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**LIONS CHRIS SMITH AND GARY PERALA, DISTRICT 10 SESSION HIGHLIGHT-UP LIONS SERVE: BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER**

UP Lions Serve is a 501(c)3 foundation for the District 10 Lions. We are committed to bringing communities together to help and serve one another and promote service in the areas of childhood cancer, diabetes, hunger, environment and vision. We are here to help "Yoooper" families throughout the Upper Peninsula! We, as a team, collaborate in our communities to find out what is needed, then together we develop programs to empower members and people. During this session, Lions Chris Smith and Gary Perala will talk about the features and benefits of incorporating the UP Lions Serve Foundation, fundraising, website development/social media/advertising/marketing, programs, grants, as well as goals for the future of the Foundation. We are Stronger Together.

**TOGETHER WE CAN... MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



**THE NEXT PANDEMIC: LIONISM - IT'S CONTAGIOUS! PRESENTED BY IPDG RON RIEBSCHLEGER**

To be "contagious", something must spread rapidly in a population. Once the contagion starts spreading, it picks up speed and moves faster and faster. I will not use the perfect example that we all experienced recently in the pandemic, but will use a simple snowball instead! When on top of a mountain and you push/throw a snowball off, it first starts to grow in size. Then it picks up speed. Pretty soon it is racing downhill and gobbling up everything in its path! How does this fit into the Lions? You have to first throw the snowball to get things rolling (membership and/or satisfaction). Then look out or it will begin to grow fast! In this seminar, we will offer ideas for you to use as snowballs. We will try to teach you to "throw" them and then manage the roll as it builds momentum racing downhill in your clubs!

As a final thought, what happens to that snowball if you just let it sit on the ledge til Spring???

> FORUM KICK OFF - NEWS



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE



## FELLOW LIONS, YOUR STATE OFFICE HEADQUARTERS IS ON FIRE OVER HERE!

As we get closer to the date for the Lions Michigan Forum, excitement continues to build. Council Chair Ron Gibson, GST Chair Terri Huffman, Lion Chrissy Andre and I made a recent visit to tour Kid's Food Basket in Grand Rapids and believe me, it was powerful. Lion Terri said what we all were thinking: "Help me get through this tour without crying!"

Kid's Food Basket believes strong kids make strong leaders. We believe this, too, which is why hunger is one of the Lions Global Causes. KFB provides thousands of sack suppers to children and families in four counties throughout West Michigan every day. Lions will help play a role in this by supplying and packaging items for their snack packs during the Forum service project February 24. Prepare to be moved. Kleenex will be available.

We left KFB with excitement building. The Forum Planning Committee under the leadership of PDG Jim Leach, Jr., have dedicated their time over

the past 4 months to laying out the details; the session speakers are fine-tuning their presentations in effort to offer you the tools necessary to strengthen your club, your community outreach, to take care of our environment, and to hone those leadership skills. Our guest speaker, Dustin Dale, is sure to motivate you and his book will reinforce what we learn.

We've added new ideas and have worked hard to enhance this years' experience at the Forum.

You will leave with a passion to serve more, the excitement to grow your club, and the uplifting feeling you get when surrounded by good friends and good people.

### COME TO THE FORUM! I AM CERTAIN YOU WILL FEEL THE FIRE.

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

## FROM THE DESK OF COUNCIL CHAIR RON GIBSON

2023 has arrived. It's a new calendar year. It's also the 3rd quarter of our Lions year. Many of us make New Year's resolutions, focused on things like better health, improved relationships, better spending habits. As Lions, do we also make resolutions? For some, these come in the form of goals, set at the beginning of the Lions year. But since we've turned the calendar, and since we're Lions, let's come up with some Lions resolutions. What might they look like?

Well, here's a few:

- Wear your Lions pin proudly, and not just at a Lions function.
- Help at more fundraisers and service projects.
- Promote and suggest a new activity in your club. The Lion Pride can be a great resource for finding new activities.
- Find ways to keep your older, less active members involved.
- Invite a potential new member to a club function.
- Take the Lions Code of Ethics, which we promise to live by when we join Lions, seriously. Simply put, it's our "Do Unto Others" code of conduct.

There are certainly other Lions resolutions you can think of. But, ask yourself this: am I more likely to keep my New Year's resolutions, or my Lions resolutions? Let's have a great 2nd half of our Lions year!

CC Ron



## CONGRATULATIONS COUNCIL CHAIR ELECT!

PDG Daoud was elected by seated First Vice District Governors as Council Chair for the 2023-2024 Lions year.

CCE Daoud will officially begin his term July 1, but has already jumped in to attend committee meetings and will be present at the remaining Council meetings as he prepares for his upcoming year.

PDG JOHN DOUD 11A1



## C1 LYONS-MUIR GUEST READER PROGRAM



The Lyons-Muir Lions Club recently expanded their reach into a neighboring community that does not have a Lions Club by bringing the "Lions Guest Reader Program" to the Pewamo-Westphalia Elementary School. The Lions read three books to approximately 40 more children. Each of the selected books for the district wide service project focus on a value such as the importance of kindness, trying and the unlimited potential in each of us.

If you need help developing your club's "Lions Guest Reader Program, please reach out to your zone chair or DG Diane Wehby. March is national reading month and schools/libraries are often looking for programs such as this.

## THE MD 11 GLOBAL ACTION TEAM (GAT) APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2023-2034 LIONS YEAR

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

Term One year; selected by the multiple district (per the multiple district constitutional bylaws). May serve multiple terms. Applications now being accepted for the 2023-2024 year, and must be submitted to the Lions State Office no later than May 1, 2023.

### Recommended Qualifications:

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

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

Contact Lion Wendy Burns at [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com)



# JOIN US FOR A FORUM SERVICE PROJECT FEB 24 AT KIDS' FOOD BASKET



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

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

Join us on Friday night for a service project to be held at Kids' Food Basket, Grand Rapids. 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. KFB is located at 1300 Plymouth NE, Grand Rapids, as we pack up 200 food packets.

Kids' Food Basket supplies thousands of children in West Michigan with a Sack Supper to ensure they have increased access to healthy food each day. Once the packs are ready, volunteers from KFB will add a fresh vegetable and fruit in a decorative bag to turn it all into a Sack Supper, ready to be delivered to a child's school. Lions can help to supply and package the contents of these meals at the KFB location in Grand Rapids during our service project night on Friday, February 24, starting at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are attending the Michigan Lions Forum or just driving in to participate in this service opportunity, all are welcome!

To ensure each child is receiving the same meal, we ask for no substitutions to the items on the preferred list. Any brand of the following items is welcome, and each district is asked to supply the following items with include 4 snacks per/bag in addition to the fresh fruit and vegetable to be added at delivery. Each district is asked to bring 100 of the items listed to help fill 200 snack packs.

**District A1/A2**  
**Pudding Cup**

**District B1/B2**  
**Fruit Cup or Pouch (no foil tops please)**

**District C1/C2**  
**Pretzel, Cheez-it or Goldfish bag (1.5 oz or smaller)**

**District D1/D2/D10**  
**Meat sticks – either TWO 0.28 oz sticks or ONE 0.5 oz sticks**

**District E1/E2**  
**Quart Size Bag – Please provide quart size zipper lock bags for the Supper Packs**

**Please bring your donations in advance to either your District GST coordinator or to Kids' Food Basket the evening of the project.**

**GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM COMMITTEE**

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## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM - GLT ARTICLE



**IPDG ROSNI PATEL**  
**11A1**

Greetings Lion Members, Family and Friends

Happy New Year. Let us ring in the New Year with Love and Service

Let us Celebrate, Celebrate, Celebrate.  
It is an exciting time of the year.

As we reflect on the Lions Fiscal year so far for 2022-2023, we have a lot to Cheer about. Reflecting back on 2022, the GLT team in Multiple District 11 and Single District 10 have been busy training our upcoming leaders. Club Officers are getting trained and encouraged to lead their clubs with service, and membership growth. A number of Districts are showing positive growth in attracting new member. Clubs that are active with providing service in their communities usually attract new Lions because they are like minded individuals.

Reporting service on the LCI website is one of the main focuses for this year's training. Region and Zone Chairs are visiting clubs and providing information from National and District Leadership.

As Global Leadership Team members, for MD 11 and SD 10 our First and Second Vice District Governors have received multiple trainings on leading their respective districts. A number of training sessions are provided by LCI on line. The Global Leadership Coordinator for MD 11 and SD 10 has also provided a number of training sessions in person. Those who could not attend in person have attended on Zoom. The incoming governors are a wonderful group of intellectuals who are committed in leading the districts. They are ready to provided service and grow membership. The Second Vice District Governors are just as anxious and eager to learn.

**MD 11 is seeking Second Vice District Governors for Districts**  
**A 2, B 1, B 2, C 1, C 2.**

If there are any enthusiastic Lion Members willing to serve and lead the districts, we encourage you to step up and take charge. Feel free to contact your district officers for guidance.

So far this has been an active year for learning and teaching. I encourage all the GLTs, GMTs and GSTs to keep up the excellent work and continue on the positive path, encouraging members through service, positivity, and FUN.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023—GOD BLESS.**  
**IPDG and GLT Coordinator MD 11 AND SD 10 Lion ROSHNI PATEL**

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

REACH OUT TO YOUR FUTURE



**DG MATT COLLINS**  
**11A1**

**New Members...**

- bring new energy and fresh ideas.
- are our future leaders.
- are the future stewards of Lionism.
- help us fundraise and expand our hands on service activities.
- help us establish new relationships within our community.

In 2008 my Club, the Livonia Lions Club had 25 members. I was the youngest at age 50. Other area Lions Clubs were closing (Redford Township, Farmington Area, Madonna University), and if we didn't change our ways, we would follow suit. What to do?

We established our "Reach Out" Initiative to increase community awareness of Lionism, to increase the communities engagement with Lionism and ultimately to increase membership opportunities.

Over the past 14 years we have "Reached Out" to our community in a variety of ways. We established and recently updated our website (www.LivoniaLionsClub.org). We established and regularly update our Facebook page (livoniahighnoonerslionsclub). We joined the local Chamber of Commerce, produced and distributed club literature, published club articles in the local paper as well as area business newsletters and social media blogs and we increased our hands on service activities within our service area. We conducted an annual "Meet the Lions" Member Recruitment Event and utilized the Lions Club/Business Liaison Program to identify and welcome new members to our Club. We established a network of Community Service Clubs and partnered with them on major area service products such as Meal Packing Events and Bed Building Events. We embraced Social media and now publicize many of our Clubs Activities on Facebook. Utilizing these approaches has helped increase Community awareness of Lionism and helped us to identify many prospective members to welcome into Lionism.

Today the Livonia Lions Club has 42 members. 90% of our current membership has joined our Club since we started "Reaching Out" in 2008 and their collective focus is to serve their community. We raise more funds, do more hands on community service and continue to position our Club to continue to be stewards of Lionism for the foreseeable future.

I invite every Club in MD11/SD10 to use your best efforts to "Reach Out" to your community to promote awareness of Lionism and welcome new members to your Club. Once those members are on board, help them find the satisfaction of helping others and they will become Lions for Life!

Respectfully submitted,  
**Lion Matt Collins**  
**11A1 District Governor**  
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> LIONS OF MI KIDSIGHT NEWS



by PDG Dave Wineman

### THE NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HOPE!

By now many Lions have heard of "GMA" or "Global Membership Approach". Did you know that the term Global Membership Approach stood for two different things? First, there is the Global Membership "Process". This refers to how we do GMA. The second term we use as Global Membership Approach

are the "Objectives" or "Focus" when we add in the training element. So we have both "methodology" and "goals" in mind when we talk about the term Global Membership Approach. Said in another way we have a "roadmap" to show us the way and a "destination" of where we want to go. The GMA objectives are encouraging more people to become Lions, building new clubs, engaging Lions in meaningful service and training our Lions to do all this. Contrasting that with the GMA "process" which gives us a consistent approach to getting these goals done. This is an important distinction as the "process" can and should be used for most of the things we do as Lions. Permit me to expand on the process.

As already stated, the GMA Process is the method we approach, or roadmap if you will, that is used to get to our goals. The process is broken into 4 parts. Build a Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan and Build a Success. When we look at each one of these individually, it easy to see what Lions Clubs International has done. They are teambuilding to accomplish specific goals. Even more so they have broken the steps of teambuilding up into easily accomplishable steps for success of our service goals!

Here is where we can really use the power of our organization to leverage and help our service that we do as Lions become reality. As you are planning your next service endeavor that seems too large to accomplish, think about applying the "process" of GMA to define goals that we want to accomplish. This process can (and should) be used at the multiple district, district and club levels. Let's use an example to help clarify this. We'll base our example on the district level. We'll use Project KidSight as our committee (or "team" if you will) that exists in many districts in this example. We all understand that Project KidSight screens eyesight in youth.

Our Project KidSight Committee (team) meets at the district level. The team consists of Lions or maybe even a community member at large that is interested in screening the eyes of our youth. So we have a Team! Our team meets and discusses with Lions and non-Lions what they really would like to accomplish this coming year. For instance, maybe we screened the eyes of children at the local Easter egg hunt every year, but this year there is a new parochial school that was built that needs this service as well. We are building our "vision" of what we really should be doing in the community. Several of the Project KidSight Team sit down to "plan" this expansion of need. They come up with some "customized" goals that can be written down. Finally, the Lions in the district work to make this a reality. So what have we done? We built a team. For the most part it was in place from last year. Maybe we had to encourage a new member or two. As a team we built a vision of what we wanted to do. Form there we created a plan and wrote it down as a "custom goal" so that it could be transmitted to all of the Lions and community as a concise plan that could be followed and if necessary bettered. Finally, we carried out that plan. All the ingredients of a "Custom Goal".

Why make goals? That's pretty simple too. It engages both Lions and communities. It clearly transmits the "what we intend to do" part to many people without misinterpretation. With an army of people or a pride of Lions we can accomplish many great things. Why write goals down? We know that by writing them down we can communicate our goals. We also know from experience that written goals are much more likely to be accomplished than unwritten goals. As Lions we accomplish great things. We accomplish even more when we have all of us along with our communities pulling in the same direction. Finally post those goals so that everyone knows our direction. Check out the GMA Process on our website: [www.lionsclubs.org/global](http://www.lionsclubs.org/global).

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

Cheers!

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### Thought you might like to know..... PKS State Committee Chair PDG Jeff Mayuiers

I hope we can continue this column with other people writing in with...Things You Might Like To Know.

Recently I attended the MAFE Convention held at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

What does MAFE stand for you ask? Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibits.

#### Upon learning that, why was it important for Lions to attend?

Well, the real reason is that this convention is attended by almost all if not all of the community Fair and Festival planners in the State of Michigan. PKS attended as exhibitors, presenting attendees with the Lions of Michigan Project KidSight Program. With over 88 total community fairs in our fantastic state, the opportunity to screen so many kids makes this a very special opportunity.

Attached I have the 2023 Fair & Festival dates. I hope all of you will take a look and see what fairs and festivals are planned in your County, District or Community. Next work with your PKS District Coordinator and make plans to be sure to attend these events if at all possible. If you see an \* next to any of them listed, it's because someone stopped by our booth at MAFE and definitely would like KidSight at their Fair!

If you are not sure who your District PKS Coordinator is, feel free to contact me at [wjmayuiers@gmail.com](mailto:wjmayuiers@gmail.com).

Thanks for all you do!!  
PCC Jeff Mayuiers



#### 2023 FAIR AND FESTIVAL DATES (known as of 1/11/23)

Alcona County Fair	TBD	Manchester Community Fair	August 8-12
Alger County Fair	TBD	Manistee County Fair	August 15-19
Allegan County Fair	September 8-16	*Marion Fair	June 11-17
Alpena County Fair	August 12-19	Marquette County Fair	August 10-12
Antrim County Fair	August 8-12	Mecosta County Free Fair	July 10-15
Arenac County Fair	TBD	Menominee County Fair	July 13-16
Armada Fair	August 14-20	Michigan State Fair	Aug 31-Sept 4
Barry County Fair	July 17-22	Midland County Fair	August 13-19
*Bay County Fair & Youth Expo	August 8-12	Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show	July 30-Aug 3
Berlin Fair	July 3-8	Monroe County Fair	July 30-Aug 5
Berrien County Youth Fair	August 14-19	Montcalm County Fair	June 18-24
Branch County Fair	August 6-12	*Montmorency County 4-H Fair	July 24-29
Calhoun County Fairgrounds	August 13-19	Munger Potato Festival	July 27-30
Cass County Fair	July 30-Aug 5	Muskegon County Fairgrounds	TBD
Cheboygan County Fair	August 5-12	National Cherry Festival	July 1-8
Chelsea Community Fair	August 22-26	Newaygo County Agricultural Fair	August 5-12
Chippewa County Fair	Aug 29-Sept 4	Northern District Fair	August 14-19
Clare County Fair	July 24-29	Northwestern Michigan Fair	August 6-12
Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair	July 29- Aug 3	Oakland County Fair	July 7-16
Croswell Agricultural Society Fair	TBD	Oceana County Fair	August 21-26
Dickinson County Fair	TBD	Ogemaw County Fair	August 14-19
*Eastern Michigan State Fair	July 25-29	Osceola County 4-H FFA Fair	July 24-29
Eaton County 4-H Fair	July 10-16	Otsego County Fair	August 20-26
*Emmet Charlevoix County Fair	August 20-27	*Ottawa County Fair	July 24-29
Fowlerville Family Fair	July 24-29	Presque Isle County Fair	Aug 25-27
Genesee County Fair	August 21-27	Saginaw County Fair	August 1-5
Gladwin County Fair	July 10-15	*Saline Community Fair	Aug 30-Sept 3
Gogebic County Fair	August 10-13	Sanilac County 4-H Fair	August 6-12
Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest	June 16-19	Schoolcraft County Fair	July 28-30
Gratiot County Fair for Youth	July 29 Aug 5	*Shiawassee County Fair	Aug 6-12
Hamburg Family Fun Fest	June 14-17	*St Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair	July 17-22
Hillsdale County Fair	Sept 24-30	St. Joseph County Grange Fair	Sept 17-23
Houghton County Fair	August 24-27	Stalwart Agricultural Fair	September 7-9
Hudsonville Community Fair	August 21-26	Swartz Creek Hometown Days	June 1-4
Huron Community Fair	July 30-Aug 5	Tuscola County Fair	July 23-29
Ingham County Fair	July 31-Aug 5	Upper Peninsula State Fair	August 14-20
*Ionia Free Fair	July 14-22	USA Figure 8 Championship Race	Sep 16
Iosco County Fair	July 24-29	Van Buren Youth Fair	July 17-22
Iron County Fair	August 10-13	Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show	July 23-29
Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair	JULY 24-29	Wayne County Fair	TBD
Jackson County Fair	August 6-12	Western Michigan Fair Association	Aug 7-12
Kalamazoo County Fair	August 9-12		
Kalkaska County Agricultural Fair	August 2-5		
Kent County Youth Fair	July 31-Aug 5		
Lake Odessa Fair	June 21-25		
Lenawee County Fair	July 23-29		
Luce West Mackinac	July 28-30		

Fairs noted w/TBD will be verified and updated.



## MD11 READING ACTION PROGRAM

by Donald Spinks MD11  
WAYS TO FIND HARD COPIES OF KIDS BOOKS

Lots of people still love the look and feel of old-fashioned paper-and-ink books. Young kids may like turning the sturdy pages in board books. Older kids may like dog-earing a page corner or jotting their thoughts down on sticky notes to mark key passages.

There are a bunch of programs like Book Trust and Reading Is Fundamental that partner with schools to help kids choose free or low-cost books for their home libraries. Here are five more places where you can find free hard copies for your child.

### 1. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

The country singer started Imagination Library, a program that mails free books each month to kids ages 0–5. It launched in 1995 and now mails kids more than 1 million free books each month. Enter your zip code to see if the program is in your community. If it's not, you can apply to start a local chapter.

### 2. Little Free Libraries

Little Free Libraries are free book-sharing boxes where anyone can take or share a book. So far, volunteers have installed more than 90,000 book-sharing boxes near sidewalks and other places people tend to walk by. The goal is to provide 24/7 access to free books.

Enter your zip code to look for a Little Free Library near you. If you live in an area where there aren't any libraries nearby, you can apply for a free book-sharing box and a starter set of books. More than 1,000 of these "impact libraries" have been donated so far.

### 3. Freecycle, Facebook, and Craigslist

Everything offered on Freecycle is free — all you have to do is pick it up. With more than 9 million members, chances are good there's a Freecycle group near you. Search the offers for kids' books or you can post a wanted ad.

Facebook is another place to look for people giving away free kids' books. Search local parent groups and also on its Marketplace section. You can also search the "Free Stuff" section on Craigslist to find people who are giving away books and learning games.

### 4. Book Exchanges and Book Banks

Search online to see if your community has a book exchange or a book bank. Book exchanges encourage visitors to trade in books. Book banks simply give books away.

Some book banks partner with schools and community groups to distribute free books to kids. But some are open to the public. For example, the Maryland Book Bank in Baltimore lets kids ages 13 and under take as many books as they can carry. Teens and adults can take up to 25 books per visit — one visit per month.

### 5. Libraries and Bookmobiles

Don't forget about your local library as a great place to borrow countless books for free. Libraries offer lots of other free learning resources, too. If it's hard for you to get there in person, ask your library if it has a bookmobile. There are hundreds of these in the U.S. If your library has one but it doesn't stop near you, ask about adding another stop.

You can also ask your local library if it offers mail order. Some libraries will deliver straight to your door — at no cost to you.

Another topic to bring up with your local library: book giveaways! Many libraries give away piles of books from time to time. Ask your library if it has free kids' books available or when it expects to give some away.

## LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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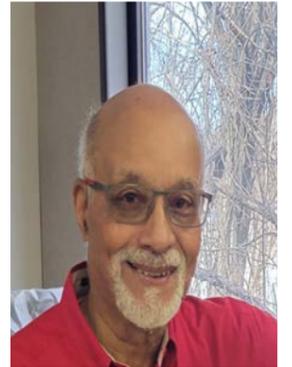
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022-2023 S.A. DODGE RECIPIENTS!

PDG Ronald Coleman has worked tirelessly representing the spirit of Lions Clubs International since 1979 when as a young man he joined the Detroit Renaissance Lions Club sponsored by his step father, Lion Robert M Walker. Since that time, his accomplishments in the State, District and Club Levels are well noted. He has held positions from Club President (twice) to District Governor with many, many other positions and awards given along the way. He has organized and co-organized 4 Lions Clubs, (Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club; Detroit Medical Center Lions Club, Detroit Healthy Lions Club, Detroit Greater St. John Lions Club most recently Michigan Cyber Lions Club. Since Ronald believes in mentoring



New Lions, he has sponsored more than 30 Lions.

Four accomplishments that are the most special to him as a Lion are probably not the most well known of his efforts. The first, in 1992 while serving as Public Relations Chair for Governor Bob Smoke, when he coordinated a project to increase public awareness of Lions using billboards and posters. The second in 1999, representing Lions all over Michigan he helped raise money to buy food and was part of a two man effort with great risk, to deliver money and food to Piao Columbia after it was devastated by an earthquake. The third was 2001 when after a call from International Director Lion Salim Moussan of Lebanon District 351, who he met at an International convention, asked Lion Ron to assist Lion Fouad Beydoun in the formation of what would become the "International Association of Organ Donations". This effort led to a partnership with the former Secretary of State, Terry Lynn Land to increase ways to register individuals to become donors. And fourth, he guided the process to win a \$200,000 Core Four Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation to reduce drug use in children, also known as Lions Quest.

As a family man Lion Ron has 3 children, Ronald Mark and twins Jill and Jason, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, and he enjoys fishing, boating, hunting and playing with constant companions, his two other "furry" children, Chase and Phoebe. His wife, Lion La Wonna supports him in his efforts and thinks he's one awfully special guy.

**Congratulations, PDG Ronald Coleman, 2022-2023 S.A. Dodge recipient!**

PDG Connie Shelton broke the barrier in District A2 when elected to serve as their first female District Governor in 2008-2009. She went onto serve in many district and state leadership roles with her most recent being that of LCIF MD 11 State Coordinator in which she served for 12 years, ending her term in 2022. Led by PDG Connie's passion for LCIF, we were able to raise money through a raffle and donate \$11,000.00 to LCIF at last year's MD 11 Lion's Convention.



She has dedicated her time serving on the Michigan Lions Forum, MD 11 Convention, and the Childhood Cancer committees. Within the District she is a strong

supporter and a volunteer at Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids, an organization that assists children with cancer. Beaumont Silent Children's is a cause near to her heart as well. PDG Connie is busy these days training her first Leader Dog puppy.

**Congratulations, PDG Connie Shelton, 2022-2023 S.A. Dodge recipient!**



### S.A. Dodge Distinguished Service Award

The S. A. Dodge Award is the highest award given by Multiple District 11 (Michigan's Lower Peninsula). Only two awards are given each

year.



> FORUM NEWS

# 2023 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM

## MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

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



### REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

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

2023 Forum Long Sleeve Shirt \$22 each (\$24 for 2xl & up)  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

List food allergies or dietary requirements:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### REGISTER EARLY!

To guarantee lunch and materials!

**FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.**  
 Kid's Food Basket– Service Project  
 Hospitality Suite – 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY SESSIONS:**  
7:00 a.m. – Registration  
8:10 a.m. – Welcome

**Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)**  
 Public Speaking – Dr. Evan Pulver, Toastmasters  
 Fundraising – Panel of experts share proven projects  
 Global Action Team -PDGs Roshni Patel, Brent Beracy, Terri Huffman  
 Reading Action Plan- PDG's Don Spinks, Dr Bob Hohendorf

**Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)**  
 UP Lions Serve:Bringing Communities Together  
Lions Chris Smith, Gary Perala  
 Diabetes – Jessica Dailey, Diabetic RN  
 Service – Show me the Kindness! DG Diane Wehby  
 Lions KidSight USA-Michigan – What, Why and How?  
PID Gary Anderson, PCC Jeff Mayuiers

**Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)**  
 Ice Breakers – DG Shawn Blaszczyk  
 Lions 101 What We're All About -PDG David Anderson  
 Next Pandemic:Lionism Its Contagious- PDG Ron Riebschleger  
 Gardening for Good – VDG Dan Perkins, Partridge Creek Farm

**Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)**  
 Recycling and the Environment – Lion Michelle Turner-White  
 Be a More Empathetic Lion- DG Traci Tribbley  
 Marketing Your Club- Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA  
 Gardening for Good - Kyle Szucs, Jason Lundberg, Kids' Food Basket

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

### LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM 2023 Tee Shirt Order Form

The NEW 2023 Lions Michigan Forum T- shirt is now available These shirts come in a royal blue, long-sleeved men's style and sizes, and have TOGETHER WE CAN imprinted down one sleeve, with Lions Michigan Forum on the front.

Order in advance for pick-up at the Forum, February 25, 2023.

Basic T-shirt price for S,M, L and XL is \$22.00; 2X and larger sizes cost \$24.00.

If you want your shirt(s) sent to you, the shipping charge is \$4.95 per shirt. If you plan to pick up your shirt at the Lions State Office, please note that shirts are not kept in stock. You will be notified when your shirt is available for pickup.



Please enter quantity desired

Size	Quantity	Price	Total
Small		\$22.00	
Medium		\$22.00	
Large		\$22.00	
X- Large		\$22.00	
2X-Large		\$24.00	
3X-Large		\$24.00	
4X-Large		\$24.00	
5X-Large		\$24.00	

Without shipping Total = \_\_\_\_\_

With Shipping Total = \_\_\_\_\_  
(add \$4.95 per shirt)

If we have questions, where can we?

Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate delivery method.

Shipped or Pickup?

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

Lions of Michigan - 2023 Forum Shirt

For Credit Cards - MasterCard, Visa or Discover only

Card type \_\_\_\_\_  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Order form to:

Lions of Michigan -2023 Forum Shirt  
5730 Executive Dr, Lansing, MI, 48911-5301

**PLEASE NOTE: SOME SESSIONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED OR CHANGED, DUE TO SPEAKER CONFLICTS. YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND A CHANGE OF SESSION TO THE STATE OFFICE**

#### EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT

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

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2023 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Double Tree Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan on February 25, 2023. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$55.00 OR \$85, which includes an ad in the Forum proceedings booklet and one lunch ticket. The charge is fully refundable only if, for any reason, the Forum is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives.

The undersigned releases the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 and its agents from any and all liabilities that may arise or be asserted as a result of participation in this exhibition. The Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. will determine the eligibility of any company or product for exhibit. Acceptance of an exhibitor for the MD 11 Michigan Forum does not imply endorsement of the product or services, nor does rejection imply lack of approval of the product or manufacturer.

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

#### EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, state, zip)  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP?  yes  no  
 Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 2023 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

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

#### ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

- 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3" ..... \$15.00
- 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) ..... \$20.00
- 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal) ..... \$25.00
- 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4" ..... \$40.00
- Full page ad 7.5 x 10" ..... \$50.00

#### EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

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

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

#### CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

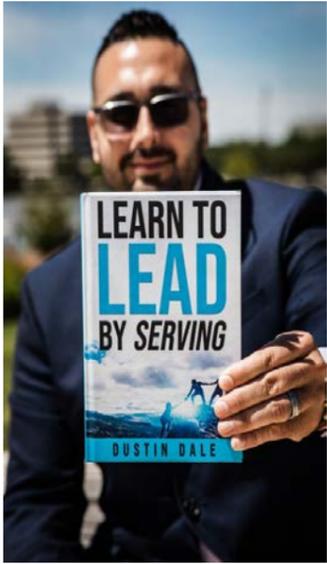
- Included is a print ready ad or message  
 Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)

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

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

# FORUM - FEBRUARY 24-26, 2023

## 2022-2023 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS



**ATTENTION LIONS!!**  
**Only 50 books remain!**

THE FIRST ~~125~~ REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE DUSTIN DALE'S BOOK, LEARN TO LEAD BY SERVING.

THIS BOOK IS A \$10 VALUE AND YOURS FREE BY REGISTERING NOW!!

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

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

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

Kids' Food Basket has been committed to West Michigan since 2002. Join us in our commitment to SERVE on February 24.

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



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

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

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

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

Lions attending the service project on Friday, February 24 will learn first-hand how KFB works to reduce food insecurity and increase food equity in the community.

**DG Gretchen Preston, District 10**  
April 28-30, 2023  
Casino - LCI Guest PID Bruce Beck  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

**DG Matthew Collins, District 11 A1**  
May 13, 2023 LCI Guest IPID Justin Faber  
Wayne County Community College in Downtown Detroit

**DG Shawn Blaszczyk, District 11 A2**  
March 31-April 2, 2023 – LCI Guest ID Dr. Dianna Pitts  
Comfort Inn and Suites, Mount Pleasant

**DG Kelly Lubbe, District B1**  
April 29, 2023 – LCI Guest PID Jose Marrero  
Commonwealth Commerce Center  
209 E. Washington Jackson, MI 49201

**DG Julie Mayuiers, District 11 B2**  
March 17-18, 2023 – LCI Guest PID Jenny Ware  
Four Points Sheraton, Kalamazoo

**DG Diane Wehby, District 11 C1**  
May 20, 2023 – LCI Guest IPIP Douglas Alexander  
VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon

**DG Traci Tribbley, District C2**  
March 10-11, 2023 – LCI Guest PID Bob Block  
Comstock Inn & Conf. Center, Owosso

**DG Jack Frost, District D1**  
April 14-16, 2023 – LCI Guest IPID Larry Edwards  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Grand Rapids

**DG Shawn Wightman District 11 D2**  
March 17-19, 2023 – PID Joyce Middleton  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Grand Rapids

**DG Jackie Glazier, District 11 E1**  
April 21-23, 2023 – ID Robert Lee  
Doherty Hotel, Clare

**DG Rod Leathers, District 11 E2**  
April 21-23, 2023 – PID BJ Blackenship  
Ramada, Grayling

**MD 11 Lions Convention**  
May 18-20, 2023 – LCI Guest IPIP Douglas Alexander  
VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon

## LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM 2023

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> FOUNDATION AD



**LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2024 GROUP CRUISE**

**ROYAL CARIBBEAN - NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS**  
**7-Night Cruise: February 2 - February 9, 2024**

**ROUNDTrip - LOS ANGELES, CA**  
**Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico**

**CURRENT PRICING: 2 PEOPLE**

**Inside (Interior) Stateroom: \$1,082.00 + \$268.68 Taxes and Gratuity**

Stateroom Size: 150 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests

**Oceanview Stateroom: \$1,482.00 + \$268.68 Taxes and Gratuity**

Size Stateroom: 160 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests

**Balcony Stateroom: \$2,048.00 + \$268.68 Taxes and Gratuity**

Stateroom size: 185 square feet + 50 square feet balcony - occupancy up to 4 guests

I would like an Interior Stateroom for \_\_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).

I would like an Oceanview Stateroom for \_\_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).

I would like a Balcony Stateroom for \_\_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or Under).

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Credit/Debit Card \_\_\_ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Names: \_\_\_\_\_ - Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911 - 517-887-6640 - 517-887-6642 (Fax) - info@lmsf.net**



# THE 105TH ANNUAL CONVENTION - LCI BOSTON JULY 7-11, 2023

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

**The 105th Annual Convention -LCICon Boston!**  
Celebrate service with fellow Lions and Leos in Boston July 7-11, 2023 – in the city on the hill –historic Boston!

**Registration Fee:**

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

**What goes on at the convention?**

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

**The Exhibit Hall**

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

**Plenary Sessions**

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

**The International Election**

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

**The Parade of Nations**

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

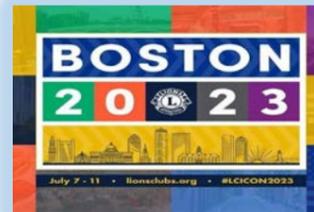
March with Michigan Lions in the parade! Parade uniform consists of a Lions of MI parade shirt (parade gear available for order through the state office); optional white hat; navy slacks, dark shoes. **2023 Michigan pin now available.** Parade date: Saturday, July 8.

**Register now at <https://lcon.lionsclubs.org/>**  
Once you register your hotel will be assigned. The complete list of hotels can be found on the LCICon website and here, in the Lion Pride.

MICHIGAN delegates/attendees have been assigned the ALOFT BOSTON SEAPORT DISTRICT or BOSTON MARRIOTT COPLEY PLACE



**YOU ARE INVITED  
MIDWEST BREAKFAST**



**Hosted by the LIONS of ILLINOIS  
2023 International Convention - Boston**

**When : Sunday, July 9, 2023**

**Where : Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport**

**"ENSEMBLE BALLROOM"**

**450 Summer Street, Boston, MA**

**Time : 6:30 AM - 8:15 AM**

The Lions of Illinois are in the planning stages for the 2023 Midwest Breakfast at the International Convention in Boston, MA. This is a great time to visit with other Lions that are attending from not only the Midwest States, but other surrounding areas.

You will have the opportunity to hear from our LCI Executive Officers and meet the endorsed candidates that are seeking the Office of International Director.

More information to follow ..... PID Bob Block - email: [lionbobbblock@gmail.com](mailto:lionbobbblock@gmail.com)  
PID Bud Wahl - email: [pidbud@yahoo.com](mailto:pidbud@yahoo.com)

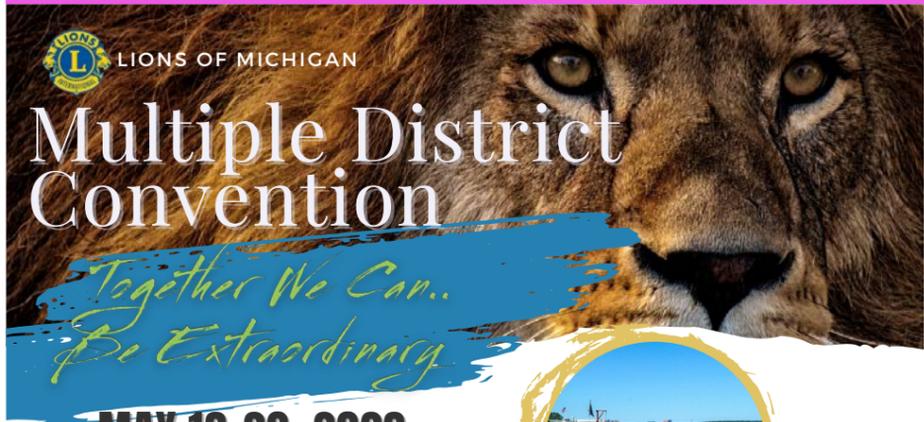


This year's International Show will ignite a blast from your rock 'n' roll past as Killer Queen: A Tribute to Queen with Patrick Myers takes the stage. Killer Queen is the number one Queen tribute band in the world, and they will headline our Second Plenary at LCICon 2023 Boston.

This band doesn't just imitate Queen...they become Queen. Celebrate the legacy of lead singer Freddie Mercury and experience all the high-octane energy of these rock icons as Killer Queen performs the songs that shook the world of arena rock in the 70s and 80s. Get ready to sing along to Queen classics like Bohemian Rhapsody and Another One Bites the Dust with your fellow Lions and Leos. Make sure you've registered for LCICon 2023 Boston and join us for an extravaganza of rock 'n' roll royalty.

> LIONS MD CONVENTION NEWS

**EXCITEMENT AWAITS YOU AT THE MD 11 CONVENTION**  
**MAY 18 - 19 - 20 - MUSKEGON-DELTA HOTEL & VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER**



LIONS OF MICHIGAN

**Multiple District Convention**

*Together We Can... Be Extraordinary*

**MAY 18-20, 2023**  
**VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER**  
**MUSKEGON, MI**

**Kickoff Picnic**

Thursday Night Kickoff Picnic hosted by Muskegon Northside Lions Club. Join us aboard the USS LST 393 and enjoy a BBQ catered meal by the Ravenna Lions Club

**Lions Got Talent**

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

**Lions of Michigan Parade**

Grab your club members, your yellow vests, club shirts, old cars and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other! Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, humor, & talents. It's your time to shine and BE EXTRAORDINARY!

**IPIP Douglas Alexander**

Join us in welcoming keynote speaker for Saturday Night, IPIP Douglas Alexander who served as the Lions Clubs International President in 2021-2022 with the theme "Service From The Heart."



**Lions MD 11 Convention**

**Together We Can... Be Extraordinary!**

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

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN INAUGURAL PARADE**  
 SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

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

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

**Pre-Register your club/entry today!!**

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

Club Name/District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many Club members participating? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you have a float or other vehicles? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size of float or vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com); fax 517.887.6642 or mail to:  
 Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing 48911

**REGISTER TODAY** Exhibitors, Service Project, Breakout Sessions and More!  
[lionsofmi.com](http://lionsofmi.com)



*Lions MD Convention: Together We Can... Be Extraordinary!*

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

Get ready to be wowed by Lions across the state!

Do you have a hidden talent? Have a voice like Whitney? Moves like Swayze? Does your sleight of hand give Penn & Teller a run for their money? Are your dad jokes on point?

Show us what you're made of... **THE STAGE IS YOURS!**

*Pre-Register your act today - first 10 applicants will be accepted!!*

The **Lions Got Talent Show** will be held Friday, May 19 at the VanDyk Mortgage Center and will be the entertainment during the MD 11 Convention Welcome Reception and Dinner. You must pre-register your act by completing the registration form and sending it to [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com); fax 517-887-6642; or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr, Lansing 48911. Entries must be received by **May 1**. Prizes will be awarded to the top acts!

Participant Name/s (list all): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact District/Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com); fax 517.887.6642 or mail to:  
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**ALL ABOARD THE USS LST 393**

**MD11 CONVENTION KICKOFF PICNIC**

HOSTED BY MUSKEGON NORTHSIDE LIONS CLUB & RAVENNA LIONS CLUB



Menu consists of Boneless BBQ Chicken Thighs, Grilled Pork Loin Chops, and all the trimmings! Catered by the Ravenna Lions Club.



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

**MAY 18TH, 2023 6:00 PM**  
 560 Mart Street Muskegon, MI 49440

**Cost \$15 per person - REGISTER TODAY**

RSVP your attendance today or include with your convention registration form to:

Lions of Michigan  
 5730 Executive Dr.  
 Lansing, MI 48911

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 # OF ATTENDEES \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_



11 A1



**DG Matt Collins**  
**MONROE • WAYNE**  
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The Bedford Township Lion's Christmas dinner at Coopers Hawk. We had the privilege of having the Bedford High School Soiree entertain us. Great music, great food and great fellowship. Merry Christmas from the Bedford Township Lions! "We Serve"



Livonia High Nooners As they do each year, Westborn Market sponsored "Pictures with Santa" this past Saturday. Several hundred families came out to get a very special picture with Santa, and were generous in their donations to the Livonia High Nooners Lions Club! Lion Matt Collins thanks Santa for bringing out the generous Westborn Market patrons for Pictures with Santa.



Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club, United Reach, DEAF CAN, JustJameen, DPD 2nd Precinct, Brownstown Lions Club, Detroit Renaissance Lions Club, Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club, Lion Terisita Anderson, and many more collaborated to provide gifts to Deaf/HoH Adopt A Families through the Association for the Advancement of Deaf/ Hard of Hearing. This is their third year creating a Merry Christmas for Deaf/HoH families in their community.



Detroit Mid-City Lions Club members visited and delivered Christmas gifts for our newly adopted son Dezvonte at the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. Penrickton is a residential and day care agency serving blind and multi-disabled children ages 1-12. Dez is 6 years old blind and has cerebral palsy. We are elated to welcome Dez to the family of Detroit Mid-City Lions. We love you Dez and look forward to serving you as our son.



District Furniture Giveaway Service Project- Over 27 homes and families as well as other service organizations, received all of the things you see here and more since our last donation giveaway service project in August...and we are still on the move. Several families that had been burned out now have FULL home furnishings for their families. Many of whom are single mothers or fathers that due to life circumstances found themselves in need. Many of our Lions, other volunteers, and other organizations such as Women's Life donated and assisted in this service effort. We have many testimonies of thanks to the Lions Club International for their furnishings and home goods! Several Lions and others came to Lion Michelle's home, sorted and delivered goods to others and moved their furniture in and set it up if need be!



The Northville Lions collected donations at the winter craft fair with the help of several local high school volunteers. Many thanks to all those that volunteered and to those that contributed so generously to our cause. Pictured below are Lion Clay with volunteers Tyler and Nolan. Thank You!

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The Royal Oaks Lions held their 49th annual century club dinner/raffle raising close to \$9,600. Over the years it has brought in about \$400,000 for charities. Shown calling off the numbers is Lion Bob Westury, who has been in charge for 35 years.



Richmond Lions had 275 attend the annual club community service event. (Coordinated by Richmond Lions Chris and Brandie DeVos) Kidsight: Richmond Lions Dennis Bolen and Charlene Ostby did check-in and Rhonda Furby did the screenings. (DG Shawn Blaszczyk came in support of the event and they all had a photo with Santa) 21 kids were screened and 1 was referred. Two leader dog pups attended: Barney and LeRoy... Barney loved Santa and was even caught giving Santa a kiss!



Rochester Lions Club's float took first place in the Rochester Area Hometown Annual Christmas Parade.



VDGs Kelley, Rhonda, and DG Shawn met with and donated the socks District 11-A2 collected to MCREST in Macomb and Grace of Hope Centers in Oakland. Final numbers will be given at the Cabinet meeting in January but at least 4,000 pairs were provided to each organization. Thank you for all your efforts and VDG Kelley for allowing us to use her office as a staging location.



Eastpointe Lions Club held a successful Senior Christmas Party. The seniors all had a fantastic time. 1st Vice President Lion John Carras, Co-chair Dorothy, Kenny, Barb, Sally, and Terry all had a part in making this happen. Paul did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies, and a BIG special thank you to Shirley O'Neil who did an outstanding job on the gift bags. Of course, we can't forget Santa and his elf who took time out from their busy schedules to make the night special for the seniors.



Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomed Beth Slade, the Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement, who presented our Lions Club with a wonderful presentation, full of passion and excitement, about the History, Purpose, and Future Projects that are in the works at the Leader Dogs for the Blind! One of our own Sterling Heights members, Lion Joyce Joyce, donated \$1,000. She is pictured below with her daughter, Lion Karen Joyce, Lion Daisy (Leader Dog), and Beth Slade!



Richmond Lion Bob Szalka was honored with highest honor earned by a Lion and represents humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate. Lion Bob became a member in 1994, sponsored by Art Rowley. Current he is co-chair of the White Cane program and Chair of the Scholarship committee.



The Annual Mount Clemens Lions Club fundraiser benefiting the Salvation Army has been an amazing success. Over 5k has been raised so far through bell ringing, sponsorship for bell ringers and the Wreath Auction. Thanks to everyone that has giving time, talent or treasure to make this effort so successful! Merry Christmas

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The Clarklake Lions enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship last night at the Clarklake Golf course. PDG Terri Huffman tried to convince Santa that she's been good this year. Fun times to cap off a year of hard work by our fellow lions. Until next year...stay well.



The Cereal City Lions had a busy December, with several activities combining service and fun! On December 3 and 4th, we rang bells for the Salvation Army. On December 8, several of us enjoyed an open house at the Battle Creek Model Railroad Club. Lion John Stiff is also a member. December 10 brought us to the streets of Battle Creek to promote KidSight testing and the Lions Club in the annual Christmas parade. On December 14, our club celebrated together with our Christmas party at Riverside Golf Club. And this past weekend our Lions came together to distribute food and gifts to our 24 Christmas families. This project gets most of our Lions and their families involved. Being a Cereal City Lion has many rewards; the opportunity to serve others, fellowship with friends and meet some great people!



Tekonsha Lions Club was invited to tour Smith's Christmas Tree Farm by Mark Smith, owner of the new choose and cut Christmas Tree farm at the Club's December 19th meeting. Mark provided a slide show and spoke about Christmas trees by type, branch feel, weather/water requirements, acreage of trees, length of time for trees to grow, wreaths, garlands, hay rides, fun picture opportunities, and Santa visits. He also did a bow making presentation.



Quest South East Jackson Lions Club- Kids gifting Parents Program for the Holidays through responsible actions and QUEST Lions shopping spree! Hooray and Congratulations to the Cascades Elementary children!!



Blissfield Area Lions Club- Thanks to everyone who stopped by our table to sample our Wassail made by Lion Linda Hamann! And a special thanks to Do Art Here owner Barrett Dvorsky for hosting us. Thanks for making Wassail Fest 2022 a success! Lions Club members Dick Saxton, Jerry Hayes and Linda Hamann.



Napoleon Lions Club On November 22, in coordination with Napoleon Middle School teacher, Angela Russell, and the middle school student council 35 turkey food baskets were delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Students at Napoleon Middle School and Eby Elementary had food drives and all food gathered was distributed with turkeys and fixings. Napoleon High School Leadership Class delivered the baskets to the recipients in the community. Napoleon Lions brought the turkeys, eggs, bread, milk, and butter to add to the baskets and assisted in filling boxes. Lions who assisted were Don Anderson, Mike Curry, Bonnie Curry, Mark Kortz, Lisa Kortz, Jo Ivy, Frank Ivy, Levi Kimball and Dick Tallman.



The Adrian Breakfast Lions hosted another successful "Evening with Santa" event. It was co-sponsored by the Adrian Evening, Blissfield, Clinton, and Manchester Lions Clubs. 328 children and adults were treated to crafts, music, gifts, hayrides, and snacks, thanks to the efforts of the club members and donations by the Adrian Evening Lions Community Action Agency, Clinton Lions, Lenco Credit Union, and TLC Credit Union.



2022 was another great year for Dexter Lions and their annual fundraiser, Christmas Tree sales! They set a new record! The last tree (Scotch Pine) was sold at 2:02pm on Sunday, December 11th. There were only two wreaths left on the lot. Thank you to Lion Chair Bob Steptoe for the great leadership in organizing such a project and all the hours he puts into it! Thank you to Lion Becky Walters in making sure we had the manpower available to do the project. Thank you to all the Dexter Lions who volunteered their time to work the shifts and give of their time to make sure we had enough workers to sell the trees to the public.



Through a collaborative effort of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club and the Center for Independent Living of (Monroe, Livingston, and Washtenaw), a disability advocacy organization; club members sponsored and delivered 15 Feasts for Families Harvest Boxes. The boxes contained everything for a fall feast plus two gift cards to a major grocery store for recipients to purchase fresh items, meat and/or poultry, plus an announcement as to what they were receiving and an addressed stamped notecard and envelope to thank their CIL case worker for selecting them.. It was a very successful effort.



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Buchanan-Galien Lions President Lewis Lambert, Mark Skene and Mark Tumbleson were on hand to help with the Galien Christmas for The Less Fortunate day. The CFTLF Team and local donors helped 37 local families this year with food and Christmas presents. Thanks to all who supported this very special community outreach.



Kal Haven Lions held their 23 annual Kids Party on Dec 17th at the Gobles 1st Methodist Church. Each child received a stuffed animal, their choice of a gift, a visit with Santa and a sloppy joe, chips, cookies and juice. Every family who wished was entered in a raffle to win one of 10 donated turkeys.



Sturgis Lions and Leos met Saturday morning December 10 to deliver copies of our holiday edition of the Sturgis Lions Club Extra to all homes in Sturgis. For the past several years (except for the pandemic) the News has been one of our best fundraisers. Advertising is sold within our area and articles are written to illustrate the many ways our Lions Club serves our community. 2500 papers were printed. Pictured presenting a certificate of appreciation to Aaron Schwartz by his grandfather Gary Large, and a certificate to Lillian Brown for helping to deliver the paper.



The Paw Paw Lions, along with the LEOs and 2 Paws Elementary Service Club, Participated in the Paw Paw Christmas Parade. We handed out candy canes to all the children along the parade route, as well as lots of smiles. On December 17th, the Paw Paw Lions gave food and gift baskets to 89 families in need. They were given enough food to feed them for two weeks the Lions work in conjunction with many groups in our community to make this an amazing event each year. Many lives are blessed.



The Mattawan Lions Club hosted the toy distribution portion of the Mattawan Area Pantry Christmas Distribution on Dec. 17th. We had many LEO members and Lions club members helping to get toys to over 600 kids in the Mattawan School District area. On December 3rd, the Mattawan Lions, along with the Mattawan Business Association and Antwerp Sunshine Library also hosted a Holiday Carnival, with Santa and Mrs. Claus (played by Bonnie Osborne and Spencer Streeter) handing out stockings and goodies to all the community children.



The Mattawan LEO Club was busy in December, helping out by ringing bells for the Salvation Army, bringing in \$2,813, and also distributing toys to needy families for the Mattawan Pantry's Annual Christmas Distribution. The club wishes to thank Wagoner's Grocery, Mr. Tim Molnar, and Mrs. Kate Galla for their support during their advisor's, Ms. Nancy Garman's illness.



The Edwardsburg High School Principal Ryan Markle allowed ten Leos to be excused from school the morning of November 21st to go to the Edwardsburg Food Pantry, one of six service projects the Leos completed before Christmas Break. The Leos helped setup cones in the parking lot for Community Members to drive up to collect Thanksgiving Baskets which the Leos helped load into their vehicle. The Leos after-wards, boys against the girls stacked up boxes to see who could make the highest snowman. The Pastor took this picture and sent to Leo Advisor Tanda.



The Buchanan Leo's were very busy in the month of December. They helped at Red Bud Area Ministries on December 17th by wrapping Christmas presents. Also, this is the third year that the Leo club has helped/adopted a family for Christmas! The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club and the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities also worked together to help out two additional families this year! We couldn't be prouder of this LEO group, because they really give back to the community!



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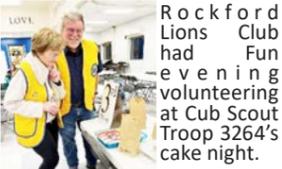
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Rockford Lions Club had Fun evening volunteering at Cub Scout Troop 3264's cake night.



Rockford Lions Club had a busy month with Cans Returns, Lighting Ceremony gathering, Santa parade, & Shop with a Hero... Thanks to everyone that helped out!



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Grand Rapids Lions Club enjoyed a festive Christmas party at Clark on Keller Lake. A good time was had by all.



Dorr Township Lions Club had a busy month. At their December meeting District Governor, Diane Wehby attended and received a gift from the club. Diane represents the Thornapple Lions Club. Jim Maynard received his 43 years of service pin. He held many titles within the club including president for many years, as well as a past district governor. Congratulations Jim! Door Township Lions also held Christmas with Santa 2022 at the Dorr American Legion Post #127.

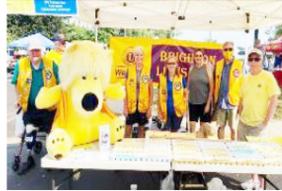


Another great job by Sparta Lions Club in December. The annual Sparta Lions Club Christmas Party raised north of 10K! Also during the month, Twenty-five Christmas dinners delivered to the local community. Way to Serve!



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Brighton Lions Club President Ken Hartford announced that the Brighton Lions Club worked with Cub Scout Pack 347 to pack boxes of food on 11/16/22 in order to then help 90 families in need with Turkey Baskets on 11/21/22 working with Gleaners Food Bank and The Salvation Army. One of the club's signature events again successfully led by our Lion of the Year Don Nelson!

The Brighton Lions Club had another successful Farmers Market Season, raising funds for several community organizations. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and made it a success!



The Mason Middle School Leo Club worked on a Christmas service project assembling sets of personal care and comfort items. The items were placed inside festive holiday bags that also included a Christmas card for each recipient. The bags were then distributed to the residents of Angel House, a referral based therapeutic mother/baby residential program for pregnant and parenting teen girls in foster care between the ages of 13 to 17. Angel House is operated in the Mason area by Child and Family Charities.



President Lion Dean Hartenburg

St Johns Lions Club/Knights of Columbus chili fundraiser held during the St. Johns Christmas parade was not a great profit-maker due to the high cost of ingredients to make the chili but it sure was a lot of fun. The club gained some good public relations while supporting the community. K of C members who planned to prepare the chili had to drop out due to illness. A BIG thank you to Lion Nancy Presocki who stepped up to take over the role of chef. She was assisted by Lion Gloria Carnicom. Thank you also to the UAW for the use of their hall.

Charlotte Lions Club member Lion Connie O'Neill and Friend of Lions Nora Hempel put the finishing touches on Nora's square-snowman called BRRRRman.



The Charlotte Lions Club helped support a new event held in Charlotte, organized by the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Charlotte. This event was held on a very, very cold and windy morning on December 3, 2022. The event was called "Build a Snowman" allowing teams, families or other individuals to build a snowman in the large cement urns in the downtown business district. All 16 snowmen were quite unique and will help beautify the downtown through the winter. Hot cocoa and donut holes were purchased by the Charlotte Lions and the Charlotte Optimist Club. The Charlotte Lions Club holds an annual cheese sale to raise funds that will be donated back to the community through different events. Lion Bob Phillips and Jan Phillips drove to Shipshewana, Indiana to pick up the cheese. This year, 12 members sold 660 pounds of cheese! The cost of the cheese was \$3,257.52 and the club showed a net profit of \$2,736.92. These funds will help support the recently initiated, annual vocational education scholarship program for area high school/specialty program for graduating seniors and other community projects.



At the Elsie Lions Club Christmas Dinner five Lion Club Members were honored with Years of Service Pins totaling 175 YEARS of SERVICE. Pictured left to right are Lion Dennis Long 30 years, Lion Richard Easlick 30 years, Elsie Lion President Rick Jones, presenting pins and Lion Roger Weyersburg 45 years. Missing from the picture with 35 years each were Lions Kam Washburn and Charles Green. Thanks to each of them for serving our community.



Dewitt Lions Club Lion Jim Dunn introduced Mrs Audrey Fabus who informed the den on the history and purpose of the DeWitt Community Christmas Basket program. Started 46 years ago by the DeWitt Host Lions with deliveries on December 24th the current program run by a committee of three who works with other DeWitt churches, schools, scouts and other organizations to provide food and presents for district school children, their families and seniors. This year's recipients include seven seniors and 17 families that include 43 children. Delivery date is December 10th. Many Lions will help this humanitarian cause. The Dens annual donation is \$1,400.



Region 4 Zone 1 held a zone project at the Grand Ledge Masonic Temple led by Zone Chair Lion Wendy Mater stuffing 80 stockings. Bancroft Lioness Lions, Delta Dewitt Ledges, Lansing Capital Lioness Lions Clubs and GMT & Guiding Lion PDG Brent Beracy all had a great time of fellowship during this annual service project.

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Grand Ledge Lions Club As guest speaker on November 22, Lion Jim Voltattorni shared with Club members his recent experiences as a member of a local Forensic Dentistry team. This team is called upon to help local and state authorities to assure the identification of deceased persons in cases where information is otherwise unavailable. Lion Jim's information to Members emphasized the seriousness of this job and the gratification it provides to team members to be a part of this service. Lion Jim retired last year from a

long career of providing dental service from his Grand Ledge facility and serves the community still.



Lions Joanna Dresden, Jake Andrews, Kurt Stromlund PDG, Larry Ciofu

Hartland Lions Club Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army.

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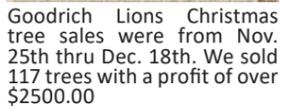
The Bay City Lions Club visited our friends at Hampton Meadows, Brookdale Senior Living, New Hope Bay, and the Colonnades and made a couple of stops at Lion homes to sing Christmas carols. Song leader and organizer Past President Lion Ed Reaume brings the caroling project to life each year and we are grateful for his leadership and efforts to gather us to visit our Lions who aren't getting out much anymore. Special thanks to Lion Steve Mitchell for donating his service and transporting our group on the safe and ultra comfy Mitchell Motorcoach for the evening.



Bay City Lion 2nd 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 Essexville Knights of Columbus Hall on Dec 14 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! A great time was had by all.



Goodrich Lions Christmas tree sales were from Nov. 25th thru Dec. 18th. We sold 117 trees with a profit of over \$2500.00



The Frankenmuth Lions celebrated Christmas with a special dinner at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant Alpine Room. They were entertained by musical selections and Christmas carols. A highlight of the evening was the annual "bottle raffle", which was fun for all. More than \$700 was raised from the raffle. The designated charities for this year's event are the Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan and the I Support the 1% cause, both of which fight hunger in our community and among veterans. The club will match the funds raised during the raffle and the donations will be presented in early 2023. In addition, the Lions served as bell-ringers for the Salvation Army during December and collected over \$4600 for the cause in six days.



Carrollton Lions Club each December, reaches out into the community for help in providing food for area families. The 2022 Food Drive highlights include the following: Carrollton Lions Club raised funds by hosting two successful Cornhole Tournaments on May 7th and September 17th. Carrollton High School teacher Jennifer Gebauer successfully obtained a \$ 2,000 grant earmarked for the local Save-a-Lot Grocery store to purchase fresh milk, eggs, and ham; The Leadership Class from Carrollton High School voted to support the food drive with volunteers, doing much of the packing and heavy lifting; Carrollton Township Police, Fire, DPW, and office staff launched the food drive by receiving donated canned goods and other food items along with financial donations; Sixty (60) senior citizens residing at Carrollton Village were presented with food; One hundred fifty (150) families were referred by school officials to drive in to receive food supplies. Food and monetary donations were received from December 7th through the 16th. Food was packed on December 19th and distributed on December 20th and 21st. It was a "team effort" in every sense of the word, team!



Linden Lions Club participated in the Holiday Happening parade in downtown Linden. The event kicked off the Christmas season. The club also donated a tree to the cub scouts, and it went to a needy family after the parade. Club members also handed out cookies and hot cocoa to the people of the community.



Some of our older Fenton Lions Club members have been Club members for many years. All 4 of them are now unable to attend our meetings. This year for our Christmas party we decided to go Christmas Caroling at each of their homes. To say the least they were all delighted to see us. We had a great time catching up with all of them. So much fun was had by all. Freeland Lions Wow, what a day it was for the Freeland Lions Club. On December 3rd, the Freeland Lions Club held their third Food Giveaway for the year, and what a turn out it was. The local Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Freeland Robotics Clubs, and many more turned out in the cold to help with the monthly Giveaway. The giveaways usually help 300 to 350 families and take around 2.5 hours. Well, this Saturday morning it took around five hours...The reason for this was they ended up serving five hundred and seven families! Great job Lions!



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Hadley Lions Club has been doing a spaghetti dinner for several years, for the Peace Poster contest. This annual event is for the entire District to bring their posters and vote for their favorite. Hadley hosts a spaghetti dinner fundraiser regularly by working together to make it happen. This is what Lions do. Together they tear down obstacles.



Deckerville Lions hold an annual November fundraising project making fresh greens wreaths and grave blankets. They then sell them to give back to the community. Deckerville Lions also installed a drop box in front of the municipal office for recycling usable eyeglasses.



Memphis Lions put together 35 food donations for the needy. Area contributors were Memphis School, Sacred Heart Charity, Boy Scouts 245, and Community Services of St. Clair County. Leo advisor Lion Nancy Thomson organized this effort and the Thanksgiving holiday.



The Algonac Lions Club was Rockin' in the New Year with our friends from the Algonac VFW! A fun night was had by all! Happy New Year from our families to yours!



Pearl Beach Lions Club had almost 150 children come and visit with Santa! We were so happy that Santa was able to fit us in again this year. We know it's a busy time for him, but he always makes time for our community!



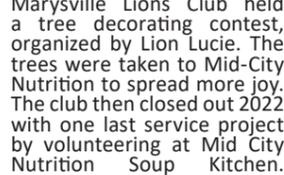
The USA Lions December get together was a busy one! Apart from our awesome potluck provided by the talented cooks of the club we were also able to give \$1000 to Sherry Fuerst from the USA Caring and sharing Group - providing families in need with Christmas Goodies every year.



Elkton Lions along with help from the Oliver Twp. Fire Dept. participating in the annual Care and Share Distribution. Together they helped to hand out 80 food baskets to those in need. We Serve!



Applegate Lions Club worked the concession stand during the holiday season at Western Tree farm. Pictured are Lions members Rich Cochrell and Bonnie Erbe.



Marysville Lions Club held a tree decorating contest, organized by Lion Lucie. The trees were taken to Mid-City Nutrition to spread more joy. The club then closed out 2022 with one last service project by volunteering at Mid City Nutrition Soup Kitchen. Looking forward to 2023 and many more service projects.



Ubley Lions held a Kidsight screening on December 4th. It was a shared event with the Ubley TVO Breakfast with Santa. We screened 21 children and had 2 referrals. What a great day. Our club will also be helping to deliver food baskets for our local Care & Share program. We will be handing out around 50 baskets in our Ubley area. We will be having our Pierogi Sales starting in January, this is a good fundraiser for our club. More information after the first of the year.

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Flushing Lions had a busy December including two Craft shows they attended and sold over \$1000 in Crafts made by several of their Blind members. They made dryer balls, mats for dogs and other crafts. They also helped a family that was burned out of their home just before Christmas. The club enlisted the owner of a local tree farm that supplied a completely decorated tree and a large spiral ham dinner for

Christmas. Additional articles such as a winter Coat with a stack of books for the two-year-old were also donated.

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Unionville Sebawaing Area Lions Club are holding their first Blood Drive of 2023, on January 24th at the American Legion in Sebawaing from h2pm to 7pm. Sign up on line for your appointment at <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/150026>





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**Coleman Lions Club KidSight at Santa Express:** This year's Santa Express in Sanford is special – there is a new Santa House! Anticipating more visitors, they added another day to their schedule and invited us to again offer KidSight screenings after two years off due to COVID. In the first two days, we were able to screen 113 children. Seven children were referred to optometrists for complete eye exams. Each child screened got to choose a book to take home. Eight Coleman Lions members, one soon-to-be member, and our friend Lion Laura Smith from Crystal Lions volunteered at the event. Pictured are PCC Jeff & PDG Sheryl Schafer, Jason Perkins & Ann Roeseler and Lion Catrina Naranjo



Greenville Lions Club toy drive was a huge success! With the help of community members, The Chosen Ones of Greenville, RoughRoads of Lakeview, and Greenville Meijer, a ton of toys were collected this year, and shipped for. Meijer gave a generous donation that allowed the club to ship for gifts that they give to Greenville Public School families. Great job Lions!



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**Harrison Lions Club Happenings:** Harrison Lions, with Santa, hosted a KidSight screening on December 17 from 12-2 pm at our club house. The club is running BINGO every Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm. Lion Barb Sovey was awarded Lion of the Year. Our Peace Poster student from Harrison School won in our district.



Lakeview Lions Club participated by serving hot chocolate to the public as well as the official lighting of the village Christmas tree! There were bonfires, carolers, the lighted parade and fireworks! It was such a joy and privilege to be part of the festival! So many happy faces even though it was bitterly cold. We hope to repeat this activity for many years. Thank you to Mike Burgess for the loan of his trailer to keep the cold off our backs while we served the hot chocolate, and to the exchange student families who partnered to help the Lions Club and to the many visitors to the trailer who gave smiles and donations also in support the Lakeview Lions Club!



Midland Lions teamed up with Coleman Lions to provide KidSight vision screening to children at Sanford's Santa Express. Coleman covered December 7 & 8 while Midland screened on December 14 & 15 with a couple of Coleman Lions for support. The whole event was a huge success! Each child received a book to take home plus the gift they got from Santa. We screened 253 kids in total! Pictured are Lion Dick Ivan, Wendy Gross and Lion Roger Frazer

Central Montcalm Lions made up 40 Christmas goodie bags. We delivered these to folks in the community that may be alone or may have recently lost a loved one. The highlight of the bags are the homemade Christmas cards that the local fourth graders make for us every year to put in the bags. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!



The Big Rapids Lions Club held their annual Christmas Party on December 5, 2022. The guests of honor were District Governor Jackie Glazer and children of Eagle Village—A residential facility for disadvantaged and abused children. Thank you to Lions Harry and Laura Johnson from the Baldwin Lions Club for making sure that Santa was there with gifts for the Kids from Eagle Village. The music was provided by the Harmonics, a group of musicians, from Big Rapids. A good time was had by all. Pictured are Santa & his elf with 1st VP Andy Seager and District Governor Jackie Glazier (in the green sweater), President and Zone Chair Dave Hamelund inducted our latest new members, Jim Smith and Tasha McBride.



Midland Lions Club Annual Christmas Party for special kids was December 13. It is an evening of watching happy "Santa believers" enjoying lots of cookies, laughing with Jewls the clown and singing with Santa. The Midland Country Club do a great job with providing kid friendly food.



Central Lake Lions rang the bells to collect for the Salvation Army through the Christmas season. Not only did Santa & Mrs Claus (aka DG Rod & Marie Leathers) volunteer with the Salvation Army bell ringing, but the bought some volunteer reindeer for the public to enjoy- it just isn't Christmas without reindeer.



East Jordan Lions partnered with Toys for Tots to help sort and bag toys for needy families. Pictured are Lions Day and Faye Miller, Dave Carr, Linda & Denny Gocha. New Lion Paul Michael helped organize the event.



The East Jordan Lions obtained 88 trees from Fife Lake and sold them at the local hardware. Pictured are Lions Bill Chase, Dan Miller, Richard Russell and Denny Gocha. Other Lions pitched in and helped sell the trees too.



For over 50 years, the Lewiston Lions Club has been contributing fresh fruit through Community Sharing for those in our area. This year was no exception. Pictured from left to right are Lions Dick Deska, Jim Hilgendorf, and Brian Grachal.



The Oscoda Lions Club 39th annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the Oscoda Methodist Church on December 3rd. Santa arrived right on schedule to the delight of the children who had come to tell him their secret wishes. Parents took photos and shared in the children's enjoyment. Each child received a gift bag filled with goodies and selected a stuffed animal from a large assortment of fuzzy creatures. Members of the church had cookies for the kids to frost and pictures to color while they waited to see Santa. Special thanks go to Santa who traveled from Corunna (on his sleigh, of course) to greet the children and to ride on the Lions Club float during the Northern Lights Parade. Special thanks also go to Lions Kay and Andrea who did a superb job of organizing and orchestration this great event.



Alpena Lions Club members Beckie Stevens LaMay, President Jon Emerson, Chris Emerson, Barb Sumerix, Becca Gilmet and Jodi Guthrie Gilmet put together a gift basket for the staff at Medi Lodge Long Rapids and 100 individual resident goody bags for the holidays and delivered them despite the road conditions!! Lions, We Serve!



Zone Chair Denny Gocha presenting service awards to club founding member Lion Rex Judkins and Lion Jim White (second picture) of the Boyne Valley Lions Club. Here are two great Lions that serve!



Boyer Valley Lions Club Pasty promotion was another success with the BVLC accepting credit cards online for the first time. There were 544 pastries delivered (402 beef, 142 veggie) with over 80% of the orders being paid by credit card, it was a net fundraising profit of \$2,997. Lions rang the Salvation Army Bell on Friday, December 2. Bell ringers included Lions Jim White, William Arno, and future Lion Judy Smith. The BVLC received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Lynnell Northup Wakley to place in the Lions Scholarship Fund.

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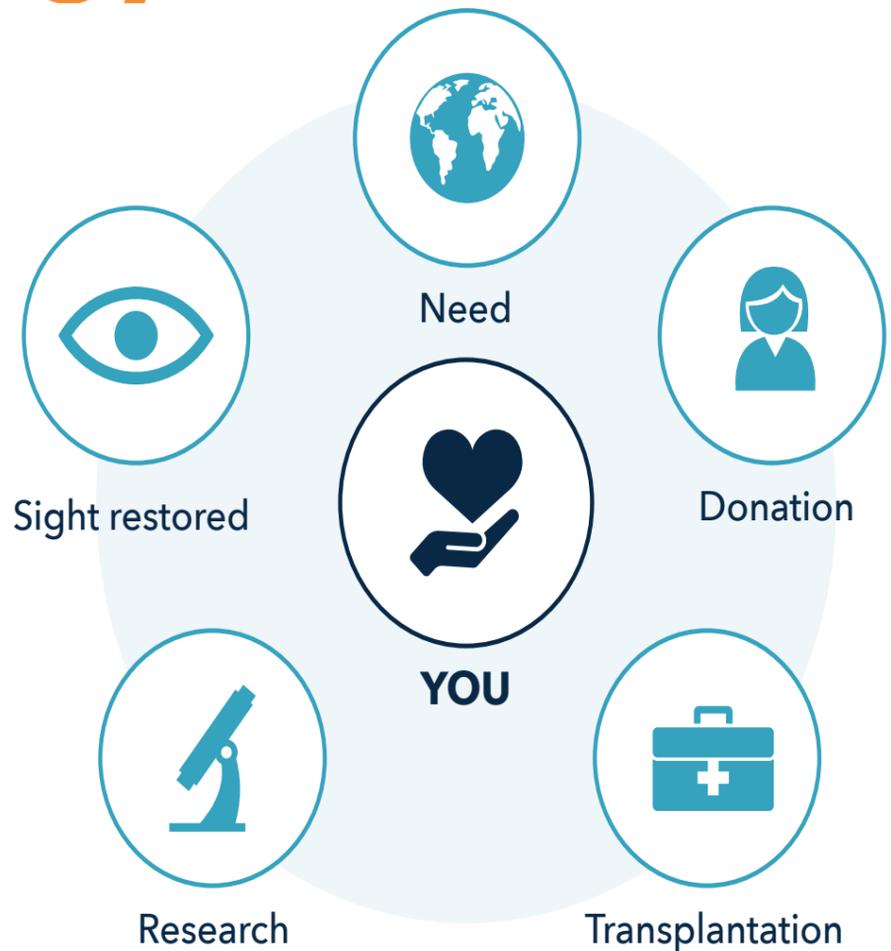
The Petoskey Lions had their annual holiday gathering at Petoskey's Southwoods on Wednesday, December 14, for the first time in 2 years due to the COVID Pandemic. Our snowbird members are gone and some were unable to attend, but the sparse Lions were boosted by some family and friends that were invited guests. Our numbers were small, but our commitments to Service were high as members bought and brought items they purchased

to donate to the Women's Resource Center (WRC). In the past we have concentrated on paper products for the Center, but this year, in the knowledge that people need and are asking for socks, we had bags of socks for women and children, and some paper products to donate as well. Also, checks were sent out the WRC and to the Jeremiah House, which works to help people who need recovery from traumas or addictions and are homeless. 'Tis the

season to give, and it feels good to help people in any season.

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