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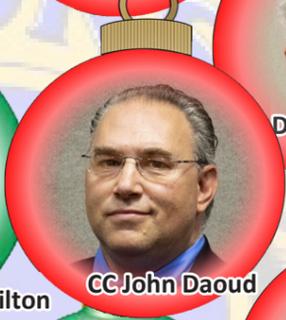
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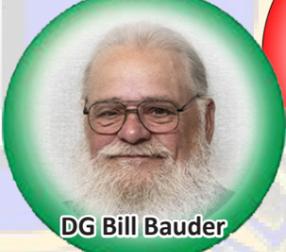
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WISHING YOU A VERY



Merry Christmas

**AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM YOUR 2023-2024
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING

Events:

December 25
Christmas

January 1 2024
New Year's Day

February 23-25 2024
Lions MI Forum
VDG Training
Council of Governors
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

March 8-9 2024
District 11C2 Convention
Colmstock Inn, Owosso

March 22-24 2024
District 11B2 Convention
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

April 6, 2024
District 11B1 Convention
Gene Davis Catering, Jackson

April 5-7 2024
District 11D1 Convention
Cadillac, Michigan

April 5-7 2024
District 11D2 Convention
Port Huron Michigan

May 17 2024
Council of Governors Final Meeting
Grand Rapids, Sheraton by Marriott

May 6-18 2024
MD 11 Lions Convention
Grand Rapids, Sheraton by Marriott

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



This years winner of the Peace Poster Competition is 6th grader Aarush Kulkarni, Meads from Mill Middle School located in Northville, MD 11 A1, was the MD 11 Peace Poster Contest Winner. Governors selected the winning poster at the recent Council of Governors meeting and will send a check in the amount of \$300 to Aarush. Congratulations!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

> DIRECTORS CORNER NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE

Wendy Burns, Executive Director



'TIS THE SEASON TO OPEN OUR HEARTS, OUR TOOL BAGS, AND OUR WALLETS.

Lions are known to be generous in many ways – be it through financial donations, acts of service, or physical labor.

Deliveries Across America is one of several annual events for the nationwide, nonprofit Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This year, volunteers set out to deliver over 2,000 beds to kids across the U.S., with 100 of those beds going to Lansing area families, alone. It's a feeling of pride to know that Lions have been a part of this organization across the state, helping to build beds and donate bedding to benefit their important cause.

At the recent Council of Governors meeting held in Lansing, Tail Twister Governor Lula Gardfrey opened the wallets of everyone in the room, all in the spirit of good will, to collect fine money which will be donated to the non-profit, Freetail, dedicated to combating homelessness.

Ashley Lions have been swinging their hammers to install ramps, and we could call the Oscoda Lions the "ramp-champs" for the many installations they have provided over the years. Build a park? Call on Lions. Beautify the landscape with flowers or trees? Call on Lions! Need a character in a Lion costume, a penguin costume, an elf, or a Santa? Call on Lions. We've got you covered for the holidays or any day.

I am so proud to be a part of this incredible organization! Wishing you all a very merry holiday and thank you, Lions, for warming the hearts of so many in need this year.

Yours in Service – Lion Wendy Burns



SA DODGE RECIPIENTS 2024 CONGRATULATIONS



2023-2024 S.A. DODGE RECIPIENT, PDG PAM SCHROEDER, 11 E1

PDG Pam Schroeder is an outstanding pro-active Lion. During her 26 years as a member, she has worked tirelessly to make the clubs in our District 11 E1 stronger and help them be an advocate for Lionism. She has stood up to adversity and has not been afraid to address issues that will make Lions an effective and more productive group.

Lion Pam has been active in her home club and works to keep it functioning effectively. She is also a strong influence in our district. Even though she has had setbacks in her own personal life, she has never lost her motivation to make Lionism a reality in other people's lives, Lions, and her community. PDG Pam shares the wealth of knowledge gained during her very active Lions life with other Lions.

She is not only a Lion but a community volunteer, who has volunteered in schools, held offices in the school PTO, chaired school fundraisers, worked with handicapped students in school and at a horse farm and in the nursery at her church.

Her work experience gained while employed as a waitress, hospital cook, teachers' aide, daycare worker and store manager has always blended into her leadership abilities.

Congratulations, Lion Pam Schroeder!



2023-2024 S.A. DODGE RECIPIENT PDG WES WAGESTER – DISTRICT 11 D2

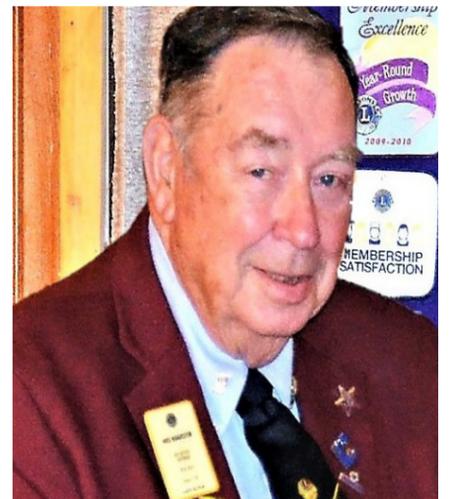
PDG Wes Wagester has served his club, his district and state at many levels. He has mentored many club and district leaders over the years and has been an asset to the state Lions in doing so. His humble leadership has been recognized by others and is a reason many step-up and participate in local and district activities. Even with serious health issues he would leave the hospital to attend a cabinet meeting or go to a club fundraiser.

As a Past District Governor, Lion Wes has maintained a very active schedule with LCIF and GLT, and Guiding Lion positions within the district because he realizes the immediate future is what will maintain the trajectory, we as Lions strive to maintain.

As a former teacher Lion Wes understands how to communicate with all ages and his heart truly is to Serve those in need and acts as a gracious servant to all. His efforts with the Peace Poster project, Leo clubs and Project KidSight are examples of how he continues to serve those in need and those who will someday be Lions or simply great citizens.

Few Lions will personally serve the hundreds of people he works with of all ages. He is a leader, a servant, and guiding light to all who know him and many that don't, yet unknowingly benefit from his never ending efforts to serve.

Congratulations, PDG Wes Wagester!



SPOTLIGHT SA DODGE RECIPIENTS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT <

Spotlight
District Governor
 DG Michael O'Lonergan-MD-11 C1



After a career of working with adults and young people in both secondary and higher education as an educator, coach, and administrator I have had time to reflect on life and what gives it purpose.

Especially with the holidays season upon us we need to take time to focus on what is good and what may need changing. In these trying times we need leaders like Lions to lead and provide good examples of how good people act and provide noble charitable service acts. Provide these with love and no strings attached.

The most used and most important word in the bible is "Love." Lions exemplify Love by serving others in need. Past International President Douglas Alexander had his slogan of "Service from the Heart," which really means to me service with Love. In this Holiday season I hope we can keep focused on service for all the right reasons.

Remember service is paying it forward. It is humbly giving of time, talent, and sharing riches. As Lions, we know our service is not for money nor recognition. If it is pure, it is the greatest gift we can actually give. We as Lions need to keep that inspiration spreading throughout our districts.

Just as PDG Traci Tribble said last year: "We need to enjoy life, laugh, and have fun. Keeping a positive attitude and having fun are all contagious. The more love and joy you have, in giving and serving, the larger impact you create."

Come January we will be halfway through another Lions year. This will be like our second half of a football game. Our holidays gives us a halftime to reassess or make adjustments. We as Lions need to come out fired-up for that second half. Inspire our communities, our young people, and those in need of our commitment to truly serving others bringing with it joy, fun, and love. Provide our service with noble distinction and others will follow.

LIONS get prepared for a GRRREAT second half of OUR YEAR and let us make it the BEST EVER!

Yours in Service,
 Governor Michael O'Lonergan, MD 11 C1

From the Desk of
 CC John Daoud MD11



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
 TO ALL MY FELLOW
 LIONS**

As we all know, this is the time of year where people give the most. They reach deep into those pockets and really donate. Meanwhile we as Lions continue to serve our community all year round. As you reach out beyond your membership to family and friends to provide those extra helping hands in putting together and delivering those food baskets, gathering up those toys to help families in need, maybe helping out with the candy sales or whatever special projects you're participating in during the holidays, remember to "just ask;" "If you are enjoying helping out, consider joining the Lions Club and being able to "Change the World" all year round."

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase what we do as Lions and extend an offer to join your club so those extra hands can assist in raising money to support our Club, District, and State projects as well as any hands-on projects that you may be undertaking to serve the community. While you're at it don't forget to report those projects to LCI so they know all the great things we Lions of Michigan are doing and they can leverage that success to go after big grant money for LCIF from large corporations.

Keep in mind that some smaller clubs could use a hand in their fundraising projects so reach out to your neighboring clubs and offer to team up for a fundraiser or community project and everybody wins. Not sure who to contact? You can start out with your Zone/Region Chairs or even one of the Governors to facilitate a partnership.

Enjoy the Holidays and I'll see you at the Lions of Michigan Forum in February!
 Council Chair John Daoud



The MD 11 Global Action Team (GAT)
Applications now being accepted for the
2024-2025 Lions Year

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

Term- One year; selected by the multiple district, per the multiple district constitutional bylaws. May serve multiple terms. Applications are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 year and must be submitted to the Lions State Office no later than May 1, 2024.

Recommended Qualifications:

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

GLT, GMT, GST and GET multiple district coordinators report to multiple district Global Action Team chair, the seated council chairperson.

Applications will be emailed upon request.
Contact Lion Wendy Burns at wburns@lionsofmi.com

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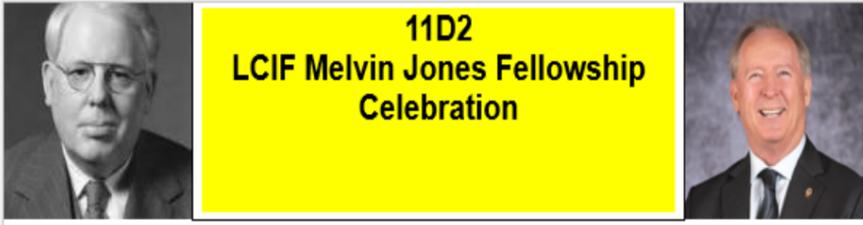
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>EXCHANGE NEWS 2023

11D2 LCIF MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION



**11D2
LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship
Celebration**

We are honored to host LCIF Chairperson PIP Lion Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori to 11D2 on May 31st & June 1st 2024.

There will be two events to meet and celebrate with Lions Brian and Lori in Port Sanilac, Michigan at the Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum. On Saturday June 1st Chairperson Brian will personally present any Progressive or Melvin Jones Fellow to those that are in attendance and have achieved such recognition. The only charge for the events is a specified donation to LCIF in the club or person's name.

Friday May 31st, 2024 Chairperson's Reception 7:00 p.m.
\$2,000 donation to LCIF
admits 2 individuals to the private reception (space is limited)
Hors d'oeuvre & Refreshments

Saturday June 1st, 2024 1:00 p.m.
\$100 donation to LCIF
Admits 1 individual to the celebration
Entertainment
Meal and Refreshments

I would like to reserve the following:

Friday Chairperson's Reception \$2,000 donation. Please credit the following individuals P/MJF account(s).

Name _____ Membership Number _____ Amount _____

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Or _____
Club Name _____ Club Identification Number _____ Amount _____

Saturday Celebration \$100 donation. Please credit the following P/MJF account(s).

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Or _____
Club Name _____ Club Identification Number _____ Amount _____

This form and Checks can be mailed payable to LCIF and mailed to:

Lion Irene Cole 2445 Ruth Road Deckerville, Michigan 48427

Questions or to pay by credit card please call PID Lion Justin Faber (989)600-9009 or PDG Brian Betzold (248)330-1101

Money sent directly to LCIF or paid online does not count towards this event.

**PDG TERRI HUFFMAN
APPOINTED
COUNCIL CHAIR - ELECT**



PDG Huffman was elected by the seated First Vice District Governors as Council Chair for the 2024-2025 Lions year. CCE Huffman will officially begin her term July 1, 2024.

CCE Terri Huffman has been active in the state as Governor of District 11 B2 and has served the past two years as the State Global Service Team coordinator. Other notable committees include the B1 D.A.D. Chair; LCIF District Coordinator; member of the Michigan Forum and MD 11 Convention committees. She has served as Guiding Lion: Jackson Lions Diabetes Service Club, chartered in October 2019.

In addition to attending and graduating from both the Leadership & Graduate Institute, CCE Huffman has completed the Council Chair training mandated by LCI, is a graduate of the Faculty Develop Institute and Lions University.

Professionally, CCE Terri worked as an Assistant Deputy Warden with the Michigan Department of Corrections, and during her employment there she coordinated, facilitated, wrote, and received a multi-million dollar grant the provided Life Skill programing to prisoners prior to their release from prison.

**Congratulations,
Council Chair-Elect PDG Terri Huffman!**

**Spotlight
GST MD11 CHAIR
PDG Terri Huffman**

Being selected as the MD 11 Lions of Michigan Counsel Chairperson for 2024-2025 is an honor and privilege that I appreciate beyond words. I will always credit Lion Sherry and Lion Jerry Jones for introducing me to the opportunities the Lions could provide me (because even though my father was a Lion, he never thought his daughters would be interested). There is also Lion Lorraine Lindsey who set me up for success with the Tekonsha Lions and was my sponsor and now a friend for life. Many more Lions have had an incredible impact and have become my closest of friends, honestly too many to mention.

As CC my first aspiration is to ensure that my leadership mirrors my goals to continue to share KINDNESS and BEE THE CHANGE. The Counsel of Governors will only be as successful as the volunteers that work with them. As we work together and enhance the leadership of our membership, I hope that we are an encouragement for others to step forward and be part of what is GREAT about being a Lion, SERVING OTHERS.

According to GOOGLE, Volunteering is an excellent way to cultivate a sense of gratitude and improve your wellbeing, happiness, and relationships. To make the most of your volunteer experience choose an opportunity that matches your interests, skills, and availability. We are doing this, so the next thing that needs to be done is to share our experiences with our communities and encourage them to join us!

Thank you for being the reason I smile. Thank you for being a Lion. Thank you for making this part of my Lions experience one I will never forget.

Top 5 Tips for Leading Volunteers

- 1. Define your volunteer group's goals and objectives.**
Volunteers are most engaged when they feel like their volunteer efforts are accomplishing something of value. As a volunteer leader, it is your responsibility to set clear goals that everyone working together can attain.
- 2. Hold volunteer meetings.**
Regular volunteer meetings are a great way to keep everyone on the same page about volunteer initiatives and tasks.
- 3. Celebrate volunteer successes.**
No volunteer likes to feel like their efforts go unrecognized. When volunteer activities lead to success -- whether big or small -- take time to celebrate that success with your volunteers!
- 4. Delegate.**
As a volunteer leader, you will be responsible for planning volunteer initiatives and assigning volunteer tasks.
- 5. Help them see the outcomes of their time.**
One of the volunteer leader's most important responsibilities is to help volunteers see how their volunteer time and efforts are contributing to the bigger picture.

5 Ways to Recruit Volunteers

1. Ask for volunteer help
2. Place an ad in an organization's newsletter
3. Advertise with signage in storefront windows
4. Promote volunteer opportunities on social media
5. Tap into existing networks



WHO'S WHO

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2023-2024



After an extensive national search, Melissa Weisse has been appointed as our new President & CEO. She will replace Susan Daniels, who in May 2023 announced her intention to retire.

Weisse has extensive nonprofit management experience leading programs and services for people who are blind or visually impaired. She has been with Leader Dog since 2003, having served as chief philanthropy officer since 2008. She led the organization's largest capital campaign ever, raising \$14.5 million for the new canine development center. In addition, Weisse has grown philanthropic revenue by 121% and estates revenue by 164% during her tenure, enabling greater service provision to clients. She is one of only 117 fundraising executives globally to hold the prestigious ACFRE designation. She has travelled extensively to speak and advocate for the Leader Dog mission and for inclusion and access for people who are blind or visually impaired.

Weisse graduated from the University of Notre Dame and has a master's degree from the University of Glasgow. She is a graduate of the Stanford Graduate School of Business Non-Profit Executive Leadership program and sits on the American Foundation for the Blind board of trustees. Weisse is also a proud member of Lions Clubs International.

Her diverse experience and advocacy make her well prepared to lead the organization into the future. Read more in our CEO announcement: <https://www.leaderdog.org/>

Spotlight
GLT MD11 CHAIR
PDG Tracki Tribley

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF GIVING AND LEADING

Happy Holidays!

During this time of year, it's great to reflect on the magic that this time of year brings. As your global leadership trainer, I'd like to share a few thoughts on how the spirit of the holidays can guide us in becoming better leaders, mentors, and volunteers in our Lions Clubs across Michigan.



One of the most precious gifts the holiday season offers is hope. The anticipation of better things to come, the joy of giving, and the warmth of community – these elements weave a tapestry of hope. As Lions leaders, we can take a cue from this and motivate our districts and clubs with a sense of optimism. Our shared mission is a symbol of hope for those we serve, and by encouraging that hope within our teams, we create a ripple effect that touches lives far beyond the holiday season.

In the spirit of gift-giving, our knowledge and mentorship are invaluable presents we can share with others. Just as we pass down traditions during the holidays, we can pass along our experiences, insights, and skills to emerging leaders within our Lions community. Remember, the more we share, the more our collective wisdom grows.

The Christmas spirit teaches us about generosity, compassion, and the joy of giving without expecting anything in return. We all should be applying these principles to our leadership styles. Be generous with your time and knowledge. Show compassion to those facing challenges, and lead with the intention of making a positive impact. When we lead with a giving heart, we create a culture of support and harmony that rings with the true spirit of the season.

As Lions leaders in Michigan, each of us has the power to be a guiding light for our districts and clubs. Just as the Christmas lights sparkle during the season, illuminate the path with your leadership and encourage others to shine brightly alongside you.

Wishing everyone a holiday season filled with hope, warmth, and the joy that comes from being part of a community dedicated to service. With gratitude and Lions spirit,

IPDG Traci Tribley
 GLT Coordinator for Lions Clubs of Michigan



When we look into the heart of a Lion we frequently see the magic and joy that can be brought to so many people. As published in The Sun, "Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

Such is the heart of one of our very own Lions with 45 years of service from the Elsie Lions Club, Lion Roger Weyersberg. Lion Roger made his transformation to the world of beauty and joy when he saw two children in the grocery store staring at him. He instantly knew what they were thinking. Their mother confirmed it. The following year Lion Roger attended the Charles Howard Santa Claus School right here in Midland, Michigan. One of the world's most renowned Santa schools. That was 20 years ago.

Since that time the role of Santa has become a year around endeavor. It comes as no surprise that calling Lion Roger's phone that you get the Santa hotline. Besides the Christmas season, Santa has many duties throughout the year. One of Lion Rogers previous roles was the director of the Lions of Michigan All State Band. He also participates in KidSight screenings where the image sure makes a difference. With a tear in his eye, Santa even related that there are times when a child will not have another Christmas and he is asked to come and visit.

Lion Roger likes to emphasize that many families come back year after year. His message changes from time to time just to keep the message alive in both the kids and adult hearts. Often, he will read Christmas stories, stress values for families, and project a positive image. Santa frequently reminds kids to keep their rooms clean, no fighting and give friendly kisses and hugs. Something we all should take to heart.

When asked what Lion Roger liked most about the service of being Santa, he said, "Bringing Joy" and "helping others forget the burdens of the day". One of his favorite tools is to get others to sing. Santa Claus Is Coming To Town is a favorite. Lion Roger is a retired band teacher and finds that music, especially singing, helps connect peoples hearts. Of course, a backup of soft white throwable snowballs and a supply of red Rudolf noses can come in handy as well, he said.

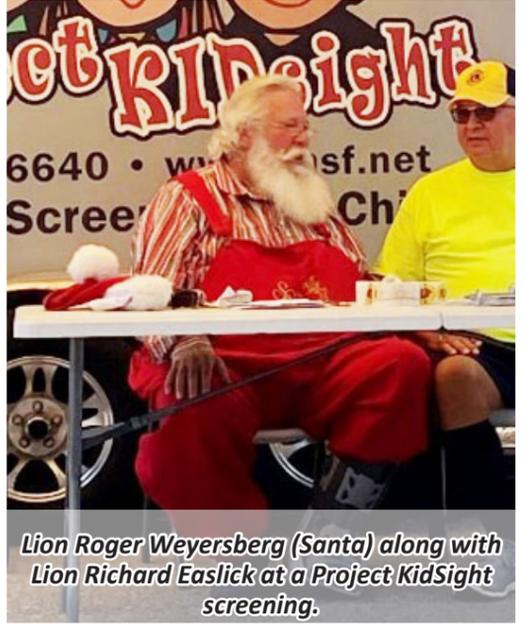
What do kids want for Christmas? Santa was quick to say that many of them want the same predictable things. The iPhones, Xboxes and the normal popular gifts. The children that really get Santa's ear ask for "peace", "world peace" or the intangible things of the heart. There is always a special effort to let the parents of these children know what a special child they have. Maybe, they might even make a great Lion one day.

Lion Roger, aka Santa, stated, "It is a privilege to serve. That is what it is all about." Make serving "FUN". Lion Roger's aha moment as a Lion, surprisingly hadn't anything to do with portraying Santa. It was when he was in Thailand visiting an orphanage where the children staying there required special care. He was visiting with the All State Band and saw what a difference the music made to the children. The kids were so joyful greeting the band. He knew right there that he could and would make a difference through his service.

So yes Lions, there is a Santa Claus. Santa exists in the heart of all Lions, all year round. He exists in the kind words we say. The thoughts and prayers we Lions have. the service we do. One might say that all of us are Santa's in our own way all year. We Serve year-round for the love and the beauty of it. For Joy.

Merry Christmas!

PS... Santa wants all to know... Chocolate chip is his favorite!



Lion Roger Weyersberg (Santa) along with Lion Richard Easlick at a Project KidSight screening.



> LIONS FORUM 24 NEWS

2024 LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM
MICHIGAN LIONS - CHANGING THE WORLD
FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024
DELTA MARRIOTT HOTEL, KALAMAZOO



**FEATURING KEYNOTE
 SPEAKER, LION CARL
 WEBSTER, TENNESSEE**

**"AN AUTOPSY OF
 A DECEASED LIONS
 CLUB"**



SESSION HIGHLIGHT - HOPE TO WALK

As one of numerous exhibitors at the International Convention held in Boston over the summer, Hope to Walk stood out and touched the hearts of many. Hear from the organization's leaders Kristen Staples and Fred Kuhn on how Hope to Walk is changing lives through this amazing program.

HOPE TO WALK

**Walking again changes everything.
 EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMICS**

In our recently published study, 75% of our patients who were previously unable to work now had an income that they could use to support their family. Hope To Walk is also training people to create prosthetics for their local community

LESS ISOLATION

Amputees often face bullying and social isolation. Once they are walking again, their difference is less noticeable to others.

HELPING FAMILIES

Helping amputees walk again is just the beginning. Once they are able to care for themselves, it alleviates the need for their families to care for them as much.

IMPROVED MOOD & ESTEEM

- Imagine feeling "whole" again.
- Imagine standing up and looking people eye to eye
- When you can be productive, you have more self-esteem.

How we are solving this issue

We partner with local clinics, missionaries, and medical personnel in order to coordinate patients, train locals to make our prosthetics, and be as sustainable as possible moving forward.

\$250.00 DONATION PROVIDES FOR ONE LEG KIT



**SESSION HIGHLIGHT
 HARNESS THE POWER OF LEADERSHIP
 PRESENTED BY BETH SLADE**



Lion Beth Slade, CFRE
 Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement

Lion Beth joined the Leader Dog team in 2014. As the Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement, Beth and her team stewards Lions clubs across the United States, Canada, Spain, and Mexico. At first, she thought the work would be "all about the dogs". Her perspective changed after she met the people—the amazing clients, dedicated staff and volunteers whose stories and work she loves to share with others. Professionally, Beth earned her international professional

designation of Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), is a master speaker for the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and is a previous board member of the AFP Greater Detroit chapter. She is a member of the Lake Orion Lions Club and earned her bachelor's certificate from the Lions University in association with the USA-Canada Leadership Forum. She loves meeting and sharing the passion of Lionism and Leader Dog across the globe. The "Lions Team" at Leader Dogs for the Blind Lion Beth and the "Lions Team" at Leader Dog present across North America both in person and virtually. The team shares the legacy Lions have built with informative presentations tailored to your club. Want to hear from a volunteer puppy raiser or client experience? We can do that! Contact us at beth.slade@leaderdog.org or call 248-218-6421

Join us for an exciting session with Lion Beth Slade, Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Get ready to dive into the world of leadership in a fun and interactive way. In this program, you'll learn how leadership is a bit like training guide dogs, and how it's all about building trust, giving recognition, and empowering others.

This program has been awarded top scores at USA-Canada Forum (twice!) and throughout multiple districts nationwide. You'll discover how to use the right words, reward good behavior, and let others make decisions—all while wearing a blindfold for a cool final activity. Don't miss out on this chance to learn and have fun as we Harness the Power of Leadership together!

**SESSION HIGHLIGHT - DEMENTIA
 & BRAIN HEALTH**

Presenters: Surae Eaton and Roberta Sexton

Cognitive decline is not inevitable as we age. This session will equip participants with a basic understanding of dementia and brain health and address common myths. We'll describe specific steps people can take at any age to optimize their chances of maintaining their cognitive health. We'll also offer ideas and resources that individuals, families and community leaders can share to empower people who currently have dementia to continue living with joy, meaning and purpose.

The goal of this presentation is:

- To provide information and resources that individuals, families and community leaders can share across their circles of influence to help people who are living with dementia live their best lives.
- To empower participants to improve their own brain health.



Established in 2000, Lions Bear Lake Camp, located in Lapeer Michigan, has been a facilitator for positive change, providing premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences to over 10,000 campers and visitors of all abilities. Join Executive Director Traci Tribbley and explore the diverse summer camps offered, including the Blind and Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Camp, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Family Camp. Discover the joy of giving back by diving into the various ways to volunteer throughout the year. Whether you're passionate about mentoring, organizing fundraising events, or contributing your unique skills, there's a place for you at Lions Bear Lake Camp. Join the conversation and learn how every donation becomes a crucial part of creating a community where dreams come true, and every individual, regardless of ability, finds empowerment. Together, let's create lasting memories and transform lives at Lions Bear Lake Camp, where everyone is welcome, and every contribution matters."



2024 LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024



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2024: MICHIGAN LIONS CHANGING THE WORLD
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To help us plan, prepare materials and guarantee lunch!

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENTS:

- Service Project at Delta Marriott Hotel
- Hospitality Suite – 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS: Please note some sessions may change due to last-minute scheduling Conflicts.

7:00 a.m. – Registration
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Lunch to follow

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

- Leader Dogs for the Blind – Lion Beth Slade
- Demystifying Dementia & Brain Health – PDG Bert Sexton
- Zone Chair Training – PCC Jeff Mayuiers
- Lions and Service – PDG Terri Huffman

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

- Eversight – Lion Alex Teska
- Lion Traditions – PDG Julie Mayuiers
- Building Healthy Clubs – VDG Carl Webster
- Membership

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

- Lions Bear Lake Camp – Executive Director Lion Traci Tribley
- Childhood Cancer – Lion Darlene Anderson
- Servant Leadership – PDG Brent Beracy
- Hope to Walk -Kristen Staples

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

- Diabetic Retinopathy Screening - LMF
- Michigan Forestry and our Environment – DG Michael O'Lonegan
- Social Media & Marketing Your Club – Lion Doug Klein
- Lions All-State Band – Lion Deborah Davis

12:30 p.m.: Lunch, Scholarships, Keynote Speaker VDG Carl Webster: Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club -Why Lions Clubs Die

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Exhibit Table; 1 Lunch Ticket and Full-page Ad in the Michigan Forum Proceedings Booklet for just \$85.00!
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> LIONS FOUNDATION NEWS 2023

In the spirit of the season, we extend a heartfelt thank you for all you do to support your community and our Lions association, and we wish you and your family a healthy and peaceful New Year

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Lions of Michigan Foundation
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December 13, 2023

Dear Lions:

From July through November of this year, our Michigan Lions Foundation has provided services and financial support to District 10 and Multiple District 11 Lions Clubs amounting to:

PROJECT KIDSIGHT – 15,840 screened and 1,732 children referred for follow-up eye care.
HEARING SCREENING – 170 children and 80 adults have been screened and 19 referred for follow-up care.
DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING – 112 screened and 13 referred for follow-up care.
EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE & DISASTER RELIEF – 18 grants totaling over \$32,000 to help people in 9 of 11 Lions of Michigan Districts.
EYE CARE ASSISTANCE – 38 adults and 18 children have received assistance
HEARING AID ASSISTANCE – 70 adults and 1 child have been provided hearing aids

We are totally dedicated to help Lions Clubs provide assistance to those in need in their communities. Our largest fundraiser is our Annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, and this statewide raffle provides a great opportunity for your club to also raise money for your local projects. Raffle tickets sell for \$10 each, and participating Lions Clubs receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of tickets in accordance to the following schedule:

30 to 99 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$3.50 per ticket
100 to 249 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.00 per tickets
250+ tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.50 per ticket

In addition, the Lions Club or person who sells the ticket becomes eligible for a drawing on May 4, 2024 at the Lions of Michigan State Office with prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100.

The Grand Prize of the raffle is \$5,000. Subsequent tickets that are randomly selected receive prizes of \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100. The drawing will take place on May 18, 2024 during the MD11 Convention that will be held at the Sheraton by Marriott in Grand Rapids, MI.

This is a great opportunity for your Lions Club to do some easy fundraising and support your Foundation. Every Lions Club has been sent some tickets to sell. If you have any questions, please contact Chad McCann or Kim Creger at 517-887-6640 or info@lmsf.net.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE LIONS FOUNDATION

YOUTH CAMPS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM OUTGOING YOUNG ADULT AMBASSADORS

contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson

HOSTING STUDENTS IN MICHIGAN

“Hosting” is having the student stay in your home for all or part of the time. Share your culture and experiences as a Michigander with an international student through our hosting program. Participating students are invited to live as a member of your own family and be part of your day-to-day life.

SUMMER 2024 - APPLICATION DEADLINE 03/30/2024

The Lions Youth Exchange Program was started to provide today's youth, our leaders of tomorrow, an opportunity to learn about people and countries other than their own to promote world peace. The goal is to have each participant return home, apply greater awareness and appreciation of others to fellow students, friends and family. In doing so, we hope to foster harmony and understanding toward goodwill in international relations.

The Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program was officially adopted in 1961 as a unique cultural learning opportunity for our youth and not conducted for tourism, formal education or employment. It is promoting World Peace, One Student at a Time.

To our very exceptional and generous host families, we cannot thank you enough. Without you, this program cannot work. You are taking these students to become a part of your family. We would like to recommend that you take two students from two different countries. This is so that they will need to speak English to each other. When taking Japanese students, it is wise to pick an older and younger student so the older can help the younger speak. Upon arrival and before anything else, please explain the house rules to your new family members. This is so that there is no misunderstanding as to whether smoking, drinking, etc. is allowed in your home.

Other suggestions we have are:

1. Your Lion Youth Exchange Chairperson will require you to attend an orientation meeting prior to being accepted as a host family. This meeting will cover Youth Exchange Policies and things to assist you and your student and to become acquainted with our program. Other families will be there too so that you can get acquainted and share activities together. If you have hosted before, your input will be appreciated to help the new host families. a) It is required by the Youth Exchange Policy that you accept the visiting youth as a member of your family, not as a guest. Meet your new family member on arrival and share your home with your new son or daughter. They are not to be used as babysitters or housekeepers; however, they should help with chores and to keep their room clean. Males and females should be hosted in separate homes and/or bedrooms. They should be provided with a bed not a couch or an air mattress. Youth may share a bedroom with host siblings of the same sex and over 10 years of age.

2. Arrange a schedule of things to do and places to go. Ask your new son or daughter if there is anything special or places they would like to see or do. If you are able, try to accommodate them as you would want your own children to be accommodated if they were also being hosted. They are not, however, to leave your care to travel on their own to other countries, or to travel to meet close friends or family if they are in this country. Match your schedule with your local Lions club or district so as not to overlap planned activities. Keep in mind that you are not a travel agent or tour guide, and the concept of the program is a cultural exchange. Your new family members would like to interact with students their own age if possible. Look to your community and surrounding areas for events other than the Lions events.

Please call your district Lion Youth Exchange chairperson to see if they have a planned itinerary.

- a) Plan to spend time at home getting acquainted with your student. Do not make the hosting period a continuous round of events. Time to rest and relax at home is important for both students and family. They will need time to wash clothes and write in their journals.

- b) The Lions Youth Exchange Program is meant to be a learning experience. Allow your visiting youth to have ample opportunity to learn about the nature of our people, our democracy and our heritage and culture. Be sure to learn about theirs but please do not get political or try to proselytize.

- c) Allow them periods of privacy each day.

- d) Your student should have adequate funds for personal expenses. You will be responsible for their meals and entertainment when you are with them as you are with your own children. When and if they are not with you, the funds they brought should be used for whatever meals, entertainment, and souvenirs they wish to purchase. The students will also be responsible for their own phone bills and any other expenses they may incur in your home. They are not to leave you with any of their bills. If there is a problem, please contact your Lion chairperson. e) It is important that you take your youth to a Lions Club or District meeting, if possible. Arrange with the District Governor or Club President to have your student speak as a program. Your student may have pins and/or banners to exchange with the District Governor or Club President.

3. The hosting process is normally four-five weeks but can be split into multiple families. Our international camp (Lions Bear Lake Camp) will be in between hosting periods.

Deadline for outgoing students application form: March 30, 2024

Australia Finland India South Africa Belgium France Israel Sri Lanka
Brasil Hungary Italy Turkey Canada Japan Mexico Denmark

How to Apply

Apply to become a sponsor club and/or host family today by contacting Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or epmarfil5@gmail.com

Deadline for host families application form:

April 30, 2024

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUTH CAMPS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN YOUR BUDGET.

BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Contributed by
Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson

Is Hosting Right for Me?

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

Benefits of Hosting

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

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

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.

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.

Financial responsibilities

Payment for cultural activities is dependent on the agreement made between you, the youth and the Host Club. Some programs offer stipends or scholarships for participating Host Families.

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!

Host Family Eligibility

Potential Host Families must be screened by the Host Lions Club and YCE Chairperson. The Host Lions Club and local YCE Chairperson must approve all host families. Screening items include, but are not limited to:

Age: Having experience with youth of similar age as the incoming youth.
Character: Your family should be understanding, interested in other cultures, open-minded, tolerant and have ability to communicate and/or deal wisely with youth.

Language ability: It would be helpful if one or more members of your family speaks the youth's language and/or English (most YCE programs require English as the preferred language), and could be necessary in some cases.

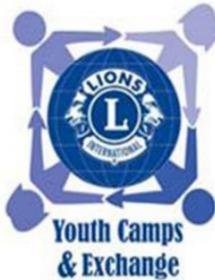
Knowledge of the YCE program and policy: Your family should have some familiarity with the YCE program and/or hosting youth. If you are a non-Lion Host Family, you should be well informed on the scope and objectives of Lionism, and on the YCE program and policy by the local YCE Chairperson.

Living conditions: Your family should be able to accommodate an additional person in the home without discomfort or financial burden.
Family preferences: Your family are permitted preference regarding the youth's nationality, language, religion, gender, or age.

Availability: It is important that you make sure your family's schedule allows accommodation to spend enough quality time with the youth.

How to Apply

Contact Lion Elvie Marfil: epmarfil5@gmail.com or 818-800-1060.
Deadline for host families application form: April 30, 2024



> MELBOURNE 2024



LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2024 MELBOURNE

106th Annual Convention

Lions International Convention 2024 Melbourne

The Lions International Convention is happening June 21-25, 2024. Celebrate service with your fellow Lions and Leos in one of the most unique and exciting travel destinations in the world — beautiful Melbourne, Australia!
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Early Bird

Through January 12, 2024
 US\$190

Regular

January 13 – June 16, 2024
 US\$265

Onsite

June 17 – June 25, 2024
 US\$340

48th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 5-7, 2024
 Louisville, Kentucky
 Early Bird Price: \$295
 After March 31, \$325

Join us!

In 2024, the Lions of Michigan All-State Band will be traveling to Melbourne, Australia to attend the 106th annual Lions International Convention, with a stop in Los Angeles on the way back to Michigan! Some of the highlights of the itinerary include:

- Performances at a primary school, a national sporting event, the Lions International Parade of Nations, a local children's hospital, Disneyland California (TBC), and Universal Studios Hollywood (TBC)
- Attending an Australian Football League game
- Taking the Great Ocean Road Tour, including Maits Rest Rainforest and 12 Apostles
- Exploring Phillip Island and Churchill Island



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- Visiting the Koala Conservation Reserve and Nobbies Centre
- A 2-hour city highlights river cruise and visit to Melbourne Skydeck
- Santa Monica Pier, Disneyland, and Universal Studios Hollywood



Trip costs include all expenses for travel, including airfare, bus transportation, hotel accommodations, all meals and all expenses for a 3-day pre-trip band camp (location TBD). Cost per student is \$6,299. Lions Clubs across the state are ready to help with sponsorship of your trip!

Visit www.lionsmiband.org for complete audition information.

Audition music and information is available online. All auditions may be submitted online.



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Governor Lula Gardfrey shows off the winning MD 11 Peace Poster at the Council of Governors meeting.



The Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired hosted their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony along with the Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Mayor of Southfield Kenson J. Siver, Linnie Taylor, local retailers, clients from across the 7 counties served, staff, administration, board members and the Lions Club members. Thank you to all who attended the event to support their agency.



Lions attend the recent ribbon cutting ceremony for the Greater Detroit Agency for Blind and Visually Impaired persons.



Bedford Lions Club decorated the tree at the Bedford Public Library. All are invited to see the beautifully decorated trees and buy tickets to try and win one of the great gift baskets. "We Serve"



Members of Bedford Township Lions Club, along with friends and family, served 23 local families with food baskets. Each family received at least two large boxes of food collected by the students at Bedford Junior High School. Along with the boxes of food each family received a bag of potatoes and whole ham. Sixty-three senior citizens also received \$90 food gift cards.



Detroit Westtown-Hartford: Lion Michelle Turner- White and the Honorable Leslie Love, Former State Representative, now a US Senate candidate served as emcee for the the Inaugural Winter Gala of Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The money raised from this event will help serve those in need.

Save the Date!
District 11 A 1 Convention
April 19, 2024 to April 21, 2024
Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel
8000 Merriman Road Romulus, MI



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Troy Community Lion Mary Jo Nanni presented Dr. Julie Schultz M.D., the Medical Director of Breast Imaging at Ascension Providence Rochester, with a Heart of a Lion Award. Both Dr. Schultz and Lion Mary Jo conducted an informative session on Mammography Advances and Breast Health. This community session was held in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Members of the Sterling Heights Lions Club take time out of their busy schedule to pose with Santa during the recent pancake breakfast fundraiser.



Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club Branch delivered cookie trays Thanksgiving morning to those who have to work. This year 35 trays of homemade cookies were delivered to Sterling Heights, Shelby, Clinton Township police and fire, hospitals, nursing homes and the US Coast Guard Station Sector, Detroit. This is a great opportunity to show we appreciate the work first responders provide.



Romeo Lions Club participated in the community Christmas Parade & Village Tree lighting with Grand Marshall's, Ryder and Wyatt Finkel. The club also hosted a free Thanksgiving dinner for anyone in need.

Selfridge Chesterfield Lions Club members attended the annual Leader Dogs for the Blind School kick off dinner

Eastpointe Lions Club kicked off their Euchre Tournaments this month and will continue this monthly event through June 9. The tournament includes dinner and dessert, with prizes awarded, 50/50 raffle, cash bar and a lot of fun! Contact Randy Lewis for complete details: 586-202-7858.

Sterling Heights Lions Club will hold a Euchre Tournament January 12 at their clubhouse. This popular event features pizza, snacks, drink ticket, and cash prizes for players.

Roseville Lions Club will hold a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on January 18 at the Rose-Clair Eagles Hall. The proceeds from this event will benefit sight, hearing, and other charity programs.



Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club Branch members package up home made cookies for delivery.



> REGION NEWS



11 B1

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District B1 Winning Peace Poster entry by Madeline Zahner, sponsored by the Manchester Lions.

Nine clubs including Clinton, Dexter, Quest, North Jackson, Jackson Eyeopeners, Ann Arbor Host, North Adams, Homer, and Manchester brought entries from eleven separate schools with over 235 student artists participating. Judging took place in November at the Vandercook Lake Lions clubhouse. The winning poster will be presented to the Council of Governors for judging in the MD 11 contest.

Adrian Breakfast Lions decorated their tree for the 2023 Christmas season at Comstock Park in Adrian. The theme of the tree is White Cane and Leader Dog. This is the tenth year of the event with over 500 decorated trees honoring clubs, businesses, organizations, and loved ones. The lighting ceremony took place on December 1st and the trees will remain until the first week of January 2024. It is a beautiful setting well worth the drive to Adrian to see!



Ann Arbor Evening club supported U of M Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools' Thanksgiving Basket Drive by delivering 3 well stocked, re-usable containers of food along with a gift card to each recipient family.



Ann Arbor Host Lions Club and the WIHI Leos Club joined together to do the autumn cut-back and mulching of the Sensory Garden in the Liberty Plaza. Six Leos, two Ann Arbor Host Lions, one Ann Arbor Evening Club Lion, and Melissa from the Parks Department all worked to put the garden to bed for the winter. Two AA Host Lions delivered pizza, pop, and bread sticks to the Leos after all their hard work. The Ann Arbor Host Lions Club is the sponsor Club for the WIHI Leos Club.



Battle Creek Cereal City is hustling these last couple months of the year. Recent and upcoming projects include the assembling 25 food baskets to be delivered to local families with South Michigan Food Bank, tying 45 blankets for Santa's Helper, delivering turkeys to several families with RISE Inc, participation in the Battle Creek Christmas Parade with the District KidSight trailer, a meeting speaker from the Gilmore Car Museum, Winter Camp cleanup (painting and moving leaves), Salvation Army bell ringing, KidSight training, and a zone chair meeting with a service project to round out the meeting. The club was honored to receive a \$5000 donation from Meijer and their Simply Give program, one of two awards donated by the company. Cereal City Lions Club in action at the Battle Creek Christmas Parade



Bedford Area Lions Club continues its Soup and Salad Fundraising Program each. There is no direct charge, but they have a collection box for donations. Bedford Lions are collecting blankets, both new and gently used, for the homeless community. If you have any that you would like to donate, you can drop them at the Lions building in Bedford any Tuesday or contact any members of Bedford Area Lions Club for pick-up.

Blissford Area Lions Club will hold their 25th Annual Reverse Raffle on February 3. Tickets are available now, \$60/ea. Top prize: \$2500! Contact Lion Dick Saxton for complete details. JRS19821@OUTLOOK.COM

Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club has announced the suspension of their much anticipated "Virtual Walk to Winter Camp" fundraiser. This decision comes in the wake of unforeseen technical challenges that have made it difficult to continue the event as planned. This does not change their commitment to camp, and donations can still be made by mailing a check to: Clear Lake Virtual Lions, 24 Sunny Cir., Mason City, IA 50401. These donations will play a crucial role in ensuring that the Winter Camp continues to provide enriching experiences for its attendees. Dexter Lions continues the tradition of Christmas Tree Sales.



Grass Lake Lions Club provided free hot chocolate to community members during The Magical Festival of Lights parade in town. They served over 400 cookies to the community during the Grass Lake Cookie Tour.



The Eyeopeners were proud to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army this month. Their Christmas party raised over \$350 at the dessert auction and the money will be donated to Jackson Northeast Elementary School for personal hygiene supplies. The White Elephant gift exchange did not disappoint! Lions Margie Horsch and Diane Schweda enjoy Uncle Sam.



Jackson Eyeopeners Lion Cyndie Gorton Rings in the holidays with the Salvation Army.



Jackson Host Lions Club donated tea cups, snacks, make-up bags and blankets to Maggie's Wigs4Kids.



B1 Current and Past District Governors carry on the tradition of an annual gathering.



11 B2

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Mattawan and St. Joe Lions Clubs each held successful craft show fundraiser events this month. Governor Amy Thackston and Lion Cub Zoey participated in the fun!



Buchanan-Galien Lions Club held a Thanksgiving dinner while voting on their winning Peace Poster.



Lawrence Lions Club celebrated a milestone 75th Anniversary. Congratulations!



Edwardsburg Lions Club has been selling beautiful Christmas trees for 59 years! This year, they've partnered with the Edwardsburg Fire Department and will see trees from their lot. Each year the Edwardsburg club orders 300 trees to sell, with money raised going back into the community to support the club's many service projects. What a wonderful tradition. Three Rivers Lions Club has your next meal covered with the sale of their pork barbecue! 25 pound frozen bags of this delicious meat will be sold for just \$25/bag. Contact PDG Julie Mayuiers with your order today! jumayuiers@gmail.com The club is also selling hand crafted blue bird houses with the Lions logo branded into the wood and mixed nuts, all for your holiday gifting.



A "pride" of Lions showed up for Projects Night – 104, to be exact!



Buchanan LEO Club made blankets for the children at Ronald McDonald House Children's Hospital and will drop them off this month.



Mattawan LEO Club raised about \$2400 in cash and item donations for the Mattawan area Pantry in their fall food drive.

Sturgis Leo Club met at the local cemetery and helped rake leaves, pick up sticks, and do general clean up of the grounds. Great work, Leos!



Buchanan-Galien Lions and Leo Clubs packaged products for our Annual Nut and Candy Fundraiser. Lions Club "Special Thanks" to the Buchanan American Legion for being the packaging site and our local businesses who host a sales stand. And, of course, thanks to our local communities, families and friends who helped package, and to all who purchase and enjoy our product.



BMS Art teacher Sarah Castelluccio, 2nd place Leighla Duchamp, 1st place Tinley DeFreez, 3rd place Wyatt Anderson and Lion Alice Krings Peace Poster Chair Buchanan-Galien Lions Club awarded the top three winners of the Peace Poster contest.



Hartford Lions Club show their Lions spirit with a ROAR at a recent meeting!

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10 WAYS TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

The world needs Lions like never before. To make sure we're always there and ready to meet the growing needs in our communities, we are on a mission to grow. MISSION 1.5 is our drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide by July 1, 2027. And to reach this goal, it's going to take all of us — every Lion in every club — working together. So, let's get started by jumping to items #5 and #6 on the top 10 list!

#5 Apply for the Lions International Marketing Award.

Marketing is critical for recruitment, but it's also a fun way to collaborate with your club and be creative. So why not embrace a little friendly competition by taking your shot at global recognition and great prizes? Your club can apply for the Lions International Marketing Award by creating a marketing campaign focused on member recruitment. Gather your team, plan your marketing campaign, and go out and get some new members.

#6 Recruit while you serve.

One of the best ways to recruit is by doing what you do best — serving. Invite people to serve with you and see what it's like to be a Lion. Wear Lions-branded clothing to your service projects for visibility and bring promotional materials to hand out to people you meet while out in the community.

Check out the LCI website for complete details! <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog/ways-to-recruit-new-members>

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Lions Bob and Jan Phillips, Dianne Barmes, Nora Hempel, Joann Taylor, Kathryn Conrad. Charlotte Lions Club purchased a table at the "Siren Holiday Tea" in November and decorated the table in theme to demonstrate our Lion Pride.



Charlotte Lions Club participated in the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce sponsored the "Almost Midnight Madness" for youth, who dressed in costumes and paraded through the business district and ended up at the Courthouse Square for more goodies. Lions distributed spider rings and stickers. Lion Kathryn Conrad in the Lion costume was popular with the kids who posed for pictures.



Lioness Lions Sheri March & Lori Shepard, House Manager Ruth Lumbert, Lioness Lions Kay Olson, Cyn Manning & Sandy Henkey. In support of the Lions larger initiative to End Childhood Cancer, Lansing Capital Lioness Lions deliver snacks to the Ronald McDonald House for the Hospitality Carts that offer not only snacks, but many other items families may need while spending their days with a hospitalized child.



Olivet Lions secretary, Sharon Powell is presenting a check for almost \$1500 to Marie Steele of the Olivet Good Neighbor program food pantry. The proceeds were from the annual Harvest Dinner sponsored by the Olivet Lions with help from area churches and students from the University of Olivet.



The Lions hosted the after trick or treat party at the Lions Hall. Lions and volunteers served hot dogs, chips, popcorn, cider and doughnuts to hundreds of kids and parents.

Ovid-Elsie Lioness Lion President Raelene Easlick, Logan Douglas and Elsie Lions President Rick Jones. Elsie Lions Club recently donated \$350 to Eagle Scout Logan Douglas for completion of a sign for the Elsie Food Pantry. The total cost of the project is \$2,000. Ovid-Elsie Lioness Lions also made a \$75 donation toward his Eagle Scout project. Lion Chuck Vasilion, welcoming new member, Wendy Meyer, shown with her sponsor, Lion Becky Britton



Lion Doug Vaughn introduced Mrs. Kelly Preston, president of Capital Steel Corporation. She informed the den of her background and her "GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY" philosophy with involvement to the DeWitt schools and Chamber of Commerce. She spoke of the Santa Run's 20 year anniversary this December 2 during the Christmas Market.

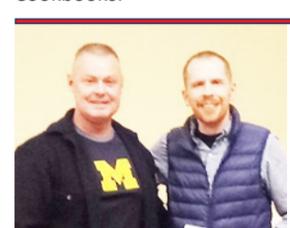


Lion Tom Doyle thanked Mrs Kelly Preston for her informative presentation and gave her one of the Lions Cookbooks.

Lion Chuck Vasilion, welcoming new member, Wendy Meyer, shown with her sponsor, Lion Becky Britton



"Nearing year end, the Stockbridge Lions have geared up once again for a productive year ahead. The second largest club in 11 C2 Region enjoyed their November 7th dinner meeting hosting the Stockbridge Village Police Chief Matthew Bartus and Officer Ronald "Will" Smith, who shared a detailed presentation on just how they serve and protect, and participate in many activities of the community to build relationships. They are working toward a canine unit, hopefully in the near future."



On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, the Mason Lions Club hosted Doctor Chad Linsley. Dr. Linsley, a local optometrist from Mason Family Eye Care in downtown Mason, returned to speak with us, as he did a few years ago, about his mission trips to various counties to provide eye exam services. Dr. Linsley and his father, also an optometrist, have an acute interest in third-world eye care and have participated in short



Lion Laurie Blackmer, a former Lioness Club member, has worked for LyondellBasell, a multinational chemical company, for 32 years. Laurie has a passion for helping others and serving the community. She loves meeting new people through her volunteer efforts. Lion Dean Hartenburg sponsored Laurie as a new member. Lion Pauline Baert, a human services coordinator with Capital Area Community Services, is well known in the area for her work with the agency. She has always enjoyed helping those in need, especially the elderly, and finds working through a complex case very fulfilling. Lion Carrie Hartenburg sponsored Pauline as a new member



Durand Lions PDG Tracy Temple and 11C2 1st Vice District Governor Carl Cozart present St Johns Lions President Dean Hartenburg with a check, in honor of St Johns 75th Anniversary at their celebration gala on Nov 9.

Please mark your calendars for Monday January 8, 2024, for the Elsie Lions Club 30th Annual Wild Game Dinner.

This will be held at the Elsie American Legion Hall starting at 6pm. Please bring a Wild Game Dish to pass or Tame and your place setting. Potatoes, rolls, milk and coffee will be provided.

Guest speaker will be Terry Kemp. Terry will be talking on the History and Creation of Commemorative Bucks. Come listen to Owosso resident and local author/publisher. Terry has been involved with CMB almost since the inception of the organization in 1981. CMB was created to measure record Bucks in Michigan. It eventually became Michigan's official record keeping organization for not only Deer, but also Bear, Elk and Turkey.

We will be Raffleing a Savage Axis 350 Rifle Gun, tickets on sale at \$10/per ticket now by calling Lion Richard Easlick 517-881-0024 or Lion Rick Jones 989-666-2781 or at the door if not sold out!

We will also have Raffle prizes for children and adults, tickets available at door.

Mark your Calendars now!
 Lion Richard Easlick
 Elsie Lions Club Secretary
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term humanitarian trips to Haiti, Guatemala, Peru, Kenya and Costa Rica. "We rely on donated glasses from Lions Clubs and are grateful for that important work," he said. Afterward, he answered several questions posed by the Mason Lions Club members and was thanked by President Chris Buck.

The Delta DeWitt Ledges Lioness Lions Club collected non perishable food items in November. The need is great during this time of year and over 75 most needed items were donated to the Grand Ledge Food Bank.



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Frankenmuth Leos Club visited the Leader Dogs for the Blind facility in Rochester for an interactive tour in late October. Some of the members are pictured here with Beth Slade (Director of Lions Engagement for Leader Dogs) holding Leader Dog-in-training puppy, Indy.

Buena Vista Lions On behalf of the sickle cell community and support group, we would like to just express thanks to members of the Shields Lions club for their support, hospitality and allowing a full presentation by Lion Frazier. Special thanks to Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD) who will host two of our sickle cell families during this Christmas season.



Genesee Lions It was all smiles when the Genesee Lions Club arrived at the Special Needs Vision Clinic in Saginaw. The Lions were there to make their latest donation of 5,348 eye glasses bringing their total to 30,281 donated during the past 3 years.

Flushing Lions Club has assisted with the purchase of glasses, is selling tickets to our Christmas Gift Card Raffle, and have been vendors at craft bazaars to raise funds for the club. They've already started planning for next year's car show, to be held in July.



Shields Lions Club Members stand with their Christmas display that will be at Roberts Park. This annual event draws a large crowd with approximately 30 displays from businesses and organizations from Thomas Township.

Has your club scheduled a Kidsight screening? If not, why not. This is a great service opportunity for your club. If your club has never sponsored a screening this service project is easy to do. Finding a location is the hardest part. Look at local daycare and fairs or schools. The lions can get out there and serve. The dates the Kidsight trailer is scheduled can be found on the district calendar located on the district webpage www.lions11d1.com. We have three cameras in the district available for Kidsight screenings which can be used inside a building. PDG Joe Bogar, 2VDG Gerald Whitney and PDG Steven VanTol all have cameras. Let's get out there and screen children.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town -VDG Gerald Whitney Santa Claus is an official member of the Montrose Lions Club, but we all know him as 2nd Vice District Governor Gerald Whitney. If you've seen Lion Jerry out and about at any point in the last 18 years, you will know he starts wearing a Santa hat shortly after Halloween. 18 years ago, Lion Jerry came up with an idea to fill a need within our small community.

His idea to start a toy fund began when Lion Jerry offered to donate his homemade wooden toys to other charitable organizations. However, they were looking for "new and in the package". A wood worker for most of his life, some of his best toys are still cherished gifts of his children, now 35 and 41 years old.

This will be the 18th year Montrose Lions Club has donated toys to the community, and thanks to Lion Jerry it's a big part of what Montrose Lion's Club do every year. Collection boxes are distributed to several locations in the community to collect gently used toys, and has become a favorite community project. High School students collect wrapping paper and tape for us through a competition the schools. There are several groups, from boy scouts and other community organizations, that help Lion Jerry paint toys, build toys, and get things ready.

Every year we set up a store at Montrose Orchards, where parents can bring their "Santa's Bucks" valued at \$20 to shop for their children, allowing them to pick up about 4 gifts per child along with many extra's at no cost. We look forward to another year of bringing the Christmas spirit to our community. Story provided by Lion Ashley Kozlowski (Whitney)



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What is MISSION 1.5?

MISSION 1.5 is the drive to grow to a minimum of 1.5 million Lion members worldwide on July 1, 2027, so we can meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more than a billion people annually.

What is the goal and objectives of MISSION 1.5?

Lions International will reach 1.5 million Lion members around the world on July 1, 2027. MISSION 1.5 has several objectives: • All achieve positive net growth on July 1, 2027. • All districts add new clubs. • All clubs induct new members during MISSION 1.5. • Districts incorporate strategies to attract a more diverse membership, including women and young Lions.

Why MISSION 1.5?

Each Lion matters to the people who depend on us. And every club is changing their community, making it a stronger, healthier, and kinder place for all. To meet the growing needs in our communities, we need to form new clubs and invite new members to serve with us. To make sure we are always there and ready to serve, we need to grow.

What are the benefits of MISSION 1.5?

- Increased capacity to serve: Inviting new members to your club will increase your capacity to serve your community and the people who depend on you. You bring special talents and unique skills to our service. And so will every new member you proudly add to your local club.
- Greater diversity and inclusion: Lions not only serve the world — we represent the world we serve. And as our communities continue to evolve and diversify, so must our membership.

New members, from diverse backgrounds, each with different specialties and experiences, will contribute to your service in new and inspiring ways.

- Increased advocacy for change, locally and globally:

Every new Lion brings a fresh set of ideas and an extra pair of hands to our service. As your club grows, you increase your local impact and expand your influence in the community. New members increase the number of champions for change and the causes you are passionate about in your community. And together, with clubs around the world, we increase the visibility of Lions and amplify our voice to the world.

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Onekama Lions inducted three new members: Jacki van Voorst and Mark & Anna Smith! In the last six months they have inducted eight new members, which has been a great addition to our club. The club sponsored a breakfast for the Onekama School Senior Class. We had over 17 students and parents help us out by flipping pancakes, cracking eggs, scooping up sausage and hash browns and even helped with dishes and cleanup. It was a great group effort, and the students were a joy to work with!



Greenville Lions Club, with the help of students from the National Honor Society, packed 60 Thanksgiving boxes for distribution to students and their families in the Greenville School District. Club members contributed turkeys to add to a variety of food items to help families through the Thanksgiving recess.



Arcadia Lions Club members stay active year round with events such as Arcadia Daze, and event involving 175 members and volunteers



Coleman Lions members Jeff, Sheryl and Al deliver 10 turkeys to the Coleman Food Pantry for Thanksgiving baskets and fleece blankets were donated. A trip to Paws with a Cause was a great experience and they were joined by members of the Portage Club.



MI College of Optometry SINE Coordinator Dr. Sarah Hinkley and Fremont Lions SINE chair Roger Bradshaw pose with six students who received glasses at White Cloud Public Schools.

FREMONT LIONS
 SINE (Students In Need of Eyecare) The purpose of SINE is to offer access to quality eyecare and glasses to local students within Newaygo County. The Fremont Lions have organized this program in 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2021. This year's program, organized by chairperson Roger Bradshaw, was in conjunction with the White Cloud Lions Club, and now includes public schools in the White Cloud, Newaygo, Hesperia, and Fremont school districts. Find out more about the complete program on the district website.



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Alpena Lions Club participated in welcoming Santa to town by sponsoring a float in the parade over Thanksgiving weekend, ringing in the holiday season!



Alpena Lions welcomed Karen Nowicki Compeau as their newest member in November. Lion Karen and her family recently went to Belize on a mission trip and helped distribute eyeglasses to the local population. The Alpena Lions Club collects used eyeglasses for these missions and helped sponsor their trip. What a great start as an Alpena Lion, truly living up to our motto "We Serve". L to R: New Lion Karen with Sponsor Lion Jan



Alpena Lions shared their community spirit in the amount of \$2,700 in a donation to the Salvation Army.

Beaverton Leo and Lions Club recently enjoyed a visit from the Leader Dogs for the Blind program with Beth Slade, Director of Lions Engagement. Beaverton Lions Club was organized in 1944 as a part of Lions International. With eye care as its principal charitable work, for decades the Beaverton Lions have provided assistance with eyeglasses and hearing aids to Gladwin County residents. The Beaverton Lions Club sponsored the Beaverton Schools Leo Club which is one of the largest in the State. Beaverton Leo Club members learn about Leader Dogs for the Blind.



Boyne Valley Lions Club has cleaned up the highway, filling up 18 trash bags on a section of M75. The club held a fundraiser to benefit the Boyne Heritage Center and will be holding a Pastie Sale in December.

Central Lake Lions Club made a couple visits to Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids this year to help support children with cancer. Lion Ray Kuiper made a donation to Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of handmade beanies which were crocheted by members of the club, along with Subway gift cards with money received from the club's pediatric cancer can drive.



Lion Jennie Leathers donating her hair which she had cut as part of a fundraiser by running a full marathon to support World Vision to provide clean drinking water to children around the world.



PDG Rod Leathers shows off the raised therapy garden which his shave fundraiser provided funds for the project.

East Jordan Lions Club Tail Twister Terry Graham collected food, cereal, and soap from club members. To avoid fines, each member needed to bring in a food item. It was donated to the East Jordan Care and Share Food Pantry.



East Jordan Lions Bob and Sherry Pursel, Jennifer Creamer, and Bill Thompson donated a Michigan State decorated tree to the Jubilee of trees event. The tree was auctioned for \$100 and the winner could designate any charity they'd like the money to be donated to.

Hillman Lions Club participated in the Brush Mill Christmas Tree contest. Lions Jean Manning, Carleen Klein, Sharon Reed and Barb Durlinger displayed a beautifully decorated tree. Note the cute Leader Dog tree topper!



Oscoda Lions Club held a Thanksgiving dinner and welcomed in new members and gave donations to several local service agencies. The club also held a Children's Christmas party with Santa.



Help honor the gift of sight given by donors like Joy Trieglaff.

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