their lives. I would like fellow Lion veterans to know that the military members I served with my last seven years of active duty were a credit to all of those that served before them. A big reason for their success is the pride, traditions and support that you, the veteran, have provided them.

Thank you for your past service and your continued service. **MD 11 Council Chair Dave Hill**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday-Saturday, December 3-4 3rd Council of Governors Meeting Holiday Inn Express, Mt. Pleasant

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

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

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

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

Save the date for LCI Convention 2022 Montréal! June 24-28, 2022

> MIDWEST LIONS NEWS



The Indelible Acts of Service



November 11th marked a couple major anniversaries. The one most familiar to many of us is Armistice Day. To be certain a huge day in history. Written on so many souls was the pain of World War I. In my family's case it was my great uncle who never came home from the war. Four hundred years earlier though in 1620 a group of people known as the Pilgrims landed in Cape Cod (Provincetown) after

weathering two months of stormy seas on the Atlantic. From there grew our celebration of Thanksgiving.

Fast forwarding to today, what are you thankful for?

Maybe we should be thankful for Melvin Jones one of the founders of our association. How about the strength we have of being able to work together to help solve hunger, diabetes, childhood cancer, environmental issues and vision issues? As armies go, we have a pretty good one. 1.4 million grass roots individuals capable of moving mountains.

Maybe we should be thankful for Ed Viesturs. Right now most of us are asking who on earth is that! Amazingly, on November 11th (this year) he was able to tell me his story. It was a story of determination and guts. Hard work and self-lessness. Sacrifice beyond most of our imagination.

Here is a random thought. Maybe we should be thankful for the Lions that make just a little difference right in our own neighborhood. The Lions who don't need their name chiseled on a piece of rock. No credit needed. If your club is like mine, they even give blood – at the blood drives. Actually, they pay to belong to the organization. Those that give countless hours to everyone from their neighborhood to the other side of the world. Lions who still honor Helen

Keller's speech after almost 100 years. We are talking about a set of people who give millions of hours of love and work each year. Money to match that love and work as well. Lions brings the best out of these people, and these people bring the best out of Lions.

So as we are closing out the month of November we have so much to be thankful for. Give notice to our fellow Lions by reporting our service. We want every club to take notice of the Lions that serve. Do it by reporting just one of your service projects. Share your experience as a Lion. How? By being inviting. Invite others to share in the love and the work done through Lions. If they like the experience and have what it takes, invite them to join. It is just a simple, caring question, "How would you like to join our group?"

So who is Ed Viesturs? Ed is the only American, and one in five in the world, to climb all 14 mountain peaks in the world over 8000 feet. (That includes Everest, which he said was easier than some of the others.) On none of them did he use oxygen like most climbers. He did it through teamwork and determination. Ed did some amazing feats. This year however, and I think Ed would agree, that we all should be thankful for our Lions members who give of themselves so that others may have a better opportunity. Lions... Thank you!

Cheers!

PDG Dave Wineman Area Leader Midwest Lions Alliance

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LIONS MD CONVENTION NEWS <



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

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2022 MD11 CONVENTION



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

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

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

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



Beautiful FIREPIT lounge At the Auburn Hills Marriott

WORLD DIABETES DAY

Diabetes is the signature cause of Lions and Leos worldwide. This year, Lions Clubs International is on a mission to screen 1 million people for prediabetes and diabetes. Help us reach our goal on World Diabetes Day (November 14) by taking the online risk assessment or organizing a screening in your community. Lions are teaming up to increase awareness around a disease that affects 1 out of 3 Adults. Half of seniors have prediabetes and 80% don't even know they have prediabetes.

COULD IT BE YOU?

We're asking ALL Lions members and clubs to participate in a challenge to screen 1 million people for prediabetes and diabetes. Together, we can educate communities to better understand, prevent and care for diabetes.

OPTION ONE - Online Risk Assessment

Finding out if you're at risk for prediabetes or diabetes is simple. You can complete the test at https://doihaveprediabetes.org in roughly 5 minutes and a few clicks....then encourage others to take the assessment. Assess Your Risk!

We are asking ALL Lion's members and Clubs to share the above screening link on your social media page on the day of the event and ask your friends to do the same.

OPTION TWO - Organize a Screening Project on that day.

Clubs can make a difference by organizing a screening project in their communities. The ADA Diabetes paper Risk Test is available through Globe Printing at 906-485-1033 and they can coordinate shipping and quantity AT NO COST to the Club. Have a Lions member set up a display at a location in your community. Besides entering the information in myLION, email your LCIF Diabetes Program Manager/Administrator of your screening on November 14th.

PROJECT IDEAS

- Work with a healthcare professional to organize an educational talk about diabetes, pre-diabetes, prevention and management at your club or district meeting.
- Facilitate a discussion about diabetes to encourage club members to share their Personal connections to the disease.
- Share a low calorie high nutrient snacks such as fruits and vegetables at your club meeting and ask a nutritionist or diabetes educator to teach club members and their families about interpreting food labels.
- Sign-up for myLION and learn how Lions and Leos are getting involved in diabetes service.
- Download an app that educates and encourages healthy lifestyle choices. Invite club members to participate in healthy lifestyles related challenge.
- Newspaper: Lions for Diabetes Awareness event in your community.
- Partner with healthcare professionals to organize a screening for diabetes, diabetic retinopathy and diabetic foot.
- Promote diabetes prevention through social media campaigns or radio announcements.
- Volunteer for a day at a diabetes center
- Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes and pre-diabetes.

Report Your Screening

To reach our goal of 1 million screened, it's important for all of us to report our service. After your clubs screening, be sure to report your activity on MyLion.



- Organize a weekly walking club at your place of work and share a healthy snack afterwards.
- Bring fresh fruits or vegetables to an elementary school classroom to encourage children to try a variety of healthy foods.
- Collaborate with a healthcare professional to organize a physical activity and promote exercise and healthy eating.
- Sponsor a training program for community healthcare workers to learn about screening, community support programs and prevention of diabetes complications.

#LIONSFIGHTDIABETES

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Join us at the Forum to hear from special guest speaker Sandra Pearson, President & CEO Habitat for Humanity, Michigan.

Sandy has been instrumental in pioneering new and innovative ways of realizing Habitat's mission in Michigan, including the establishment of Affiliate Mortgage Services, Fair Lending Services, the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, the Priority Home Repair Program, achieving Exemplary status as a charter member of NeighborWorks America, being a 2019 Rookie of the Year member of National Community Reinvestment Coalition, serving as a founding member of the National Stabilization Trust Fund Homeownership Task Force, and more.

Sandy is the recipient of the 2016 Duvernay Award, the top honor in affordable housing and community development in Michigan. The Duvernay Award is named for the late Terrence R. Duvernay, a pioneer in affordable housing who served as Executive Director of Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The award is chosen by a committee of past recipients and goes to a person who reflects the ideals and personal qualities of Duvernay.

Sandy and her husband Rob have been married for 28 years and have three daughters who represent 5th generation Portland St. Patrick School and Church graduates and 3rd generation MSU Spartans.

Sandy's passion is to team up with people who can use a hand, a coach, a mentor, a connector in achieving their life goals, one of which may be to own a home. Sandy understands the value of stability starting at home. She lives a wonderful life and wishes for a wonderful life for all.

WINTER CAMP NEWS!



Winter Camp for the Blind will be going virtual again this year due to Covid positive rates exceeding the Clear Lake Camp's guideline for overnight residency. The Winter Camp for the Blind leadership team is disappointed in this recent development but are excited to offer new program opportunities for the virtual event.

There will be a gift card raffle again this year, so if you would like to donate a \$25 gift card to the effort, please contact Roger Bosse at (269)578-3684, or email him at: rogerbosse@att.net. The raffle was a big hit last year and is a great way for clubs around the state to participate.

Thank You from the Winter Camp Team!

We will also be promoting Summer Camp for the Blind, where we need transportation assistance for campers who reside in the East side of the state. Thank you for your support and have a wonderful holiday season!

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After a challenging 18 months, Eversight continues to work to provide sight to many people in Michigan.

There have been 1,508 donors who selflessly gave the gift of sight as cornea/eye donors through September 2021. In Michigan there were 991 Cornea Tissue Transplant recipients. There have been donors in every District as well as recipients in every District.

Eversight appreciates the support from many Lions clubs and want you to know that the MD-11 Eversight Committee as well as Eversight staff are willing to make presentations to Lions Clubs and District events to keep you updated as to Eversight's activities. Clubs financial contributions continue to help make it possible for Eversight to reach their mission.

If clubs or individual Lions would like to help Eversight out with their upcoming Sip, Savor and Support event, it would be fantastic! This is a fundraiser that is a wine and cheese tasting event coming up on December 9th

Anyone who wants to participate can go to: https://SipSavorSupport.givesmart.com and place their order. Information on this event has been sent to all Lions Clubs. This is a simple and fun event for Lions and friends of Lions to support. Again, Thank you to all Lions who have supported Eversight in various ways. It is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by: Lion Terry Walters, MD-11 Chair- Eversight

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Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers kboo nmdirais



Do you have a friend or relative who has everything? What better gift could you give them than one that helps those in need. For a gift of \$30, you can purchase a new Lions of Michigan Family Kitchen Cookbook with hundreds of recipes submitted by Michigan Lions and their family member and friends.

Our new Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide

funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of

Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of the their hearing loss. As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

Cookbook Christmas Gift Order Form

□ I would like to purchase a cookbook for \$30.00 (\$20.00 + \$10.00 Shipping and Handling) as a Christmas Gift for:

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Simon Takes Over Leadership of Foundation



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PDG Pam Schroeder of District 11-E1 passed the gavel to PDG Manfred K. "Whitey" Simon of Lions District 11-D2 at the Lions of Michigan Foundation's Annual Meeting in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. PDG Simon is the 2nd District 11-D2 Lion to lead the foundation, and he will tasked with moving the foundation forward in the new era of COVID 19.

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> LCICON 2022

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service gets brighter. That's why we're thrilled to see you at LCICon 2022 in Montréal, Canada next year! Get ready and register today. LCICon JUNE 24-28, 2022 | PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL

Take in Montréal's rich history and culture at LCIC on 2022! From beautiful architecture and a buzzing arts scene to a wide variety of cafes, restaurants and shops, Montréal offers an LCICon 2022 experience like never before!

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

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

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

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

Staying safe

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

LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND 2022 TOUR TO MONTREAL	LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL-STATE BAND
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I plan to audition: In Person By Tape Address City Zip Parent/Guardian Name Phone () E-mail	TRIP HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS: Niagara Falls Ontario CN Tower, TorontoIMPORTANT DATES: Try-outs: Virtual (see website for information)Ist rehearsal:January 08, 2022

Guardian E-Mail

High School you attend

Instrument Played_

Specialty: D Flag D Drill D Twirler

This student is a member of our high school band.

Band Director's Signature:

Date:

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

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

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

	Cirque Du Soleil Performance Guided Tour of Montreal Guided Tour of Quebec Cedar Point Amusment Park Sandusky, OH & Much More!	2nd Rehearsal: March 19, 2022 3rd Rehearsal: May 14, 2022 Pre-Camp: June 19-21, 2022 Tour: June 22-29, 2022
nd.	WHEN YOU JOIN THE LIONS ALL-STATE BAND, YOU'LL • Get high quality musical instruction that contributes to long-term growth as a musician • Gain improved musical performance abilities • Develop lasting friendships while experiencing new cultures • Participate in unique activities in diverse settings • Experience the personal satisfaction of helping others while learning first-hand the Lion's motic: "We serve"	FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/projects/masb Becky Dahlke, CEO 989-277-9598 nickandwyattsmom@hotmail.com Jason Russell, Band Director trumpet_fan01@yahoo.com

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

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

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OFFICIAL LCICON Hotels in MONTREAL

Michigan Assigned Hotel Monville or Omni Mont Royal Hotel

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

• Lions will be assigned to their delegation hotels on a first-come, first-served basis (subject to availability) through January 7, 2022.

• After January 7, Lions can choose their delegation hotel, or a hotel based on rate or location (subject to availability).

• In addition to at least one adult registration payment, a hotel deposit in the amount of US\$200 per room is required to make a reservation. The deposit is not the daily rate but will guarantee the reservation. The US\$200 deposit will be credited to your guest folio at check out.

• A minimum of two nights is required to book your housing with Lions International.

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

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

HILLMAN LIONS CLUB LCIF COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT



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

REGISTRATION FEES AND PAYMENT

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

Through the assistance of an LCIF Community Impact Grant, Hillman Lions Club were able to fund a beautiful sign and bench along the local trail. The sign proudly now stands after some delay, and the bench will be installed along the trail in the spring.



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> LIONS CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

2022 Lions Clubs of MI Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Please mail completed scholarship application to: The Lions of Michigan State Office Attm: Scholarship Committee 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 Phone: (517) 887-6642 State Fax: (517) 887-6642 Waw.lionsofmi.com Fax: (517) 887-6642 State Fax: (517) 887-6642 Fax: (517) 887-6642 Fax: (517) 887-6642 Fax: (517) 600-00000 Fax: (517) 887-6642 Fax: (517) 887-6642 Fax: (517) 887-6642 Fax: (517) 600-0000 Fax: (517) 600-000 Fax: (510) Fax: (517) 600-000 Fax: (517) 600-000 Fax: (510) Fax: (517) 600-000 Fax: (517) 600-000 Fax: (51		2022 Lic Scholarship Three \$3,00	for the	e Visu	ally	Im	paired
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Come read and listen to books by and about the Blind and Deaf community. Read, listen, or support us by joining us virtually to celebrate our first read/ listen event with Author M. Leona Godin, author of There Plant Eye: A Personal and Cultural History of Blindness Virtually. This event link has more information on how to join and or support our event. Monthly book club sessions will be held through January, 2022. https://bit.ly/3kTXJHw. Author Leona Godin

Livonia Lions were hard

at work annual "Good Old

Fashioned Neighborhood

Corn Roast this fall. Spe-

cial thanks to Lion Gordon

Johnson for volunteering at

Eyes On Design, an annual car show highlighting automotive design with all pro-

ceeds going to Detroit Insti-

"Light up Leader Dog" is

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lit up with luminaries and

other holiday light displays.

tute of Ophthalmology.



Northville Lion Clay declared the recent White Cane collections were a big success!



Lion Debroah Love leads the training



Pres. Lion LaWonna led Detroit Renaissance Lions Club during our Sept. Virtual Meeting with PDG Ron observing as District Gov. Roshni Patel inducted 3 New Lions to our Pride.

The Information Technology team led by Lion Deborah Love held a training workshop recently. The workshop was well received by Lions Club members throughout the district. Attendees shared that training provided excellent, useful information and they look forward to the next



Livonia Lions Club officers and members take a moment to reflect on 9/11. Livonia Lions Club participated in a 911 Memorial Service led by 1st Vice President Lion Dave Zarek with a prayer provided by Bishop Emeritus Dave Stechholz. Following the Service, Lions volunteers cleaned up several trails within "Lions Park" located in southwest Livonia.



Bedford Township Lions Club participated once again in the Annual Monroe Bed Race to Aid Children in September in downtown Monroe. A fun time for a very worthy cause, raising money to provide children with beds. The Bedford Lions presented a check for \$5,000.00 to the organization. Over the last 15 years this event has provided 3,500 beds to children in need and the Lions have been a part of this since its inception.

LIONS Blind Low Vision Outreach Committee of District 11-A1 have been collecting used assistive technology (AT) that we can offer to blind low vision users, at no charge, through our recycle program. We have a variety of magnifiers, monocular, Readers such as CD book players, and other talking items for daily tasks such as watches, calculators, or a talking GPS. Our inventory changes depending on donations, and we have previously given away bar code scanners closed circuit TV's and video magnifiers. If we don't have what someone needs, we can help look for it, through other recycling pro-grams. To get an application or if you wish to donate an item call or email:



Rochester Lion Gail Kemler recently celebrated her 104th birthday!! Lion Gail has served Lionism along with her late husband Lion Don Kemler and her sons, PRC Jim Kemler and PRC David McKenzie. Lion Gail continues to serve with the Rochester Lions Club, assisting with the Rochester Food Pantry, The Rochester Lions Car Show and with making S'mores for the Rochester Kris Kringle



PDG Leo Schaefer recently presented the Village of Armada with a check from the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation in the amount of \$7400. The money was donated by the Foundation and is to be used to plant trees in the Village park that were damaged by last summer's devastating tornado.



Lions Masks—Royal blue with gold emblem is available for purchase, \$15 each. Send check made payable to the Lathrup Village Lions Club, and your shipping information, to: PDG William Lupher 29776 Sierra Point Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Inquiries can be made at 248-432-7023



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> The lion statue shown here once rested in the back yard of Lion Dick Belloli's home. Upon his recent passing, the Sterling Heights Lions Club had the sculpture moved to their property at 12828 Canal Road. Sterling Heights Lion Frank Singer gave the lion a fresh coat of paint and it was dedicated at its new location surrounded by Lion Dick's family.



The Lions Bear Lake Camp recently held their Annual Wine and Craft Beer Tasting event in Metamora. An evening of food and drink highlighted by numerous raffles and prizes provided everyone in attendance with an excellent time. Shown here are PDG Jack Patton and CT Angie Boomer discussing which drink they will try next.



The JDRF Car Parade was held in downtown Detroit and along the Detroit waterfront on September 19. To date over \$350,000 was raised to continue the fight against Type 1 Diabetes. Many thanks go to Roger Blackwell and to all of those who have volunteered to make this event such a success year after year!



The Utica Lions Club recently held their very popular All-You-Can-Eat Steak and Shrimp Dinner at the VFW hall in Utica. There was no shortage of delicious food or generous drink and there were numerous raffle prizes. A great time was had by all!!







Lion Gail is a very special Rochester Lions member and has not only supported her husband but also her sons. She continues to support & volunteer for the Rochester Lions Club activities. Lion Gail is also a Melvin Jones Member. She helps with the Rochester Food Pantry and our Rochester Car Shows. She also

workshop. The IT team will look at moving training sessions around the district which will allow for more attendees.

Cathy McAdam mcmcadam@gmail.com 313 563-1412

2021-2022 District Goals

helps to make the "S'more" packages for our Club to sell at the annual Kris Kringle Event in downtown Rochester.

Rochester Lions Club wishes her a Very Happy Birthday. We hope that District 11A2 along with the Lions of Michigan will also celebrate this AMAZING woman on Birthday.





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Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club has adopted a 2 mile stretch of local highway for the MDOT Adopt - a - Highway program. There are 3 designated weeks during the year to pick up the trash, spring, summer, and fall. Recently, the club completed our final cleanup for the year. The 2-mile stretch was divided into sections to work on each day. In the end, we collected 27 bags of trash that will no longer be harming the environment. Several of our Lions worked multiple days to make this happen. Thank you to everyone for helping make our city a little cleaner. Think globally, act locally.





Club members participated in the Krazy for Kalamazoo cleanup event.

New Jackson Eye Openers Lion Shawne Lige working mints day at the A and A market in Jackson. Lion Shawne joined the Eye Openers this fall and jumped right in to serve!





LCIF Campaign 100: District B1 has a total of 44 clubs with 986 members. We need every club to donate as little as \$25.00 to achieve 100 % participation this year. As our District Coordinator for LCIF, Kelly Lubbe is asking all members to consider making a pledge of \$100.00. This can be paid at \$10.00 a month, like buying a Starbucks coffee. For every \$1000.00 donated to LCIF, a Melvin Jones Fellowship can be handed out to anyone, a Lion, a community member, or anyone else who reflects the mission of Lions ("We Serve"). Lion Kelly will be sell-ing hearts for a donation when she speaks at clubs. If you have not had Kelly out to visit your club yet, please reach out at 517-745-4404 or kellyl@westpointoptical.com



Pennfield Lions sell mints around town to support community projects. (Look at that yellow vest!)

JACKSON COUNTY PRO-FESSIONAL VIRTUAL recently held a kids craft kingdom where they made crafts with the kid-

Huron Valley Sunrise Lions celebrated 40 years of service and inducted one of two new members. Ann Arbor Host Lions joined in the celebration. What an incredible history the club has. In 1984, LCI pulled their charter because they had let a WOMAN join. The Club President at the time, Ken McMaster, shared how they had to FIGHT with LCI to get the charter back and they did! The Club celebrated Lion Bob Fanslow for 50 years of service as a Lion. Lions Bob Fanslow, Ken McMasters, President Dave Mongson, Jack Stankrauff, Rois Savvides. and Jenny Vandermulen were presented the Charles Weir Award for Service (Eversight). It was a spectacular Club visit!



Tekonsha Wellness Branch celebrated its one year anniversary in September with its parent club (Tekonsha). President Lorraine Lindsey reported on past year's service projects, activities, and donations. Five of the six members were able to attend and enjoyed a catered supper. Special strawberry shaped cookies were made for the occasion. They recently got some highway cleanup in before the predicted rain. I-69 between Tekonsha and Girard exits are now looking good. Thank you to Lions Ginger Jacobson, Timira Perry, Lorraine Lindsey, Barb Baggerly, Peg Griggs





Buchanan-Galien Lions packaged Ferris nuts and candy for their annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser held in October. It was allhands-on-deck to assist in the process.





Mattawan Lions Club celebrated their 63rd Anniversary as a club in October. They have many on going projects, which include making blankets with the Mattawan Leo Club, a chili/soup fundraiser and their annual Christmas toy delivery.

Centreville Lions Club President Gary Metts presents Lion Bob Beales with a Half-Century Award for service. Lion Bob joined the club in 1972.



Edwardsburg Leos are off to a running start this school year. Their 1st event was to collect monetary donations for the Edwardsburg Food Pantry. The Leos collected \$1,047.47 in just under an hour and a half! The money was then spent to purchase items for kids that were given brown bags of food for over the weekend. This was the suggestion by Pastor Scott Scheel who is the direction of the Edwardsburg Food Pantry. Leos packed "goodie bags" for Trick or Treaters that come in town to the Presbyterian Church and the Edwardsburg Library across the street. The Leos also put stickers on Lions Fizzy Fruits to hand out at the upcoming Lions 75th Anniversary Celebration.



Healy Hardware owner Gary Healy draws the winning tickets as Kal Haven Lions Kathy Richardson, President John Stassek and Event Chair Dave Mead look on. Barb Strong won first prize, a 12 ga. Semi Auto Shot Gun and Steve Serbel (not shown) won the .50 cal. Muzzle loader shotgun. Steve generously donated his gun back to the club for our next raffle.





For many years, Manning Enterprises has been a huge participant in the Paw Paw Christmas Baskets program. Along with this effort, they always seem to show up to help out no matter what the need in Paw Paw may be. For their outstanding service to the community, Manning Enterprises has been named the 2021 Business of the Year. Congratulations!



Centreville Club Secretary Bill Cooley welcomes new member Terry Miller to the Club.

dos and handed out Kidsight coloring books along with candy. It was a great day!

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The yellow vest - Lions have been identified by their yellow vests at fundraisers and volunteer projects for years. The Lions of Michigan Center Lioness recently announced an improvement, a zippered vest. They found it on Amazon and had a local seamstress add LCI logo patches. Now, they will stand out during projects and have a great place to show off Lions pins. Suggested vest -https://smile.amazon.com/TOPTIE-Volunteer-Activity Supermarket-Workwear-Yellow-L/dp/ B01L87GWW8/Check the size chart carefully. You will likely want to order a size larger. They tend to run small.

Jackson Host Lions celebrated 100

years of service. Roland "Pete" Shelby was honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for over 50 years of service with the club.

Vandercook Lake recently hosted its annual drawdown fundraising event to support their local service projects.

Michigan Center Lions hosted "Septober Fest", featuring craft beers from around Michigan. Septober-Fest is a fundraiser to support all the club does for the community.

B1 Lions, current and potential Zone Chairs, took part in a training workshop held at Christoff's

Community Room in Jackson, MI. Zone Chair(ZC) Bryan Cook and Global Leadership Team(GLT) chair Roger Bosse led the training, which was kicked off by District Governor(DG) Terri Huffman, with an ice breaker to brainstorm unique ways to invite new members to Lions. The topics covered in the workshop were "Roles and Responsibilities of Zone Chairs" and 'Assessing Club Health". It was a lively session, with much interaction. Lions participating were ZCs Anita Hoyt, Kelley Lubbe, Stan Masters, Nancy Hill, Chris Lake, and Lions Teresa Gest, Betty Hall, Cheryl Bradshaw, plus Mary Ann Robinson on Zoom. The session was recorded and is available on the District Website (edistrict.org/sites/11b1/). Print materials are available by request to Roger Bosse, or can be found on the LCI Resource page (lionsclubs.org) under Zone Chair Training.

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ALTO LIONS SPONSOR ZOO VISIT

The Alto Lions sponsored campers and counselors from Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind for an outing at Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park in Alto. The park is owned and operated by Alto Lion Dawn Hoekstra and her husband, Dave. The campers and counselors, all of whom are blind or visually impaired, touched four different baby animals: a pig, alligator, kangaroo, and pygmy goat. Staff members offered information about each animal. Lion Dawn waived the usual fee for this experience.

Then it was off on a tour of the zoo on the "safari train".

After lunch, the campers and their Lion companions (five from Alto and two from Lakewood Area) visited the gift shop. Each camper was given a stuffed animal or whatever other item they wanted to take home.

Project KidSight with the help of a couple of the Alto and Ravenna Lions conducted a screening on Tuesday, July 27 at the Ottawa County Fair in Holland.

With the KidSight Vision Screening trailer on site, 31 children had their vision tested and 3 were found to have some vision abnormalities and were referred to an eye doctor.



Muskegon Lions along with the Muskegon Y's (YMCA) Club and three other community groups have put out 120 flags along Seaway Drive through the City of Muskegon. Flags are displayed on five days during the summer months to watch "ole Glory" flap in the breezes.

MUSKEGON HOST LIONS

After a one year hiatus, Muskegon Host Lions held their 26th Summer Camp weekend at Camp Pioneer Trails. A beautiful weekend weather wise allowed campers to go on hikes, take boat rides, work on crafts, play bingo and eat smores by the campfire.

On August 19 Muskegon Lions served a pancake breakfast to 85 vendors preparing for a Health Information event in Hackley Park. The event was a community project lead by Health West



The Lakewood Lions kicked off their 2021Coats & Boots for Kids Program on October 18th by donating 10 coats and 115 pairs of boots to Manna's Market.

This year's collection will run from October 18 >> Jan 10, collection boxes are in 16 locations around the Lakewood Area including 2 in Hastings. The program accepts gently used and new items including hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snow pants. Adult size coats and boots also accepted.

All collected winter apparel items are provided weekly to Manna's so they can keep their many clients safe and warm.

This is the 6th year of the Lion's activity in assisting Manna's with winter clothing, over 800 coats and 350 pairs of boots have been provided to date. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our local Communities in making these annual donations. We encourage everyone to once again support the needs that exist around us. We do make a positive difference and express our appreciation to the work of Manna's Market, and to all the business locations that allow us to collect in their facilities.

Pictured from left to right are Lion Mary Gillette, Jayne Flanigan of Manna's Market, Bill Sutton, Marilyn Danielson, Don Whitford and Mary Sutton.





This Breton Woods table on the trick or treat trail at Sharp Park. The table was manned by Lion Dave Grimes, Lion Brett Grimes, and Lion Brett's wife Amanda. 720 candy bars or packs of M&M were passed out. A great time was had by the kids and the Lions as well.



The Owosso Lions Club stavs very busy with service projects to collect food for local food banks. They specifically name the food drives "Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive."Their most recent event was held at Jarrad's Pumpkin Patch in Morrice, MI in conjunction with Jarrad's charity event over the weekend of October 16th. They collected not only peanut butter and jelly, but also other food items, small toiletries, eyeglasses, and pill bottles. Several of the club members chair these events, and this one was chaired specifically by Lion Jody Sivyer. The Owosso Lions are now working on a Laundry Love project, to provide assistance in conjunction with a local laundromat for laundry needs of less fortunate



Brighton Club sponsored a Blood Drive at Ciao Amicis on 7/15 and we had an overwhelming responseso much that some donors needed to be rescheduled. We had 26 presenting donors with a total of 18 Units. Very respectable for the small number of tireless Red Cross workers there. A big thanks to Ciao Amicis and to all the volunteers including Lions Don, Bob, and Beth.



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Funds Donated From Golf Outing Fundraiser: In a joint effort between the Laingsburg and Ovid Lions Clubs, made donations totaling \$5,000 to Bear Lake Camp and Lions of Michigan Foundation. The golf outing was held at Pine Hills Golf Course in August and saw it's largest support of the event to date.

In the top photo accepting the \$2,500 donation for Lions of Michigan Foundation is Lion Chad McCann, Executive Director (center). In the bottom photo accepting a donation of \$2,500 is Shelly O'Henley of Bear Lake Camp. The Laingsburg and Ovid Lions Clubs wish to again thank all those who took part in the fundraising golf outing and look forward to the 2022 event in August.



Doyle, PDG inducted new member Lion Sean Dush. His sponsor Lion Mike Clarizio will guide him in the ways WE SERVE



Heart and Hands Food Pantry in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, was the recipient recently of a \$1,000 donation from the Eaton Rapids Lions Club. Heart and Hands is a nonprofit agency organized to meet emergency needs of those living within the Eaton Rapids Public School District.





Ve made our annual donatior to the Holt Food Bank of \$2000.00. This money is used to purchase information to be sent to the Holt Community to raise funds to purchase food for the less fortunate.

In the past our donation has helped the Food Bank to raise almost \$40,000.00. Lions Ken O'Hara, Denise Davis and Marni Swanson of the Food Bank



LCI recognizes the anniversaries of members, starting at 10 years of service and continuing in five-year

increments. Joe joined the Lions Club on July 1, 1975. He has served the Lions with a smile and usually a story or two. Thank you, Joe, for your 45+ years serving and making a difference in our community.



Mother and daughter team, Lorene and Jan Wilson of Grand Blanc, attended the September club meeting as ambassadors for Eversight. Both are corneal transplant recipients. They noted that since 1980 the St. Johns Lions Club has donated \$9,000 to Eversight.



Lansing Capital Lioness Lions Club

It was a beautiful day to deliver food packages to the Rotunda Trailer Park families in North Lansing. LCL Hunger Initiative



Hartland Lions Club added a new member on 10/12/21. Pictured Lion Bethany Charboneau and Sponsor Lion Kurt Stromlund Hartland Lions Club President.

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Read Between the Lions Screenings were provided on July 25th, in conjunction with the Deaf and Hearing impaired "Silent Celebration" picnic at Johnson Park in Walker, MI.

With the approval from the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI) the RBTL screenings were conducted with the assistance from the Wyoming, and Alto

Lions: Lions Ken Adamy, Dick Johnson, Becci Schumaker, ZC John Zub, Sue Hohendorf and IPDG Bob Hohendorf.

As the deaf and the hearingimpaired population is in great need of eye movement and vision services, this provided another opportunity serve those in need!

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Mason Lions "Celebrate Community 2021" is a joint initiative of the four major international volunteer

major international volunteer service organizations: Lions International, Optimist International, and Rotary International, and Rotary International, and Rotary International. It launches this year with a focus on local community service during the week of October 10. In the Mason, Michigan area, a joint local joint community service project will happen on Sunday, October 10, 2021. That afternoon, four Mason area service organizations, each affiliated with their international counterparts,

will all participate in the annual CROP Hunger Walk in

annual CROP Hunger Walk in Mason. The CROP Walk addresses hunger and promotes wellness in local communities and beyond. The Mason Lions Club, Mason Optimist Club, Mason Rotary Club, and the Kiwanis Club of Mason, are inviting their members and other residents of the Mason area to join the walk and celebration. Each service club's team captain provided members with materials in advance of the walk to collect donations. The local Lion, Kiwanis, Optimist, and Rotary

club members have asked friends, neighbors, and family members to donate, walk, and participate. Of the local funds raised, 25% will remain in Mason to help the Mason Food Bank and Meals on Wheels.

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Auburn Williams: Five members of the Auburn Williams Lions Club spent an evening cleaning up a section of US 10 they adopted as a project. A comment from one member was " It is not something I like to do but is something we need to do".



Flushing Lions Club is building clothing racks for the Flushing Christian Outreach Center. They are used to display clothing at the center for the clients to see and try on. We are building 8 of them, several double rack and several

single rack units. We also held our white cane drive and had a very successful drive again this year.



Krista McAuliffe Middle School Leo Club showing up proud at this year's John Glenn homecoming parade. Carrollton Lions Club, Carrollton Public Schools, the Township Police & Fire Departments, Carrollton/ Zilwaukee VFW Post 1859, are closely tied together.

When one entity has an idea, it is translated to others. A great example is an annual football game hosted by Carrollton High School near the anniversary date of

9/11/2001. Respectfully called the "Service/Tribute Game," this year the game was held on September 17, 2021, and featured Bullock Creek High School at Carrollton. It

honored the support of local and American Heroes (Veterans, Active-Duty Military, and First Responders) and in remembrance of the lives lost on 9/11/2001

Another portion of the proceeds is earmarked for the Carrollton Lions Club and their annual food drive. Founded in 1967, the Lions Club also strengthens our community.



Frankenmuth Lions Club President Tom Baker and members

recently honored one of their club members, Debbie Baker (right side in picture) with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The Frankenmuth Lions Club sponsored this award with a financial donation in honor of Debbie's exemplary service.



Bay City Lions Club: Lion Sandy Sting and the PAWE-SOME committee held the 3rd annual "Paw Palooza" in September at the Bay County Fairgrounds. There were sponsored pet adoptions, lots of great vendors, raffles, and a Walk 'n' Waga-Thon all to raise funds for some important charities! Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Bay County Animal Services and Adoption Center will each receive over \$2000. This event was born out of a dream of Lion Sandy's during her presidential year to honor the special connection between pets and their humans. Each year this event grows.



Frankenmuth Lions Broom and supply sale continues to be a successful fundraiser for the club. Order your supplies today FrankenmuthLions@gmail.com •Phone: Call Lion Craig at (989) 652-6668



Fall is in full swing and so

are the members of the USA Lions Club. For the past five years minus last year the USA Lions have been reading with first grade students at the USA School.

Our "Falling into reading" program consists of members going into the classroom once a week to have the students read on on one with a Lion for a few minutes. bopoks are chosen for the appropriate reading level for each student. Skills focused on are: reading fluency, sounds and literacy skills.

This has been a very successful program for our young readers. Our members are amazed at how well students progress throughout the school year.





USA LIONS CLUB Lions Jill Millerwise and Lindy Wineman listen to 1st Graders reading....

By Jill Millerwise Co-ordinator for the Falling into reading program USA LIONS CLUB 11D2

USA Lions Club just completed their tenth year of donating cleaning supplies to local Elementary Schools in Sebewaing area. This year USA Elementary and Christ the King Lutheran School received Clorex wipes, tissues and hand sanitizer for ech classroom.



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From left to right: President Lion Gary Sweeney, Lions Linda Bernhardt, Janet Renn Devroye, Agnes Kosinski, Dave Fisher, Greg Prill, and Lucas Swartzentruber, not pictured Marty Baker

Lion Dave Fisher has been a Lion in the Elkton club for twenty-one years. The club has grown it's membership and service activities to be one of the most progressive clubs in the District and State. Lion Dave has held several officer positions in the club and is now District Zone chairperson for region three. Lion Dave finally has received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. This was presented to him by IPDG Dr. Sami Makhoul at the Governors appreciation dinner. Elkton Lions perform Adopt-a- Highway for the fall portion. This club is very active in all services and events. There are a lot of dedicated lions in this club. They lead the way in food pantry and working with other clubs in service projects.





Fort Gratiot Burtchville Lions These Lions are keeping their commitment to Adopt a Highway this is the fall portion of that commitment. They have completed the spring and summer portions. This club is a very active club. The entire membership is made up of new Lions, with the exception of Lion Anita Selby.



Lion Heather Bringard, Banhu Naik prospective member, Lions Richard Simmons, Pete Jett, Laura Campbell, seated President William Jett.

Memphis Lions held their first Bump and Run race at the Lions field since the demise of the old Memphis days when they teamed up with the Memphis Firemen. The held the race on Saturday September 25, after the rain stopped. The field was very wet and muddy. It had rained for three days through the week had standing water in several locations. There was a lot of enthusiasm from the spectators and participants. The track preparations delayed the start of the race. It was a whole lot fun and excitement for all. Memphis Lions will continue to have these events and will make them GREAT. There is another one coming up on October 30 with the Trunk or Treat event. The club also held their annual fall Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on M-19, making the heavily commuted road clean

and litter free.

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Montrose Lions: Celebrated 75 years of service to their community this past September.Join fellow Lions of District D1 at the District-Wide Christmas Party on December 18! The party will be held in Gaines - Watch for upcoming details!The District has a Zoom account which is available for any club or committee meeting. Send a request to this email: district11d1@gmail. com to request a zoom meeting or call PDG Steven VanTol at 989-430-9500. Zoom meetings are scheduled on a first come basis.The July, August and September district newsletters were only sent to those members who have signed up to receive emails from the district web site. The signup page can be found on our website www.lions11d1.com. Presidents and secretaries please sign up for the newsletter. Then ask your members if they are receiving the district newsletter from the district email. Please share this sign up information. Please encourage your club members to get the information direct. JUST DO IT!!

District convention will be in Bay City Michigan on April 1-3. 2022, early bird attendees can arrive on Thursday March 31. Registration for your room is open and can now be booked at the Double Tree in downtown Bay City by following this link: https://bit.ly/3laalKT **District D2** • District Editor: Bruce Bronson 10898 Smiths Creek Rd, Riley, MI 48041 bebronson@frontier.com



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SUPPORTING THE LIONS !!! During the Fremont /Hesperia Lions Club Candy Day an anonymous donor dropped a hundred-dollar bill into the collection container. Lion Jim was stationed there and after recovering from the shock he rushed over to the gentleman and asked "Sir, do you know what bill you put in the container?" He re-plied, "Yes and I mean it to support your Lions Club." The next day during collections another \$100 bill was donated, creating another WOW moment for Lions.



The Greenville Lions club served more than 200 meals at the Spaghetti Din-ner September 17. We are thankful for the great support we receive from the community and our own club members.



Coleman Lions Club participated in the annual Coleman A Walk Thru Town, selling pop, water and can koozies. Highway cleanup was held in October several members with participating, and the club ran a concession stand during the community Variety Show which helps raise money for the Christmas parade and fireworks. A busy time for Coleman Lions!



Arcadia Lions' Arcadia Daze this past July marked their 40th Arcadia Daze has gotten bigger and better every year. Arcadia Daze would not be possible without the tremendous support of community members and volunteers. The opening ceremony celebrates local veterans and kicks off the festivities The event culminated with a parade featuring among others, the town's Grand Marshal, the Fife and Drum Corp, and the Scottville Clown Band. 500 tickets were sold earning the club a net profit of \$7.500



Heart of a Lion award was given to Patty Jo Bugh who started a summer speech program for Coleman kids over 50 years ago. She is now in an assisted living facility but still administers the program and has the pleasure of engaging CMU Speech and Language students with



Midland Lions White Cane fundraiser collected total of \$1,335.83 -over \$300 more then what was collected in May. Fellow Lions also worked at Wal-Mart and Family Fare. Great job Lions! We Serve! Lion Jim



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Greenville Lions Club pro-Thanksgiving vides 65 meals to families in the

The Midland Lions Club Board approved \$300.00 for various magnifiers, binocular spectacles, and spe-cial sunglasses. These devices will assist visitors of Dahlia Hill who have visual impairments and/or limited mobility for increased access to enjoy the blooms. The Dahlia Hill Society calls this "View Dahlias Clearly" program. They are working towards a goal of increas-ing access for all to the hill. "Thank you too to the Mid-land Lions Club for funding the magnification devic-



Northland Foods, Northland EZ Mart, and the Kingsley Post Office. They are now taking orders for Christmas Wreaths as a fundraiser. These wreaths will be available for sched-

uled pickup after November 20th. They make а very warm and festive addi-TT F tion to any holiday



The mission of the Midland Lions Club Roger Maier Endowed Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships annually to graduates of a Midland County high school or to current Midland County residents pursuing a bachelor's or graduate degree in the field of vision care, audiology, or special education. Grants range from \$1200 - \$3000 to help with tuition needs.





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New Member induction was held at the weekly meeting of the Alpena Lions Club. New members Bill Mendenhall, Curtis Caldwell, Jill Busia, John Snyder and Doug Kane.



Alpena Lions presented a check for \$3,000.00 to Salvation Army Major Prezza Morrison. This money was raised during the Old Newsboys Fundraiser held in October





Boyne Valley Lions Club held an Early Child Vision where Screening Dr. Nate was able to screen 91 children and 8 were referred for additional examination. In addition to the screening, they were busy with pasty sales. Pasty sales are through the roof! Totals: 418 beef, 194 veggie, for a total of 612 units. Sales of \$4,284, Veg 32%. We can confirm that 28% of the orders received are repeat customers



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East Jordan Lions did their highway clean upon a 2 mile stretch of M-66. The club also welcomed new member Tim Timmers to the club.

New Lion Tim Timmers

Hillman Lions Club held their first Adopt a Class project (fifth graders) this year. It was so much fun!



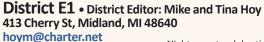






Greenville School District. Ham, turkey, potatoes and more are packaged up and delivered.

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In November the Greenville Lions Club will provide Thanksgiving baskets (with enough food to feed a family for a week) to families which school social workers have identified as needing help. In December Greenville Lions will hold the Carl Barberi Toy Project. Parents will shop for Christmas gifts for their children. School social workers identify families which need help. The club is able to do this thanks to generous support.Coleman Lions Club had a fun and very successful Charter

Night event celebrating 81 years of service. 150 people attended our event, including fifteen Lions from other District clubs. The Central Montcalm Lions had guest speaker, Sue Kearney of the We Care for Kids Council, at the October meeting. Sue spoke to us about the importance of child abuse prevention. We look forward to volunteering at the Family Fun day that they sponsor in the spring. Sand Lake Lions will be having their annual Variety Sale Saturday, November 13, 9-3 at the Sand Lake United Methodist Church Education Building, 6 Maple Street, Sand Lake. We are taking reservations for tables. Call 616-636-5425 and ask for Karen.

White Cloud Lions Anniversary Party was a success, with Lions, family and friends in attendance. VDG/President Jackie Glazier did a great job with the Anniversary Party! We are very proud of you. Lions attended from many regions. An outstanding service project was organized, providing a 'take home' art project for children to participate in with the White Cloud Library Children Activities.

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Appreciating the Value of Sight this Eye Donation Month

Dedicated by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, November is National Eye Donation Month.

This is the perfect time to learn more about the importance of registering to be a donor, cornea donation and transplantation.

This year we share a Lions story that hits close to home. Lion Connie Neese of District 11-B1 from the Jackson Eyeopeners Club became a cornea transplant recipient through Eversight services earlier this year.

"Many years ago I was diagnosed with Fuchs Dystrophy and I was told I might eventually need a corneal transplant. At that time, I didn't think anything of it – I was seeing well and didn't have any problems."

Lion Connie went on serving in her local club and living her life until the disease began to negatively impact her independence.

"I chose to stop driving at night because I could no longer see well," Connie said.

Living alone, the vision issues made Connie rely on others to get around at night and drive her to certain activities. When it was time for the surgery Connie was excited, but also a little nervous.

"Knowing that the donated eye tissue was coordinated by Eversight helped alleviate my fears as this was an organization I knew and trusted."

Today Connie has resumed normal activities and received a "fabulous" report from her ophthalmologist on the progress of her transplants.

"I am very thankful for the relationship that Lions have with Eversight. Having learned about the organization and wondering if I would ever need their services - it turns out I did."

Thank you Lions for your continued support, which enables Eversight to serve all Michigan residents including our Lions communities. Thanks to you, we serve!





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