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LIONS INCREASE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS 2022! Read more on page 2.....

THE MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM IS NOW VIRTUAL! JOIN US FEBRUARY 26, 2022

The Michigan Lions Forum committee is disappointed to announce that we will not be able to hold an in-person Forum this year due to the cancellation of all events at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint.

If you have already registered, a refund will be sent to you. The hotel has cancelled our block of room reservations.

We will move forward with a virtual Michigan Lions Forum, to be held on February 26. Please watch your in-box for notification and registration for this free event! The Forum committee had great success with a virtual event last year, and we will continue the tradition of the Michigan Lions Forum excellence offered to our membership for over 20 years.

White Cane Week is April 23-May 1, 2022. Download the White Cane order form from our website to view our products and order your supplies. Orders will be filled and mailed to you from the State Office. <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/white-cane-catalog-and-more>

Thank you for your continued support!
Yours in Service,

PDG Karen Routson
Forum Chair

Lion Wendy Burns
Executive Director



MD 11 GAT APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED (SEE PAGE 3)

Global Leadership, Membership and Service Team State Chair applications are now being accepted for the 2022-2023 Lion year. The term begins on July 1. Applications are due by April 1, 2022 and can be emailed to wburns@lionsofmi.com or mail to: Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

Complete information can be found on LCI's website:
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team>

For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING

Events:

JANUARY
HUNGER AWARENESS

FEBRUARY
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

 FEBRUARY 14
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 21
PRESIDENT'S DAY
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FEBRUARY 25-26
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 26
LIONS MI FORUM
WEBINAR

MARCH 13
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!


APRIL 23 - MAY 1
WHITE CANE WEEK


MAY 19-21
MD11 LIONS CONVENTION
AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT, PONTIAC

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> PRIDE NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE LETS TALK ABOUT MEMBERSHIP!



Does that line make you feel like you are about to be lectured?

Good news-you're not! Let's just explore some available memberships that exist in this day and age.

- We have memberships at Costco; memberships at Sam's.
- I'm a card carrying member of Honey Baked Ham;
- And a member of Hulu, Netflix
- And Amazon Prime.
- (Membership at Meijer doesn't cost a dime.)

But seriously, the membership with the most value is one that serves others. Read through the District club happenings this month and you will feel the pride in our fellow Lions. In District B1 Adrian Lions were able to provide toys and joy to 400 children during the Annual Evening with Santa. Battle Creek Cereal City provided meals to 26 local families and helped package up an additional 150 food boxes by partnering with another service agency. In D1, no one had more fun riding a float to represent his club than DG "Rory-the-Lion" Duane Wilcox! And if you have a

winter's chill in your heart, read what the Flint Downtown Lions Club accomplished. With the help of the UAW, Lions were able to give away holiday food boxes; toys were purchased and donated to the annual All Children Are Equal Toy Drive, and through their new connection with the Genesee County Sheriff Department, their next project involves Teddy Bears and blankets for the police to comfort traumatized children. In addition, they've assisted children with sickle cell anemia by shopping for holiday items together at Meijer.

The Council of Governors have worked hard to increase our membership. The exciting news is that it's working! As PDG Dave Wineman points out in his article we have ended our first seven months of the year with a +76. We seem to have broken some records here, Lions! Council Chair Dave Hill outlines in his article an upcoming campaign geared to recruit "60 in 60". Sixty new members in each district in sixty

days. Telling your Lion story to others will help accomplish this goal. It's a membership everyone deserves to take part in.

*Yours in Service,
Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director*



MICHIGAN MEMBERSHIP THRIVES!

The weather may be cold, but membership is hot in Michigan! SD10 (Upper Peninsula of Michigan) and MD11 (Lower Peninsula) both finished December in the positive. Our current numbers sit at plus 72 Lions for the year. The gain is split evenly between SD10 and MD11. This gain is significant. As Lions we have turned around a 40 year, nationwide 50% (approximately 300000 members in the US) loss.

by PDG Dave Wineman

While speaking with Council Chair Dave Hill he had several positive remarks as to why MD11 is celebrating the gain and where it is headed. "Initially MD11 got started early. The VDGs started in February before their term as district governor began," stated CC Hill. "They gained ideas from other leaders across the US including Indiana, and Delaware." Hill went on to mention they also leveraged resources from staff at LCI who were valuable in getting the group headed in the same direction. CC Dave said he was lucky in that he "had a group that would place an emphasis on membership from the get-go." The multiple applied for a membership grant from LCI which is focusing on social media. Upcoming initiatives such as the The 60 By 60 Campaign (See CC Hill's article in this edition of the Pride.) will help by bringing awareness of Lions to the community. This is in addition to the traditional approach of the community seeking out Lions. CC Dave also commented that service and membership are integral. "Every service project should be a membership project as well."

SD10 District Governor Jim Svinicki had a different take on how SD10 has gained membership. Demographics in Michigan's Upper Peninsula dictate a more personal touch. "People are no strangers in the UP," stated DG Jim. Many members have a common sponsor, or they are friends with someone in the club already. As DG Jim puts it, "I'm kind of a jump in the middle guy." SD10 has many district wide changes on the front burner. "We are working to build our convention back up," stated the DG. He also indicated that the district was leveraging the virtual platform as well with the purchase of Zoom accounts for district use. It was apparent that SD10 has a very comfortable atmosphere.

District Governor Ron Riebschleger of 11C1, had yet another take on membership. DG Ron is the top performer for membership in the state with 38 new members to his districts credit. "We are trying to bring the fun back into serving!", was the instant answer when DG Ron was asked what their secret was. Couple that with another of DG Ron's guiding principles, "Try and find something the club likes and do it more. If not (liked by the club) do something else." That is extremely apparent as district 11C1 is the only district in the Midwest Lions Alliance (MI, OH & IN) with 100% service reporting! DG Ron remarked that a key benefit of getting new members are new ideas. He believes in teambuilding and getting in front of the clubs. DG Ron is also quick to point out the "secret" of Lionism through social media.

While interviewing each of these leaders, the question was asked, "How has GMA (Global Membership Approach) made a difference. Each leader clearly stated that their success was dependent on their team building. These leaders gave full credit to the people they work with. Each of them also pledged to support their vice district governors as they transition into the role of district governor. It was refreshing to see that the GMA process, or in more common words the art of teambuilding, played such an important role in each of these leaders success. Let me say that one more time. Teambuilding made the difference! Welcome to GMA!

As we work our way through the winter months our vice district governors are training to lead. Help them by being a part of the team. Get to know the GMA process. (Hint, most people believe it is about how to get members. Nope!) It's about how to succeed as Lions and continue our place as the greatest service organization on the globe. It is about teamwork, membership, leadership, training and SERVICE! Together we successfully serve!

Cheers!
Lion Dave Wineman
Area Leader Area 11 (MI, OH, IN)
Midwest Lions Alliance

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2022 District Convention Dates

District	Dates	District Governor	Location	Speaker
A1	April 22-24	Lion Roshni Patel	Troy	PID Mark Hintzmann
A2	March 25th	Lion James Leach, Jr.	Bay City, MI	ID Robert Block
B1	April 30 th	Lion Terri Huffman	Jackson, MI	PID Anne Smarsh
B2	April 23 rd	Lion Karol Chopp	Kalamazoo, MI	PID Bud Wahl
C1	TBD	Lion Ron Riebschleger		
C2	March 18-20 th	Lion Tracy Temple	Lansing, MI	ID Mike Banks
D1	April 1-April 3 rd	Lion Duane Wilcox	Bay City, MI	ID Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina
D2	March 17-20th	Lion Brian Betzold	Bay City, MI	ID John Youney
E1	April 22-23 rd	Lion Bill Bradfield	Big Rapids, MI	PID Bruce Beck
E2	April 29-May 1 st	Lion Bill Gaines	Boyne Falls, MI	ID Allen Snider
SD10	April 9-10 th	Lions James Svinicki	Harris, MI	PID Mark Lyon
MD11	May 19-22 nd	CC David Hill	Auburn Hills, MI	PIP Joseph Preston

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT HAPPY NEW YEAR



DG Roshi Patel
11A1

Hoping and Praying that Our New Year 2022 will be an excellent year for everyone around the world. Lions of District 11 A 1 have a lot to share. And we are proud of it. A number of our District Clubs have opened up to meeting in person, while others are doing hybrid (Zoom and In Person) meetings and a few clubs are meeting in person only. Regardless of how meetings take place, we are servicing the community. Our KidSight Program is up and running strong. Lion

President Theodore W. Robinson from Plymouth Lions Club and Chair for KidSight Committee, along with PDG Lion James N. Williams from North East Lions Club have screened 1080 children and have made 212 referrals for suspected vision problem. And all this was just from June 17th to October 21st. 2021. What an awesome job.

In November 2021, District 11 A 1 had a HUGE giveaway program which was hosted at Detroit Greater St. John Lions Club. All kinds of household items, furniture, clothing, toys and much more were given away to the needy. Over 50 volunteers worked at sorting out the products and distributing them. It was a such a resounding success, that we had to continue the giveaway the following weekend. Excellent job. We also had another District Project. \$10.00 gift cards were given away by the clubs for the Pediatric Cancer Committee. The committee collected over 100 gift cards between October and November 2021. These gift cards will benefit, Ronald McDonald House, Kids Kicking Cancer and Maggie's Wigs for Kids. Kudos to the Committee Chair, Lion Phyllis Turner from Westown Hartford Lions Club and her committee. The project is ongoing.

Although December seemed like a slow month, a number of clubs adopted families and gave out toys, and food baskets to the needy. In December at the Council of Governors' meeting, District 11 A 1's Peace Poster was selected as the winning entry from the State of Michigan. There were a 141 Peace Posters to select from representing District 11A 1. This year's theme was "We are All Connected". Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the committee and Committee Chair Christina Castellano from Northville Lions Club. The winning Peace Poster came from a young lady Julia Wei. A hearty congratulations to the winner.

District 11 A 1 is proud to announce that PDG Lion James N. Williams from North East Lions Club is the recipient of SA Dodge Award. Congratulations PDG Lion Jim. Ending the year on an extremely positive note, and looking for your help and support for the rest of 2021-2022. I wish you

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| A Jovial January | Fabulous February | Marvelous March |
| Awesome April | Meaningful May | Jubilant July |
| Amazing August | Successful September | Optimistic October |
| Nurturing November | Divine December | |

DG Lion Roshni Patel -11 A 1

THE "60 BY 60" CAMPAIGN WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Dave Hill
MD 11 Council Chair
2021-2022

The Council of Governors are committed to recruit sixty new members in each district in sixty days and they need your commitment to make that happen! The "60 by 60" campaign will begin April 1 and we have prepared the resources you need and funds to have the recruitment campaign.

To prepare for the 60 by 60 campaign participating Lions will have the opportunity to attend an interactive webinar on recruiting new Lions in the 21st Century. The webinar is scheduled for **Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm**. The agenda for the interactive Zoom session is:

THE SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION THAT WAS MADE AT THE US/CANADA FORUM – I was able to attend Lion Brandon Johnson's presentation on social media at the Des Moines USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum last September and was very impressed with the preparation, research and presentation. Lion Brandon Johnson belongs to the Tennessee Lions and was also asked to also make the presentation at the European Lions Leadership Forum that occurred last October. Lion Brandon provides an excellent overview of social media to include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tik-Tok, Snapchat, YouTube and their uses for recruiting a new generation of Lions.

DEMONSTRATION OF HOW TO CREATE AND PUBLISH TARGETED SOCIAL MEDIA ADS – We will have a demonstration of how you can create Facebook and Instagram advertisement targeted at potential new members by age, gender, education, geographic area, special interest, etc. **ORIENTATION TO THE RECRUITMENT WORKBOOK** – The Lion Membership Planning Workbook will contain worksheets and reference material to prepare for your "60 by 60" membership campaign. We will have speakers to cover the following parts of the planning workbook: Defining the demographic composition that the membership campaign will be seeking to contact, needs analysis of the community or special interest group, creation and maintenance of social media and web sites, budgeting for the recruitment campaign, service events in support of the recruitment campaign, and timeline for planned recruiting events.

Each District has \$300 to budget for their campaigns from the matching membership grant we received from Lions Clubs International and the District will provide an additional \$75 for a total of \$375. We will have trophies for the most successful districts that will include a seventy-five-year-old membership metal award plaque that will be framed, matted and signed by Michigan's International Director Justin Faber, Past International Directors and members of the Council of Governors.

Please let your District Governor know if you want to participate in this personal and Lion growth opportunity.

at your service
CC Dave Hill

Lions Clubs International GLT MD Coordinator Application

Lions Clubs International GLT Multiple District Coordinator Application

(Appointment for a GLT-MD Coordinator is a one-year term)

To Serve: July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023

Multiple District #

Candidate Name	Membership #
Address	Residence Telephone
City	Residence Email*
State/Province	Business Telephone
Zip/Postal Code	Business Email*
Country	Mobile/Cell
Occupation	Fax
Club Name	Club Number
Current Lion Title	# of Years as a Lion

* An email address is strongly recommended. All GLT correspondence is sent via e-mail. Please provide your preferred email address here

Please state any volunteer or professional experience that would qualify you for this position.

✓ Check Lion Positions Held:

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| International Director | Region Chairperson |
| Council Chairperson | Zone Chairperson |
| District Governor | Club Officer (specify) |
| Multiple District Coordinator: GLT GMT | Other (specify) |
| District Coordinator: GLT GMT | |

Are you available to travel throughout the multiple district to conduct leadership development programs?
Yes No

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WILL TRAVEL**

After Bob lost sight in both eyes— one due to a nail accident, the other from **glaucoma and cataract surgery** complications—he couldn't find the confidence to walk around the block. Today, he's tearing up the town by walking up to 40 miles a week with his white cane.

More than **75,000 people become blind or visually impaired** each year. However, only **10% travel independently with a white cane or guide dog.** That's why we're making vital orientation and mobility training more accessible for clients. With your help and our expertise, more people can travel safer, easier and with greater freedom than ever before. And together, we'll make people unstoppable.

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> MD11 CONVENTION 2022

102nd ANNUAL MD11 CONVENTION May 19-21 2022.

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2022 MD 11 Lions Convention
 Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac
 DIRECT PHONE (248) 648-6016
GROUP RATE: \$89 PER NIGHT (plus fees & taxes)
REDUCED RATE AVAILABLE ONLY THRU APRIL 29, 2022

Name _____ Lion Spouse Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Spouse Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member? _____

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Thursday Picnic @ \$12.00, May 19, 2022	\$ _____
Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness N/C Leo	\$ _____
Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
Friday Evening Buffet @ \$23.00 per person	\$ _____
Friday Night Welcome Reception Only (free)	# _____
Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
Saturday Night Banquet @ \$35.00 per person	\$ _____
Entrée Choice: Grilled Chicken	
Salisbury Steak w/Mushroom Demi Glaze	
GF _____ Vegetarian _____	Total: \$ _____

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless registration fee is paid. (excluding Saturday Banquet) 2. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 9, 2022. No refunds after May 10, 2022. 3. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 4:00; Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

Mail completed form and payment to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

102ND ANNUAL MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION – MAY 19-21, 2022

Marriott Auburn Hills Pontiac, MI
 ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the MD 11 Lions Convention Proceedings Booklet.

Placing an ad shows fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos your support of the Lions of Michigan!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

Overall Booklet Size: 8" x 5 1/2"

- 1. 1/4 page ad: \$25.00
- 2. 1/2 page ad: \$30.00
- 3. Full page ad: \$35.00

Please note that all ads must be prepaid by **May 1, 2022**. Mail form to Lions of Michigan State Office, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911; email to wburns@lionsofmi.com or fax: 517-887-6642

Name:	
Business Name:	
Billing Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Home Phone:	Business Phone:
Email address:	Cell Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> Included is a print ready ad or message <input type="checkbox"/> Please design my personal or business ad to read (please attach detailed information for your ad)	
CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:	
Ad Size: 1/4 page 1/2 page Full page	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$	
We are unable to accept Credit Cards	

Thank you for your continued support-See you in Pontiac!

Mail form and advertisement to:
 Lions of Michigan
 5730 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911
 Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 10



EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT –MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 20-21, 2022
AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT – PONTIAC, MI

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 Convention, at the Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac, 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.

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 convention 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 non-show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. nor Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac, MI (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/conference center or while on the hotel/conference center 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 Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac, MI (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, representative, employees or any other person.



Past International President Joe Preston, of Mesa, Arizona, will be the Lions International guest speaker at the MD 11 Convention in May.

PIP Preston was elected to serve as president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 97th international convention held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 4-8, 2014.

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

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

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

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



Beautiful FIREPIT lounge At the Auburn Hills Marriott



LCI Dues Adjustment Resolution will be Voted on at 2022 International Convention

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 convention and the move to a virtual convention in 2021 as we adapted to the pandemic. The new dues adjustment model will be voted on at the 2022 International Convention.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues \$7 over a three-year period.

Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

Why an international dues adjustment is needed?

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, hybrid convention, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed?

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT to help you present it to your Lions. If you have any questions on the dues adjustment resolution, please contact LCI Executive Administrator Sanjeev Ahuja.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

**Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President**

IN MEMORIAM PCC Linda Tate

PCC Linda Tate passed away on January 13 at home after a valiant battle with cancer.



As a college student at the University of Detroit Mercy, athlete Linda played on the first women's basketball team in 1977. After college she was moved to serve our country and joined the US Air Force where she served 4 years. Linda was employed by the IRS for the majority of her career up until her passing.

PCC Linda served District 11 A1 in many ways since becoming a Lion in 1999. She was a member of the Detroit North

Central Lions Club, serving as secretary and president. Her leadership shined brightly as District Governor in 2010-2011, Michigan Lions Forum Chairperson 2017-2019 and then onto Council Chair from 2015-2016.

Recognition of her service came in many ways, including the PID William Larry Young Award and the S.A. Dodge Award.

PCC Linda leaves behind her beloved daughter, Lion Dolly, and 5 sisters and brothers.

PID Larry Young



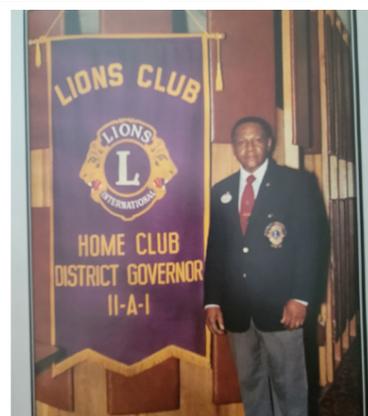
PID Larry Young passed away January 12 at the age of 100. His accomplishments were many, to say the very least. PID Young served as District Governor of District A1 from 1982-1983. He became an International Director and served Lions worldwide from 1992-1994.

In his career, PID Larry was employed with the City of Detroit as Director of the Bureau of Food Sanitation for 37 1/2. He was appointed by Governor's Blanchard and Engler to serve on the Michigan Commission for the Blind and was instrumental in the passage of the Disabilities Act. He and his wife, Harriett were life members of the NAACP. PID Larry and his daughter

marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in his historic Freedom March.

Among his many Lions awards and achievements, he was the recipient of the S.A. Dodge award; LCI's Ambassador of Goodwill; Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame member. District A1 honored PID Larry with the naming of the Wm. Larry Young Award.

To say PID Young was an amazing and accomplished man is an understatement. He will be greatly missed not only by his family and friends, but by his District, 11 A1, the Lions of Michigan and the Lions of the World whose lives he has touched these past 100 years.



> WHITE CANE NEWS

2022 White Cane Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the 2022 White Cane Scholarship Recipients!

This year the White Cane Committee selected four scholarship recipients. Four outstanding students will be awarded 3 - \$3,000.00 scholarships and 1 - \$500.00 scholarship.

Each year the pool of applicants is more impressive! It is heartwarming to read the accomplishments of these students who have achieved so much despite their visual challenges.

2022 \$3,000.00 White Cane Scholarship Recipients

Autumn Michels is presently attending the BSBP Training Center in Kalamazoo to learn life skills. Autumn has been blind since the age of 2 years old, due to an optic glioma tumor. She hopes to attend Western Michigan University to be a Child Social Worker, her goal is to help children see that their dreams can be reached with enough determination and persistence. Autumn has already had some experience working with children at a day care as a Teacher's Assistant. Her plans for the scholarship are to purchase a braille note touch that would enable her to type any college work that needs to be turned in, a printer and a Victor Stream to record lectures so they can be reviewed later.

Katie Hunter plans to attend Muskegon Community College in January. She would like to go into the field of Special Education working with those who have cognitive disabilities. Katie has chosen this specific area because she has had the pleasure of growing up with siblings who have cognitive challenges. The scholarship money will provide help with the cost of Muskegon Community College.

Kasey Kernen is Troy high school student and works at an educational farm, she has applied to Albion College. She has worked hard to earn a spot in the Student Leadership Conference which takes place in Europe next Summer. Her eventual goal is to manage an educational and/or therapeutic farm or recreational camp for those with mental or physical trauma. Kasey believes that independence is an important steppingstone that is provided through college.

2022 \$500.00 White Cane Scholarship Recipient

Samuel Tocco is a student intern at DTE Energy and has been encouraged by his new colleagues to earn his degree as quickly as possible to increase his opportunity for advancement with them. He plans to attend Walsh College of Business this coming semester. The scholarship will be used towards Samuel's college education. Samuel is familiar with the Lions through summer camps and sponsorship for a Leader dog.



VISION AND EYE HEALTH AWARENESS CALENDAR

WHITE CANE WEEK APRIL 23-MAY 1

The following information was taken from <https://www.fightingblindness.org/eye-health-awareness-calendar#main>

- January**
Braille Literacy Month
Glaucoma Awareness Month
World Braille Day: January 4 (Louis Braille's Birthday Jan 4,1809)
- February**
AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month: (Age Related Macular Degeneration)
- March**
Save Your Vision Month
Work Place Eye Awareness Month
March 23: World Optometry Day
- April**
CVI Literacy Awareness Month
Sports Eye Safety Month
Women's Eye Safety Month
- May**
Healthy Vision Month
Blind Awareness Month
Vision Health Month
May 20: Global Accessibility Awareness Day
- June**
Cataract Awareness Month
Helen Keller Deafblind Awareness Week
June 20: Nystagmus Awareness Day
- July**
Eye Injury Prevention Month
- August**
Children's Eye Health and Safety Awareness Month
Cataract Awareness Month
- September**
CVI Awareness
National Guide Dog Month
- October**
Vision Awareness Month
World Blindness Awareness Month
Meet the Blind Month
October 13: World Sight Day
October 5: UNESCO World Teachers' Day
October 15: White Cane Day
October 15: Blind Americans Equality Day
National Braille Week
Home Eye Safety Month
- November**
Diabetic Eye Disease Month
- December**
December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities

WHITE CANE ORDER FORM

Lions/Lioness Club Name _____
District _____ Date _____



SHIPPING ADDRESS:		BILLING ADDRESS:	
Name: _____	_____	Name: _____	_____
Address: _____	_____	Address: _____	_____
City: _____ Zip _____	_____	City: _____ Zip _____	_____
Phone: _____	_____	City: _____ Zip _____	_____

UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	Miniature Plastic White Canes	1000/bag	\$140.00	
	Punched Cards	500/bundle	\$15.00	
	String Tags	1000/box	\$57.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$25.00	
	White Cane Appliques	500/bundle	\$65.00	
	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$7.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$5.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$3.00	
	Individually Wrapped Mints (Peppermint or Wintergreen)	750 per box	\$20.00	
	42" Wooden Cane	Each	\$15.00	
**You will be billed for shipping and handling fees.			** Shipping and Handling	
			TOTAL:	

Order Form Online: www.lionsofmi.com

Mail to: Lions of Michigan • 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 • (517) 887-6640 ext. 10 • fax: (517) 887-6642

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.

LCIC 2022 MONTREAL



When Lions and Leos coming together to celebrate, the future of service gets brighter. That's why we're thrilled to see you at LCIcon 2022 in Montréal, Canada next year! Get ready and register today.

LCIcon JUNE 24-28, 2022 | PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL

Take in Montréal's rich history and culture at LCIcon 2022! From beautiful architecture and a buzzing 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.

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://lcon.lionsclubs.org/get-ready-for-lcon-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.

GENERAL ATTENDEE

104TH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
 MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA • FRIDAY, JUNE 24 - TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022

CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE - SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

First/Given Name _____ Last/Family Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

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

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

Club # _____ Membership # * _____ District _____ Title _____
 *Required for club delegates who will certify and vote in the election

COMPANION

First/Given Name _____ Last/Family Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

Lion Leo-Lion Omega Leo Alpha Leo Adult Guest

Club # _____ Membership # * _____ District _____ Title _____
 *Required for club delegates who will certify and vote in the election

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

CHILD

First/Given Name _____ Last/Family Name _____ Age _____ Alpha Leo

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

First/Given Name _____ Last/Family Name _____ Age _____ Alpha Leo

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON (Must be registered to attend.)
 I/we plan to attend this event.
 Date/Time: June 26, 12:30 - 14:30 Fee: US \$75 Quantity: _____ Amount Due \$: _____

DISTRICT GOVERNORS/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS BANQUET (Must be registered to attend.)
 I/we plan to attend this event.
 Date/Time: June 27, 20:00 - 22:00 Fee: US \$125 Quantity: _____ Amount Due \$: _____

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
 No Restrictions Indian Vegetarian Vegetarian Other: _____

SERVICE PROJECTS IN MONTRÉAL

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

LEOS AND YOUNG LIONS INTEREST

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

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

HOTEL INFORMATION

PACKAGE A Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.
 Before January 7, 2022 - room reserved in delegation hotel based on availability
 After January 7, 2022 I prefer my delegation hotel Prefer another hotel:

Arrival Day/Date _____ Departure Day/Date _____

of Guests in room including yourself: _____ # of beds requested 1 2

Special Requirements: Wheelchair Accessible Other: _____

- US \$200 Hotel Deposit is per room and credited to your hotel bill at check out.
- Room requests are subject to hotel availability

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

REGISTRATION FEES AND PAYMENT

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

REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY (Before January 7, 2022)	Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$175	Omega Leo: US \$100	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20
REGULAR (January 8, 2022 - March 31, 2022)	Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$225	Omega Leo: US \$100	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20
LATE (April 1, 2022 - Onsite)	Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$250	Omega Leo: US \$100	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20
PACKAGE A: Registration: US \$ _____	Ticketed Events: US \$ _____	Hotel Deposit: US \$200.00	Total Due: US \$ _____
PACKAGE B: Registration: US \$ _____	Ticketed Events: US \$ _____		Total Due: US \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION
 Check # _____ (payable to Lions Clubs International) Wire Transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form) Visa MasterCard Discover

Name as it appears on credit card. Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.
 Card Number - - - - - / - - - - - Expiration Month/Year - / - Security Code (3 digits) - - -

Cardholder Signature: _____

- Please submit all pages of completed form once via mail, fax, or email • Allow 4 weeks for processing.
- Mail: Lions Clubs International, Attn: Convention Division, 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook IL 60523-8842, USA
- Fax: (630) 203-3787
- Email: registration@lionsclubs.org
- Credit card information should only be entered into this form and never written into the body of an email.
- Personal checks should be mailed.
- After processing this form, Lions International will email your Official Registration Confirmation.
- Please print your Official Registration Confirmation and bring it to the convention in order to obtain your name badge. A photo ID is required.
- Information provided on this document shall be used in accordance with the privacy policies and procedures of Lions International.
- Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting LCIcon for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event.
- Your registration is your consent for use of images by Lions International.
- To avoid a duplicate, please do not mail original if faxed or emailed.

> CHILDHOOD CANCER NEWS 2022

CHILDHOOD CANCER COMMITTEE NEWS

LAURA HUNT - CHAIR

We've been so very busy this year! In addition to supporting our 3 focus projects (Kids Kicking Cancer, Camp Quality, and Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids), we've been working on identifying and helping affected families directly. We'd like you to share just one example from Chris Smith, D10 Childhood Cancer Committee Chair. We encourage your clubs to continue and even increase your support of our Childhood Cancer projects. Each District has a Chair; please contact them or State Chair Laura Hunt for more information about how your club can get (more) involved!



Meet Rylan! In 2020 at the age of four, he started his battle with Stage IV High-risk Neuroblastoma Cancer. He is a champion who continues to stay strong and always makes the world brighter with his smile. Below are his fathers' words describing their battle.

"With Rylan receiving treatment in Ann Arbor our family became separated and required us to travel 500 miles one way for every treatment and appointment. These treatments can be multiple times a month and are currently every two weeks. As I continue to work back home in [the Upper Peninsula] my wife mainly travels with and spends admissions with Rylan. This has caused extreme financial and emotional stress on the entire family.

While we were in the hospital during the first week someone told us about Chris Smith with the U.P Lions and that if we needed any help, she was the person to call. We contacted her right away and immediately the Lions started to help us both financially and emotionally. We have received multiple checks to help cover medical, travel, and living expenses since the beginning of this Journey.

Along with the financial support, we have also been referred to many other organizations to assist with our entire family and what we are going through. Great programs like Kids Kicking Cancer, Camp Quality, and Trek

the U.P have offered great healing support for the whole family, and all of these were brought to our attention by the Lions.

In closing, I would like to say how grateful we are for everything the U.P Lions has done and is still doing for our family during this very difficult time. We will continue to refer anyone we meet that is going through similar situations to this Organization. The Lions have been like a soft fluffy cloud and a ray of sunshine that has continued to make us feel as comfortable as possible since Day 1 and we can never thank them enough!!" (italics added)

Lion Chris says "It is an honor to serve Rylan and his family as they continue on their path to victory against cancer!"



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

"CALLING ALL PDG'S!"

BY PDG JIM PETTINATO

Being a Governor is an honor and a privilege as you serve your District and MD-11. In a heartbeat your year as District Governor is over and your title changes to include "past". We continue to serve in many ways including being a mentor to the Lions desiring to move up in this fantastic association.



Bear Lake Camp services many people with special needs and is open most of the year. The camp is over 20 years old and the mechanical equipment (Hot water tanks and furnaces) are reaching or have exceeded their expected life. At this time, they are all functioning as expected but we know the day will come when the Camp must scramble to take care of these issues.

We as Past District Governors can help the camp by taking on the project of securing the equipment so when the time comes, we can take care of the issue at hand. We are not asking PDG's to do the work but help fund the equipment.

There is no longer a PDG Association but we can still serve in supporting our projects and Bear Lake can sure us the help. Let us set up an account at Bear Lake for this specific project.

We are asking Past District Governors to support the mechanical equipment project by making a \$25.00 contribution to the project. If you can contribute more, it would be appreciated.

Please send a check payable to Bear Lake camp and mail it to:

PCC Jim Pettinato at: 6039 Steeplechase Dr. #4, Grand Blanc, MI 48439.
Put PDG Project in the memo section of your check.

Progress on the project will be communicated through our Lions Pride newsletter.

Thank you for your support to Bear Lake Camp. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Jim.

Yours in Lionism,

PCC Jim Pettinato
Jtpett1130@gmail.com
989-305-5397

Multiple District 11 WE SERVE!

There are many ways to serve the membership of MD 11. Participating as a district representative on one of our many State Committees is one of several opportunities.

Below is a list of all State Committees. Several of the State Chairperson terms will expire June 30, 2022.

The MD 11 Policy Manual states each committee shall have district representation and will appoint a Vice Chairperson of each. All interested Lions are asked to contact Executive Director Wendy Burns, wburns@lionsofmi.com for further information.

Lions of Michigan State Committees

- Lions All State Band
- Lions Bear Lake Camp
- Childhood Cancer -Expires 6/30/22**
- Constitution and By-Laws/Rules
- Diabetes – Expires 6-30-22**
- District Editors Advisory
- Eversight – Expires 6/30/22**
- Global Leadership Team – Available 1 year term**
- Global Membership Team – Available 1 year term**
- Global Service Team – Available 1 year term**
- Hearing
- Hunger – Expires 6/30/22**
- Information Technology -Expires 6/30/22**
- Lions Clubs International Convention
- Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Leo Clubs
- Lions Michigan Forum – Expires 6/30/22**
- Lions Quest
- MD 11 Lions Convention – Expires 6/30/22**
- Public Relations/Social Media
- Reading Action Plan – Expires 6/30/22**
- Sight Conservation/White Cane
- Youth Exchange**



Instead of an awesome article about some amazing club or lion, how about a few abstract words from District Governor Jim!

It's a new year, a blank slate, an empty canvas, and as my hero Calvin, from "Calvin and Hobbes" fame said in their final edition – "it's a whole new world out there Hobbes ole buddy" – "let's go exploring".

Let's go exploring indeed!

We need to rediscover Lions in SD10. There is a treasure trove of untapped energy and talent scattered throughout our great district. We have had a pretty darn good year in spite of the hardships forced upon us or maybe it's because of these hardships. In my travels throughout the district I have encountered some pretty amazing Lions. From far and wide, east to west and north to south, our Governor Team has had the pleasure to meet with lots of Lions we have known for years, but more importantly we have met Lions that are either new to the organization or have decided it's time to get involved.

I'm looking forward to working with 1st VDG Gretchen and 2nd VDG dan to continue over the next 6 months, the progress we've made in the 1st 6. In our district we take pride in the fact that we have a great succession plan in place, our team includes members that will be moving into leadership positions down the road, working alongside well seasoned leaders that continue to serve as needed. Our decisions are made not with the current governors plan but with the districts future plans, for all parts of our district, near and far. As we visit our clubs we engage all Lions in the conversation of what we can do for them and ask their involvement in what they can do for the district. I am proud of each and every Lion I meet, each doing their part in their own way to help their community.

Well everyone, welcome to winter, believe me it's here, just ask those in the lake effect areas of the UP with snow measured in feet not inches or those that start each day with thermometer readings showing below zero. Meetings now are not so much at the mercy of the pandemic but rather at the mercy of mother nature. Let's all stay safe watch the weather and each other.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE D 10 GOVERNOR, AND HOW IT IS NORTH OF THE BRIDGE IN JANUARY 2022. SEE YOU ALL SOON

Elkton Lions Club have hit the 200 mark for the Pop Up Food Pantries!

The Elkton Lions Club have hit the 200 mark for the Pop Up Food Pantries that they started hosting in March 2020 in Huron and Tuscola Counties .



The families served are mostly from Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties. At 350 families per event average that's 70,000 family grocery deliveries since we started.

March 2020, when the Covid pandemic struck, members from the Elkton Lions Club wanted to do something to help. Members pulled together with the Eastern Michigan Food Bank to setup some distributions. Seeing that many people were in need, they continued to work with other organizations around Huron and Tuscola County and by January 27th, 2022 they had completed 198 food distributions. Elkton Lions members Kurt Damrow and John Champagne continue to spearhead this operation. We are so proud of the work they have done. Volunteer workers from surrounding Lions Clubs include, Owendale, Sebewaing, Cass City, Port Austin, Bad Axe, Pigeon and others. These are some of the statistics from the last couple of years.

March 28th 2022 will mark 2 year of hosting Pop Up Food Pantries in Huron/Tuscola County. Many of the semi's were paid for with grants and many were local donations, but if we had to purchase every one the total would exceed \$120,000, which is basically just shipping cost. We Average at around 20,000 lbs of groceries per semi, that's 4 MILLION POUNDS of Free Food given out. In addition to donated eggs from Farm Crest Foods, Beans from Star of the West, Bread, Meat) At a low of \$1 retail per pound, that would be \$2 MILLION DOLLARS in Groceries. We have approximately 20 Volunteers per Food Pantry, 5 hours per pantry, 100 Food Pantries, that's 10,000 Volunteer Hours just at the events. On average miles I drive for a pantry 40 miles each, 4,000 miles for the year. (including picking up donated items, eggs, storage, check on coolers, homebound, meat pickup, etc).



Locations/Towns we have been at the past 12 months: Elkton, Pigeon, Bay Port, Sebewaing, Bad Axe, Ubyly, Port Austin, Port Hope, Harbor Beach, Kilmanagh, Owendale, Gagetown, Cass City, Caro, Wisner, Akron and Laker Schools. Not only have we had food pantries we have also had Egg Deliveries with a semi full of Eggs was delivered to 30 locations in Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, Lapeer and St.Clair Counties. We have had in the area of 15 Lions Clubs represented in Volunteering.

Special Thanks to Countryside Transportation Services, Sebewaing, MI. They have donated the semi's, trailers, and drivers...at NO COST...for a number of pickups and deliveries to help families in the Thumb. Thank You Stephanie and Joel!

Thank You Pigeon Telephone...for unlimited help and support, couldn't have done it without you Pigeon Rotary and Hagle Real Estate.

It's been an honor to be able to volunteer, I am not an employee of the foodbank as some have thought but I am a member of the Elkton Lions Club, and serve so many great families and many have become friends and like my family. We will continue as long as needed and as long as our hosts will be there and volunteers will keep showing up. And we will continue to start every event with Prayer!

Your Donations are greatly appreciated if you feel so moved to support and help us. Please make checks payable to the Elkton Lions Club, mail to my address at

8949 Point Charity Ave, Pigeon, MI 48755 (memo: Food Program). To help us cover expenses of our next year food giveaway and meal program. Thank You Laker Schools for the donation of the Trailer, use of the Bus Garage, and help from your staff and grounds team. Thank You to DTE Energy and the United Way of Huron County for your donations and support. Thank You to the Foodbank of Eastern Michigan, our Foodbank Coordinator Heather, Terry and the crew at the Foodbank warehouse, Elkton Lions Club and all our other Lions Clubs,. all of our semi drivers, volunteers, donors, WLEW Kelly Carpenter, and the generosity of the host locations.

**Kurt Damrow and John Champagne
Elkton Lions Club**



Become a Youth Exchange Host Family!



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

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

Expectations of a Host Family

• **Room and Board**

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

• **Transportation**

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

• **Selecting an Exchange Youth**

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

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

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

> LIONS FOUNDATION SWEEPSTAKES

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December 14, 2021

Mr. Chad A. McCann
Executive Director
Lions of Michigan Foundation

Dear Mr. McCann,

On behalf of Troy Miller and his family, I want to thank you and the Foundation for your careful and generous oversight of the Troy Miller Liver Fund.

Sadly, Troy passed away on October 23 of this year. He far surpassed his life expectancy, given the severity of his many health issues. Troy had his liver transplant approximately 35 years ago when he was only 5 years of age. Achieving age 40+ made him one of the longest survivors of a pediatric liver transplant.

His life was a reflection of all the love and caring bestowed on him by his parents and brother, grandparents, aunts and uncles and countless friends and even many who never had the honor of knowing him. He brought joy to our world and demonstrated remarkable courage. In life and in memory, he was and continues to be a constant inspiration.

The burdens of his illness were greatly lessened by the assistance of the Troy Miller Liver Fund. His family is forever grateful to the Lions of Michigan Foundation for its assistance.

The family extends its sincerest thanks to all who made this ongoing act of kindness possible.

With deepest gratitude,

Pamela A. Moskwa, on behalf of Troy's family and as initial treasurer of the fund
12267 Championship Circle
Fort Myers, FL 33913
Cc: Gary Miller



Lions of Michigan Foundation,

When my childhood home burned down two years ago you were there to help my mother meet her basic needs with the Emergency Disaster Relief Fund. That money helped her secure the next few days lodging while her house insurance investigated the fire. I will always be grateful for your generosity as well as the generosity of my local Lions Club, the Marquette Lions Club.

Please find a donation form attached to this letter. I would like to contribute to the Lions of Michigan each month with a standard deduction from my business account. Please deduct the amount shown on the for each month going forward. If you could be so kind as to provide the 501c information for tax purposes it would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to donate in the name of the Marquette Lions Club. I have reviewed the donation section of the website and would really appreciate if the first \$750 could be donated towards Project KidSight Fund so that the Marquette Lions Club could name a Helen Keller Fellow. You have my permission to allocate the remaining funds towards any program thereafter.

Thank you for all the good you do across our community.

Respectfully,
Stephen Herman
Stephen Herman
Marquette Lions Club

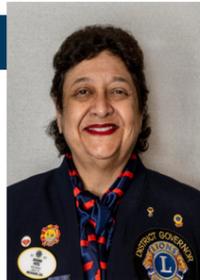
December 13, 2021

Lions of Michigan Foundation
5730 Executive Drive
Lansing, MI 48911
Attn: Chad McCann

Dear Sir,

Just a short letter to express my gratitude for your eye care assistance. My glasses were over five years old, scratched and fogged. Having Keratoconus, my glasses are very expensive. Lately, our income has been greatly reduced. So, new glasses were out of the question. Thanks to the Lions Foundation, I now have new glasses! Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Robert A. Kohne
Robert A. Kohne



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DG Roshni Patel
MONROE • WAYNE
www.metrodetroitlions.org

The district mourns the passing of PDG Linda Tate. Lion Linda served the district as Governor in 2020-2011, was the past Michigan Forum committee chair for three years, served as Council Chair 2015-2016 and was the recipient of the prestigious S.A. Dodge award for 2018-2019.



The Detroit Northeast Lions Club held our Raffle Drawing on December 2nd and presented the winner who came quickly when we notified him of their \$1,000.00 winning ticket just being pulled. Our club along with other clubs and our charities that participated with the Raffle Ticket sales raised over \$4,000.00 after all costs were paid.



President, Lion Sokratis presenting the winner with their \$1,000.00 in gift cards.

The Detroit Renaissance Lions Club held a Martin Luther King Celebration fundraiser in January. The fundraiser was a wine tasting zoom event featuring "Vin Vin Vin" and hand selected wines showcasing the basic aspects of wine tasting and pairing. The donations will go directly to Lions Clubs selected areas to benefit and assist those in need, most notably in our community, Diabetes and the Blind.



The Bedford Township Lion Club assisted the Bedford Junior High student council in distributing over 100 boxes of food for families in need in Bedford Township. With the assistance of teachers and BJHS student council advisor Jim Lopinski and Lions service committee chair Kirk Davis donated food, brought in by the students, made this annual project a success once again.

Bedford Lions also distributed over 50 gift cards to area residents to make the holidays a little more bearable in these trying times. This project and the vast number of other projects supported by Bedford Township Lions is made possible by the proceeds from people shopping at the Bedford Lion's Den in downtown Temperance.



11 A2



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For several years now the Lake Orion Lions Club has sponsored a special child at Penrickton named DJ. The club has seen to it that both he and his mother Katie enjoy a wonderful Christmas holiday each year. Due to COVID restriction put in place to protect the staff and children at Penrickton only a few Lions were allowed to visit this year. Lion Jim Lykins and Lion Lauraine Pettinato are shown here with DJ during their visit. Jim commented that he was shocked at how much DJ had grown since his last visit and at how well he got around the center. As is clear from the photo, DJ loved the guitar and other toys that he received!



Lion Dick Maxwell of the Lathrup Village Lions Club was all smiles when Aquila from the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority delivered over 600 pairs of donated eyeglasses to our club. Lion Nancy Maxwell will be busy counting, sorting and boxing the eyeglasses as the first steps in the distribution process to persons around the world. Thank you, Alpha Kappa Alpha!



A great time was had by all who came out to the District 11-A2 Christmas Party, held on December 10 at the Fraser Lions Den. Governor Jim Leach, Jr and our beautiful First Lady Kim ushered in the holidays sporting their ugly Christmas gear. Santa was on hand to declare Lion Lauraine Pettinato and PDG Joe Wilson the co-winners of the ugly sweater contest.



The Richmond Lions Goodfellows were able to provide food for the Christmas season to 25 Richmond area families. A total of 32 children were given toys as well. Fourteen volunteer drivers delivered the food and toys to the families. This was all possible due to the generosity of our community. Many thanks to the Richmond community choir and the middle school student council who held food drives for us. Richmond Middle School also sponsored the Stuff-the-Bus on December 11th which collected many food items.



The Utica Lions Club helped collect can/food items from Flickering and Wiley elementary schools. Thank you to the kids from both schools for the help. These donations along with financial support from the Utica Lions will help feed hundreds of needy families in Macomb County. Utica Lions hold fundraisers throughout the year to provide financial support to "Extended Hands" for Christmas baskets and presents for the children of needy families.



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The Cereal City Lions Club were able to provide Christmas baskets for 26 families this year. This year each family was able to choose between a traditional turkey or a ham which worked out as turkeys seem to be in short supply. The Club also expanded their service by helping Darlene Williams pack over 150 additional food boxes.



Adrian Lions Club members Terry Hicks, Larry Atkin, Laura VanSickle, Bob Guy, Char Dickerson, and Dick Sexton with their Festival of Lights entry – one of 400 trees on display outdoors at Comstock Park. The club also held their annual Evening With Santa event, featuring many happy children! Over 400 people (mostly children) attended and enjoyed crafts, snacks, and an opportunity to tell their Christmas wishes to Santa and receive a small gift and a book.

Approximately 10 years ago Lions Jan Bishop and Diane Klecker of the Battle Creek Host Lions Club recognized the need for children's access to books. They decided that their club would donate good quality, hard back books to children. These would not be shared books but would be personally owned by the children so they could write their names in them and take care of them. Last year \$1,000 worth of books were purchased, sufficient for two years.



Lion Teresa from the Cereal City Lions Club visited the Wellness Center at Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan, Inc to deliver lots of gifts for the kids in the program! They expressed gratitude to have the continued support of the Lions Club as partners serving children throughout Michigan at no charge.



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 a program including devotional time, a craft project (with Denise), virtual Bingo, a virtual talent show, and will again do the gift card raffle. Mark your calendar and invite friends to attend the virtual event. February 5, 2022 at 1pm. It will run 3-4 hours. 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 Michigan Center Lioness Club decorated their tree in December at the Township Park in honor of all their past Club Members, what a beautiful tribute and memorial.



Clark Lake Lions Club made room at the table for DG Terri Huffman and many wonderful Lions to celebrate and enjoy fellowship together during the holidays.



DG Terri exclaims, "I do love being in the Lions and even more being a District Governor. We inducted 6 of 10 new members tonight into the Dexter Lions Club. Fantastic group of Lions!"



11 B2

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The Lakeshore Lions presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Feeding America West Michigan. Feeding America West Michigan serves food pantries in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties.



From left to right Rich Murphy, Mobile Food Pantry Coordinator; Kritina Tunstill, Volunteer Coordinator; and Cindy Thomsom, Branch Manager and Lakeshore Lions Char and Greg Cook.

The Paw Paw Lions community Christmas Basket Program had another successful year of providing families in need with enough food to last the two weeks of Christmas vacation...and gifts for all the kids. This year we also provided one family with two sets of bunk beds for the kids by passing the hat one of our November meetings. Food was collected by the schools, the Boy Scouts, members and even the bingo players. We served 82 families consisting of 110 adults and 147 kids. There was a total of over 13,000 items given away.



The Mattawan Lions Club ran the Toy Department for the Mattawa Area Pantry Christmas Distribution. This year we gave out toys to over 400 kids. This was our biggest year yet! Members of the Mattawan Leo Club pitched in to help too. The Mattawan Lions Club also held Santa drive thru stocking give away. Santa Lion Spencer and his helpers Lion Wes and Bonnie gave away 50 stockings to children from the area!



The Three Rivers Lions were busy in December, distributing food and toys to nearly 100 families. By 6 am the cars were already lining the Lions Club parking lot and side streets awaiting the gates to open for distribution from 8 – 11 am. Many Lions and volunteers were on hand to load the food boxes into the vehicles as they pull up to the door. Over 2,500 toys, books, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, lotions, hats, gloves, and socks were collected by the Marine Corp. League #1401 of St. Joseph County. The Marine Corp. set out boxes at local businesses in Three Rivers and the community generously fills those boxes. 9 years ago, the Marines contacted Lion Jeff Mayuiers to see if they could work with the Three Rivers Lions in distributing the toys along with the food baskets the Lions were already distributing. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services sends out letters to residents in St. Joseph County who have requested assistance and then coordinates the requests they receive and sends out letters that are brought to the Lions on distribution day.



The Portage Lions Club answered the request of a local grandmother to help her daughter's family of four have a brighter holiday. The Portage Lions adopted the family and spent approximately \$600 of club funds and personal donations to provide a food gift card, clothes, toys and gifts for the daughter, her husband, two small boys, and the grandmother.



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The Muskegon Northside Lions were excited to grant several teacher mini grants to our area schools. We know many children will be impacted with the wonderful ideas that were submitted. 13 grants were awarded totaling almost \$ 2200.00.



The Northside Muskegon Lions Club's last project for the year 2021 was a visit to Every Woman's Place to hand out some gifts. Every Woman's Place is a dual service agency providing comprehensive services to all individuals impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking and stalking in Muskegon County, Michigan. The mission of Every Woman's Place is to strengthen lives in the community by providing shelter, counseling, and advocacy for those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking.



The Rockford Lions Club is holding their can and bottle drive through January. This has become one of their larger fund raisers.



The Sparta Lions Club served 222 persons a Christmas Dinner, which included 70 lbs. of Prime Rib, 80 lbs. of Chicken and 60 lbs. of Ham, along with potatoes, salad bar and rolls. The event was hosted by the North Eagles, it was a great time for a great community with great service organizations that made it all happen.



Eduardo and Beth from Mel Trotters ministry were on hand to except the 30 backpacks put together by the Wyoming Lions Club. Those who attended the presentation were, Matt, James, Courtney, Allyson, and Becci. We as Lions in our community strive to serve where we are needed. This was our service project this year and it was a very successful one. Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who contributed to this cause.



11 C2



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District Governor Lion Tracy Temple and VDG Lion Traci Tribley visited the Delta Dewitt Ledges Lioness Lions Club for their December meeting. The club recently donated personal hygiene items to Grand Ledge High School which the National Honor Society used to put together personal hygiene bags for those in need.



The Grand Ledge Lions Club recently built and installed a fourth Little Comets Library, this one at Holbrook Elementary School. We have now built and donated Little Comets Libraires at Delta Center, Willow Ridge, Delta Mills Early Childhood, and Holbrook Elementary.



The Mason Lions Club recently made their annual holiday donation to the Mason Food Bank. A check for \$750 was presented in person by Lion Melinda Merindorf to Debbie Zielinski of the Mason Food Bank. The Mason Lions Club does fundraise events of various types throughout the year to provide the money for several donations to community causes in the Mason area. They are proud to support their food bank that helps to reduce hunger insecurity for local families.

Lions Cyndi Mark, Heather Goupil, Melinda Merindorf, Karen Routson, Debbie Zielinski of the Food Bank

White Cane Collection at Busch's On Friday we held out the Lions' White Canes and raised \$789 plus about \$20 in change and Saturday we raised \$751 plus about \$15 in change. That brings the total to about \$1,575 for the two days!

Thanks to all the volunteers [Lions Bud, Ken, Beth, Debra, Don, Tony] and a special thanks to Lion Bud for organizing the 2-day event, Lion Don for his counting skills, and also a special thanks to Busch's (especially manager John) for being flexible, taking good care of us and helping us raise funds for our community! Way to go Brighton Lions!



This is what was collected for Livingston County Special Olympics Families. Along with a cash donation.

DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club - This year there were 18 Families including 51 children and 8 seniors who received Christmas packages and food delivered by 9 Lions and 1 spouse. Lions, Cori Barkman, Patrick Donlon, Tom & wife Doyle, Jim Dunn, Greg Houghtaling, Jim Kraft, Mae Luchetti, Jim Rundborg and Tony Spagnuolo.



Another helpful person the East Lansing Meridian Lions Club is thanking for his support. He is the son of Lion Carrie Agnew. His name is Chris Gliniecki. He lives in Cincinnati, OH. The home of Matthew 25 Ministries. Chris delivers empty pill bottles and cleaned hard case eyeglass containers to the ministries at least 2 times a month when he visits his mother here in Michigan. Chris estimates he has delivered over 1000 pill bottles and 1000 eyeglass cases. Sometimes he has to make more than 2 trips to keep up. Thank you, supportive Lions in the District C2. Chris is 35 and enjoys serving. Our club has provided him with a gift card as payment for his work for the past 2 years!

Mike - mentor, Logan Cosgrae - student, Ryan Rivet - student, Paul Garrett - teacher, Claire Sanderlin - student, Bekah Allen - Lions member, Mary Christensen - Lions member, Jaylei Kramer - student, and Students Matt Ballarrel, Kathryn Magyar, Ethan Mohny, Brad Kramer

Laingsburg Lions Club donated \$5000.00 to the LHS Red Thunder Robotics team to purchase new equipment to build another robot for competition.



This year, thanks to a grant from Modern Woodmen of America, every dollar we raise on our cheese sale is matched. Our purpose is to raise money to develop Veterans Memorial Park. The photo above is a concept of what we could do to develop the area near the flagpole and cannon.

What started with the purchase of a bench, has sparked ideas for a great way for our Club to make a lasting contribution to our community.



Holt Lion club honored longtime Delhi Township Park and Recreation Dept. Director, and good friend to the Lions, Mark Jenks. He is retiring at the end of the year. In recognition of Marks many years of service to Delhi Township, the community, and his help with our many Lion projects, we presented him with the John S. Noel Fellow Award. We will all miss Mark's presence at our many projects. We can only hope when the time is right for Mark, he will join us as a Lion.

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The Bay City Lions Club had a busy quarter! During meetings in October and November, we inducted 6 new members. Also in October, Lion Nicole Arsenault and the Handy Middle School Leos inducted over 40 new members! The Club also celebrated their 100th Club Anniversary in December. Lion Sandy Sting chaired an awesome cookie walk on Dec 6, raising around \$1400! President Jessica held the Sweet Dreams Pajama Drive through November, delivering over 80 pair of brand-new jammies to the Foster Closet along with a check.



Lion 3rd Vice President and Christmas Party Chair Patti Reaume along with her Co-Chair Lion Annie Eckenrod and lots of special Lion elves decked the halls of the LFA Hall on Dec 8 to put on the Annual Children's Christmas party. About 30 families, referred by local agencies, were in attendance and enjoyed a delicious taco dinner, reindeer games and a special visit from Santa and the Mrs, complete with gifts.



The Buena Vista Lions club held their annual Christmas shopping spree helping 40 children in the Saginaw Public Schools.



Fenton Lions Club received winter hats from an anonymous donor from Fenton. When our Treasurer Dave Dipka went to this person's home to pick up their donation. They asked if he knew of anyone that could use kids winter hats. Dave said he know of several, so he contacted Fenton Lions Club Secretary Marilyn Reibel and between the two came up with Children's World, Fenton - West Shore, North Road, and Tomek-Eastern Elementary. Lake Fenton Elementary and the rest went to City of Hope along with blankets.



The Flint Downtown Lions Club, with the help of the UAW, were able to give away seven holiday food boxes just before Christmas this year. We gave four of these boxes, some coats, and a box of toys to the Annual All Children Are Equal Toy Drive. They give out toys but also assist with other needs of children with incarcerated parents. Since we now have a connection to the Genesee County Sheriff Department, our intent is for our next project to be that of making Teddy Bears and blankets for the police to give out to traumatized children. All clubs are welcome to help or donate fabric, thread, stuffing, etc. to make these simple bears. Thank you, Dan Houston for allowing our club to help children with sickle cell anemia shop for items at Meijer.



11 D2

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The Harsens Island Lions Club hosted a free Breakfast with Santa event with pancakes, eggs, and sausage. The children were able to visit with Santa and there were gifts for children 12 and under. The club decorated for the event to resemble Santa's workshop.



The Marysville Lions Club kicked off the Holiday Season with our 2nd Annual "Buyin' with a Lion" shopping experience. Selected students from the Marysville Public Schools enjoyed shopping for family.



USA Lions Club are proud to announce three of our longstanding Club members received awards yesterday at our meeting at the American Legion. They are Scott Millerwise (who also received an acknowledgement for being a 40 year lion member). Gordie Pommeranke and Steve Langford. They each received the A. Charles Wier Award from Eversight, formally acknowledged by Zone Chairman Dave Fisher (Elkton Lions) who is also the local Eversight rep and Lindy Wineman Club President.

Pearl Beach Lions Club, Marine City Lions Club and Algonac Lions Club all worked very hard to care for residents of Rolling Brook senior living in Algonac displaced several residents and damaged several apartments in mid-November. The fire damaged 24 apartments and displaced 23 residents. Residents were relocated to the Algonac Lions Club for shelter, where community members brought food and clothing for those affected. There was an Algonac Community School bus that transferred residents to the

Lions Club and the Red Cross was onsite to assist them. The communities, including organizations, churches, individuals, and restaurants, came together to donate clothing and food. The donations of clothing, household and personal items were contributed by members of all 3 communities. The items were all sorted and organized into categories to make them ready for those who had lost their homes in the fire.



Elkton Lions had the pleasure of welcoming 7 new members to their group in January. Dave Fisher, Reg 3 Zone Chair installed the new members. They are Mark Birdsall, Rick Murawski, Lucas Swartzendruber, Allyson Kruse, Brian Logsdon, Charlotte & Don Bredow.

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St. Mary's Catholic School kids participate in community giving day with Big Rapids Lions Club.

Another Central Montcalm Lions Club Christmas is in the books. We were fortunate to be able to donate 16 backpacks filled with necessities for children placed into foster care. We were also able to distribute 50 goodie bags throughout the community, shop for three families to assist with their Christmas needs, and we participated in Stanton and Sheridan tree lighting ceremonies! We couldn't do any of this without the support of our community.



Coleman Lions Club was pleased to "adopt" a family of 5 at the Elementary School to shower with gifts. Members shopped with both club and personal cash and purchased clothes, toys, games, books, towels, a ham and gift card.



The Fremont Lions Club partnered with optometry students from the Michigan School of Optometry at Ferris State. The Optometry students involved in the "In Need of Eyecare" program delivered glasses to Fremont and Hesperia schools this week. It was wonderful to see the smiles and excitement! Thanks to the Fremont Area Community Foundation for their financial support. This picture shows a wonderful group of kids from Hesperia with their new glasses. Once again, we must extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Sarah Hinkley, her staff and the 3rd year optometry class, the Fremont Area Community Foundation for the grant, the City of Fremont for its participation and the superb staff of both Fremont and Hesperia schools for the coordinated efforts to make this happen.



Keeping in tradition with its long history of giving back to the community, the Greenville Lions Club gathered in Meijer to shop for toys that will go out to children and families in the Greenville area. The event is one that club member Dan Eagles says dates to the 1940s. "It goes back about 85 years, when we took old toys, fixed them up and painted them," he said. "It was stuff like bicycles, back then we'd fix it up, paint them and then give them out to kids in the area." The event has transitioned over the course of the past several decades, now, the Greenville Lions Club saves up money throughout the year and plans a shopping event at Meijer to ensure that families can have presents to give their children on Christmas morning. The Club estimates that they raised approximately \$8,000 during fundraisers for the event throughout the past year. Greenville's Meijer location also donated \$3,000.

DISTRICT FLOAT
 The District Float will be at its new home beginning August 1st. The address is 8543 E 7 mile RD, Big Rapids, 49307. Reservations still need to go through myself, using the form on the District website. The float is available. Whichever Club picks it up is responsible to return it promptly! Any questions, contact Lion Laura Johnson at 231-250-0537.
EYEGLOSS MISSION TRIP 2022 The OMICRON variant is putting a crunch on many things, but the District 11E1 Eyeglass Mission Trip is still a reality. Please contact PDG Harry Johnson if you would like to go! We are looking for optometrists from our district area for this worthwhile Lions Project. If the clubs would ask their local eye doctors to volunteer, it would be a great help as time is getting near for planning. We are looking at February 12-17 and the destination will be Puerto Penasco, Mexico. Yours in Lionism, Thank You,

The Midland Lions Annual Christmas Party for special kids was December 7. It is an evening of watching happy "Santa believers" enjoying lots of cookies, laughing with Jewels the clown, and singing with Santa.



The Hart Lions and Fleet Lions were able to get together once more for their annual Skittles Match. Skittles is a historical lawn game and target sport of European origin. Hart Lions were once again the receiver of the wooden spoon. Look out Fleet Lions as we will be straight into training in readiness for next year.



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Alpena Lions Club recognized Lion Bernie Lamp Jr. for his 65 years of service as an Alpena Lion. VDG Steve Murch presented him with the Lion of the Year award, which was renamed in his honor. Going forward the "Bernie Lamp Jr. Lion of the Year Award" will be presented to the Alpena Lion who best exemplifies the Lion Motto to Serve.



Bernie Lamp Jr. (L) receives award from VDG Steve Murch (R) Standing L to R: MaryJane Lamp and Bernie Lamp III.



Two local families received a great Christmas, thanks to the Beaverton Leo Club. Club members shopped for and wrapped the gifts for the families as a part of the Beaverton Lions annual program. Club members also raised additional funds to assist in the purchase of the gifts.



The Ellsworth Lions Club presented a donation to the Ellsworth Gift Box program. This is a wonderful student service project. The Ellsworth Lions hope that this made someone's Christmas Very Merry and Bright! The Ellsworth Lions were also able to donate to St. Francis school before the Holidays.



The first annual Alpena Lions Club potato sale, organized by Lion Andy Lamp resulted in 442 ten-pound bags of russet potatoes being sold. Thanks to the generosity of the Lions and local citizens, 200 bags of potatoes were donated to local food pantries and area charities. The Alpena Lions Club extends special thanks to Styra Farms of Posen for supplying the potatoes, R.A. Townsend Company for assisting in distribution and Besser Company for assisting in transporting the 4500 pounds of potatoes. The Alpena Lions wish to thank Ron and Cheryl Lempke for their guidance in identifying the needs of the local food pantries and charities.



Members of the Oscoda Lions Club built this 20' ramp for a couple in East Tawas. The entire project took just under seven hours to complete, and the homeowners were very satisfied with the results.



East Jordan Lions had a live auction in which they raised \$1,155 for the Care and Share Food Pantry. The auction was on wrapped presents contributed by Lions members and spouses.



Through the philanthropic generosity of Liesel Litzenburger-Meijer, the Boyne Valley Lions were able to partner with the Boyne City High School Hospitality Class under the direction of Chef Cole Thornton and serve up a delicious holiday meal for seniors at Litzenburger Place and Deer Meadows located in Boyne City. The holiday meal consisted of fresh rolls with butter, salad with spring mix, apples, red onion, cranberries, parmesan, candied walnuts and apple-cider vinaigrette, honey glazed ham with creamy Dijon sauce, and eggnog cheesecake with caramel sauce. The Boyne Valley Lions Club packed the meals, cutlery, a special gift, and delivered each meal directly to each resident and staff of both facilities. The original plan was to host a full dinner service for the residents, but the plan was discarded due to an abundance of caution associated with the continued concern surrounding the pandemic. Residents were overwhelmed with the meal delivery and expressed heartfelt appreciation for their holiday meal and gift.

The Michigan Ski for Light 2022 was another success! So grateful for all the volunteers who make this event possible, the Roscommon Lions Club who offer their support each year, and all the participants. Despite the cold, cold weather, the snow was great, and the sun was shining!



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up. Lions Bear Lake Camp needs your club's help! If your club is looking for a community service project, look no farther than camp!!!! We are in the process of getting our camp ready for the 2022 season. We have many renovations that are needed, and we need Lions assistance in getting the work done prior to April 2022. We have 10 cabins that we are renovating, which includes removing beds, repainting, and installing new carpeting squares.

The campers will really appreciate the refresh of the cabins. To meet the schedule, we have set up workdays every Saturday, starting January 15th through March 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (EXCLUDING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 5th) if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me 810-837-0119

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