

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

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2020-2021 S.A.DODGE RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED!

We honor our Lions who have been recognized with the highest award MD 11 offers, the S.A. Dodge Award.
Congratulations!



**PDG Jack Becher's
(2019-2020)**

...55 year career as a Lion is characterized by his unflinching commitment, overwhelming dedication and a sincere love and passion for serving others. Prior to his service as Governor of District 11 A2, Lion Jack helped develop the Lion's Beaumont Silent Children's program, which has served over 500 children to date. He became a key instrument in the formation of the Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, a decision that was to dominate the next 30 years of his Lions career. Most recently Lion Jack wrote the LCIF grant that resulted in \$87,000.00 for Lions Bear Lake Camp capital improvements. Lion Jack is a valued asset and a great leader in the district and at the state level.

With the abrupt delay placed on in-person meetings last year, the S.A. Dodge Awards presentation went on hold and will be presented this year.

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL of these outstanding Lions!



PDG Ron Papa has been a champion of Lions for District A2 and the entire state for many years. He has served in nearly every capacity and adds his experience, dedication and humor to every challenge that comes his way. His accomplishments as a Lion are many. Lion Ron has been awarded with the LCI Leadership and Presidential Awards, Progressive Melvin Jones Awards, Harold Pocklington Award, Club Awards and Macomb County Volunteer of the Year Award. He has served on the Lions Beaumont Silent Children's Fund Advisory Board of Directors, Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Board of Trustees, White Cane and Leader Dog, among just a few. He is an outstanding member in his community and a tireless worker and supporter of Lions causes.



PDG Evelyn Cooper serves as the current MD 11 Global Service Chair. Lion Evelyn has held positions throughout District 11 A1 and at the State level. Her personal characteristics, traits, experience and desire to serve the community and those in need demonstrate what it means to have "the heart of a Lion." In each and every one of the seven focus areas of LCI, Lion Evelyn has proved in both action and words what it means to care about the needs of others in a kind, loving and generous manner. Her professional career as a circuit judge in the Detroit area, along with state and community volunteer services make her an outstanding recipient of the prestigious S. A. Dodge Award.



PDG Jeff Mayuiers (2019-2020)—During his year as District Governor PDG Jeff and his team broke a membership drought, moving from a 10-year negative to a positive 12-year member finish. He has served on the Lions Foundation as Trustee, Vice President and is the current President, and is on the MI Forum and MD 11 Lions Convention committee. For the past three years he has served as the MD 11 State Global Leadership Chairperson, and was just nominated by the First Vice District Governors to the position of Council Chairman, 2020-2021. Lion Jeff completed every level of the Lions Leadership Institute, Lions University and FDI. His accomplishments have earned him speaking positions at the Michigan Forum, USA Canada Forum and the Indiana State Mid-Winter Conference, as well as numerous district events. This mentor and valued leader throughout the district and state is very deserving of the S.A. Dodge Distinguished Service Award.

For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING Events:

APRIL
ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS MONTH
FAMILY & FRIENDS MONTH
LEO CLUB AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 23 - MAY 2
WHITE CANE WEEK

MAY
STRENGTHEN MEMBERSHIP
MONTH

MAY 21 2021
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL HOLLAND

MAY 21 2021
DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT
TRAINING
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL HOLLAND

MAY 31
MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE
103rd Lions Clubs International
Virtual Convention
June 25-29

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



The Leadership Team has announced they will meet in person September 9-11, 2021 in Des Moines, Iowa. Register for the Forum today at <https://lionsforum.org>



> PRIDE NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S PRIDE
WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Since the outbreak of Covid-19, we’ve made great strides as Lions in accelerating innovations that would normally take months or even years to transition to. Who among us envisioned meeting via a thing called ZOOM? Offering drive-through dinners or food bank drive-up? Not this Lion, that’s for sure.

Which will become permanent? How will Lions Clubs arise stronger after being pushed to the brink? The future will tell, but I feel there is a bright future in store for us. New clubs have formed as Lions saw the need for a virtual format. This has allowed for prospective members who may have hesitated joining in the past due to time commitments to sign on to this new way of participating. Hybrid and virtual events are now the norm, with some club members meeting in person while others join on-line.

As the dust begins to settle and we get into a new rhythm, Lions will have reinvented ourselves without even realizing it!

I’ve heard wonderful stories of members who’ve purchased their first lap tops, just to be a part of club meetings and to connect with families via Zoom. Just like Spring, hope fills the air as Clubs move forward by reconnecting and meeting together, providing service and building our Lions membership. It’s exciting to be part of the movement!



Yours in Service,
Lion Wendy Burns

101 YEARS: HOW OUR PAST HAS SHAPED OUR FUTURE!



Join us for a Virtual MD 11 Lions Convention

As we highlight Service, Hunger, Environment and History with a special message from LCI President Choi.

Conventions may look a little different this year, but the need to celebrate our success has not changed.

Journey with us as we tour the Hunger for Christ Foodbank freezer, purchased through an LCIF Grant in the amount of \$75,000.00.



In honor of President Choi, a tree planting ceremony will take place at Paws With a Cause, recognizing his leadership and passion for the environment.

Registrations details will be sent soon and can be found on the Lions of Michigan website, as well.

Reserve your spot for June 12, 2021! Once you have registered you will be able to have full access to the Convention Webinar after it airs on the Lions YouTube Channel.

LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

LCI ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Charter and entrance fee waiver through June 30, 2021!
Any new club chartered, or any new member sponsored will be exempt from the standard fee to become a member/club. The board understands at this time, many people want to serve but are financially strained.

Flexible Payments through June 30, 2021.
Clubs that were in good standing on December 31, 2020, will not be suspended or canceled for nonpayment of dues. The Board understands that many of our current members face financial hardships because of the pandemic. Members that have paid dues for 10, 20, 30 years have now struggled to continue their financial obligation because of the pandemic. We are passionate about each one of our over 1.4 million members and understand that each one of those members touches on average the lives of 50 individuals each year.

LCI Convention, Montreal goes Virtual
Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that’s open to all Lions and Leos around the world. The registration fee will be \$50 until March 31, then \$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be \$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

Current registrants
– Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.

Elections
– Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.

Convention updates
– Check our convention website LCIcon for convention updates and details as they become available.

Lions of Michigan Foundation
Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

Cookbook Fundraiser



Lions Clubs are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with hearing and vision loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to be “Knights of the Blind,” and she declared that "the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus — the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Our new Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of the their hearing loss. As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

Order and Recipe Submission Form

- ☐ I would like to purchase _____ cookbook(s) for \$20 each for a total of \$_____.
- ☐ I have enclosed/attached a copy of my personal or family recipe that you may use in the cookbook.
- ☐ I would like to make a donation to the Lions Hearing Centers in the amount of \$_____.

Payment Method: __ Check __ Credit Card __ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Card Number: __ _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ _

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____

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City/State/Zip Code: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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LCIF COOK BOOK RECIPES NEEDED!

> NEWS

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- BACK COVER & RECIPE FEATURE - 5.5" x 8.5" - Full Color: \$1,500.00
FULL PAGE & RECIPE FEATURE - 5.5" x 8.5" - Full Color: \$750.00
1/2 PAGE & RECIPE FEATURE - 5.5" x 4.25" - Full Color: \$500.00
NAME LISTING - Name - Website Address - Email - Telephone: \$100.00
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☐ I would like to be a sponsor for the Lions Hearing Centers’ Cookbook: ____ Back Cover ____ Full Page ____ 1/2 Page ____ Name Listing. I have enclosed the text/artwork and my recipe, or I will email the text/artwork and my recipe to info@lmsf.net.

☐ I do not wish to participate as a sponsor of the Lions Hearing Centers’ Cookbook, but I would like to purchase ____ cookbook(s) for \$20 each for a total of \$_____.

☐ I do not wish to participate as a sponsor of the cookbook, but I would like to make a donation to the Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers in the amount of \$_____.

Payment Method: ____ Check ____ Credit Card ____ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Card Number: ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____

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LCI CELEBRATES PID LARRY YOUNG’S 100TH BIRTHDAY



It is with great pleasure that we share that Past International Director William “Larry” Young (1992-1994) will celebrate his 100th Birthday on March 10, 2021!

Past Director Young founded the Detroit Renaissance Lions Club in 1973 and has served the association with pride and dedication since that special day; especially serving as chairman of Michigan's White Cane Committee and as a member of the board of trustees for Welcome Home for the Blind and as a trustee of Leader Dogs for the Blind board.

Fun facts about 1921 - Lions Convention was held in Oakland, California. The Band Aid was invented; first drive-in restaurant opened in Dallas, Texas, and the polygraph machine was invented. New York Giants won the world series. Perfume Chanel No. 5 introduced.

Please join his family, spouse Mrs. Harriet Young, daughters Janice, Olive, son-in-law Marcus, granddaughter Camile and great-granddaughters Asia and Ashley in wishing Past Director Young a very Happy Birthday.

William “Larry” Young
16647 Parkside, Detroit, Michigan 48221-3152
Tel: 313-862-9375

I will be happy to forward email messages for you. Sincerely,
Diane Keller
diane.keller@lionsclubs.org
Executive Administrator’s Office
Lions Clubs International, Oak Brook, Illinois USA



Past International Director Larry Young celebrated a milestone 100th birthday in March. He served as International Director from 1992-1994.

ID Justin Faber visited PID Larry on his birthday to personally carry greetings from our Michigan Lions and a tribute from Lions Club International.



He has been active in Lionism for many years. The Larry Young Award is the highest honor awarded to a member of District 11 A1 each year.



Lions Clubs International



WE SERVE!

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

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

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention, but it was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The board recently approved a new dues adjustment model that will be voted on at the 2021 International Convention.

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

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

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2022
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024

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

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

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

Below is a list of all State Committees. In addition to committee members, some of the State Chairperson terms will expire June 30, 2020.

The MD 11 Policy Manual states each committee shall have district representation and will appoint a Vice Chairperson of each. All interested Lions are asked to contact your 2021-2022 District Governor, or Lion Wendy Burns, wburns@lionsofmi.com for further information.

2021-2022 Lions of Michigan State Committees

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



> FORUM NEWS

THANK YOU MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2021
COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PRESENTERS!

Our Forum was a terrific success! All that hard work and dedication and planning paid off. We learned a lot along the way, didn't we! We've received emails, messages, and Facebook comments saying how much attendees valued and enjoyed our program.

There were over 335 registrations for the Forum. Most of these people were from Michigan, of course, but we also had people from across the USA and around the world. Some of the non-Michigan people were Lions International Leaders and Headquarters staff. We've also heard of a number of watch parties, so our reach was considerable! And of course, still more people will see the programs once they're posted online.

Here are the people who made this all happen, starting with the Committee: Every one of these Lions put their hearts into the Forum. Each gave a lot of time and contributed great ideas about speakers, format, communications, and technology. Much time went into putting all those plans and ideas into effect. Those who actually ran the controls on Forum day were glued to their computers, ready to push all the right buttons at the right time. Every committee member deserves a round of applause!

- A1 Lion Marguerite Bodiford and PCC Linda Tate
- A2 PCC Paul Hemeryck, PCC Bob Jenkins, and PDG Jack Patton
- B1 PCC Barry Allen, PCC Peggy Allen, and IPDG Mike Scott
- B2 CC Jeff Mayuiers
- C1 Lion Kristen Kelling
- C2 PDG Ray Robins, PDG Karen Routson and DG Kurt Stromlund
- D1 Lion Joe Gwizdala III, Lion Matt Tetloff and PDG Steve VanTol
- D2 Lion Lindy Wineman
- E1 DG Bill Koch and IPDG Jackie Glazier
- E2 Lion Marie Leathers, DG Rod Leathers, and IPDG Dave Zeller
- Executive Director Lion Wendy Burns

And now, here are the presenters: - If you've ever done a presentation at any level, you know that many hours or even days of time and thought go into preparing that talk. Let's give another round of applause to each of our presenters!

- Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids: Maggie Varney and Jennifer Fisher
- Zoom 101 for Non-Techies: IPDG Mike Scott
- The Service WILL Go On!: ID Justin Faber
- Leos in Action: Lion Nicole Nessler-Stuhec
- Lions Serving Safely: PDG Evelyn Cooper, Coordinator
- Portage Lions: Lions Elvie Marfil and Laura Berry
- First Day Shoes: Andrea Macklin and Douglas Pearce
- SINE (Students In Need of Eyecare): Lion Steve Adsmond
- Fundraising for Childhood Cancer Projects: Lion Marie Leathers and DG Rod Leathers
- Jackson Virtual Lions Club: Pandemic projects with LCIF grant: Lion Kelly Lubbe
- How to Evolve our Service to Survive: Second VDG Daniel Marney Elkins of Delaware (keynote)
- Inspirational Talk: First International Vice President Douglas Alexander
- White Cane Scholarships: Lion Roger Bosse

Our heartfelt thanks go out to every one of you who made this event such a success!

PDG Karen Routson, Chair
Michigan Lions Forum 2020 – 2022

Lion Wendy Burns
Executive Director

Congratulations from the
Lake Orion Lions Club on a successful
2021 Lions of Michigan Forum.

LAKE ORION LIONS CLUB SERVICE PROJECT
“SPECIAL NEEDS CHRISTMAS PARTY”



The “Special Needs Christmas Party” has become a favorite for both the children and the Lake Orion Lions Club—it's the highlight of the year for these kids. The event had to be postponed, but we were both determined and were able to adapt due to the Covid virus CDC requirements. In the past we would meet in the school cafeteria, and all the kids would come down in single file and take their seats. McDonalds would donate hamburgers and milk for all the kids. Santa would stop by to help out with the presents. It would be like Christmas morning at home. The kids would be all be waiting to hear their names called for their gift; you could tell by the look in their eyes, smiles on their faces and excitement of opening their presents. Singing Christmas carols was always part of the fun some even brought their musical instrument to play to add to the festivities. This year was a little different, only Santa (Lion Jim Pettinato) , Elf Lion Phil Steele and, well, Lion Lion Jim Lykins were the only Lions allowed to participate! They visited 8 classrooms and 72 kids were able to participate, all while maintaining social distancing. The event took place a few weeks after Christmas, but to these kids it was still perfectly fun!

This is your invitation to see the recording of the 2020 Forum sessions posted on the Lions of Michigan's YouTube channel.

Please type: “www.lionsofmi.tv” into your web browser address bar or the following link to reach these videos.....
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9B8s5qVabfNDdQvSj95aMQ>



Michigan Forum 2021

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS!

- \$25 AMAZON GIFT CARD - JIM SVINICKI
- \$25 HOME DEPOT GIFT CARD - PADGET CLARK
- \$50 GIFT CARD – JIM PHALEN
- RESTAURANT CARD - ROGER BOSSE
- \$35 DOOR DASH GIFT CARD – LISA CONYE
- \$100 VISA GIFT CARD – JENNIFER HUNT
- \$25 TARGET GIFT CARD – LAURA BERRY
- \$50 MEIJER GIFT CARD – LULA GARDFREY
- \$25 APPLEBEE’S GIFT CARD – LAURA HUNT
- 1 - WEB CAMERA FOR A PC – MARGIE HOLMES
- \$25 LOWES GIFT CARD – CATHY DAVIS
- \$25 LOWES GIFT CARD – PEGGY WALLS
- \$15 STARBUCKS GIFT CARD – BRUCE LABELLE
- \$15 PANARA GIFT CARD – JAN KANE
- 1-REGISTRATION TO THE 2022 MI FORUM – CONNIE NEESE
- \$25 SHELL GAS CARD – EVELYN COOPER
- \$50 GIFT CARD – THOMAS GREGG
- GIFT CARD – BRYAN COOK

THANKYOU FROM THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021
WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Austin Clarke attends Western Michigan University and is pursuing a career in fashion merchandising. Austin doesn't let his visual impairment hold him back from anything. He is an ice skater and a member of the WMU waterski team. He organized the "Skate to See" fundraiser, helping to raise \$1,500.00 for retinal research. Famous around high school and WMU as the guy with the cool sneakers, he realized fashion merchandising was his calling. "Many people may think that living with a visual impairment is unbearable, and it may feel like it at times, but living with one gives me a chance to prove everyone wrong, including myself. Overcoming things is a great feeling and I will never stop no matter how many obstacles get in my way. I am honored to share my story with you."



Elizabeth Dunn is pursuing a Master's Degree in Social Work at Western Michigan University. Blind since birth, Elizabeth states this has become a positive characteristic that helps her observe and move through the world in her own unique way. She is committed to advocate for the increased positive representation, inclusion and equity of all people in minority groups. Her volunteer experiences include helping young blind children learn adaptive living skills, and she will use her creative talents to advocate for the representation of blind people in the Grand Rapids artistic community as well as the city's ArtPrize events. The resources of this scholarship will aid in her journey to help others through her Master's in Social Work.



Victor Marques is a graduate assistant at Western Michigan University while in his second year of pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy at WMU. Victor lost his vision in 2010 due to a diagnosis of Retinitis Pigmentosa. He is a professional musician, has held leadership roles as club president and vice-president of Toastmasters in the Portage area, and has been asked to serve as finance director to assist the Renewed Hope Free Health Clinic in Allegan. Victor has taught himself the necessary skills to become independent and has become proficient in braille reading and writing. This scholarship will aid in the purchase of specialized equipment to assist him with his career and daily communications. Upon graduation this year, Victor will work with transition age youth and adults pursuing success in education and/or attaining their vocational goals.



WHITE CANE ORDER FORM

Lions/Lioness Club Name _____
District _____ Date _____



SHIPPING ADDRESS:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____

BILLING ADDRESS:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip _____

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

IT'S THE LAW!

(1) A driver of a vehicle shall not approach a crosswalk or any other pedestrian crossing without taking all necessary precautions to avoid accident or injury to a blind pedestrian carrying a cane or using a dog guide or walker.

(2) A driver who approaches a crosswalk or any other pedestrian crossing without taking all necessary precautions to avoid accident or injury to a blind pedestrian carrying a cane or using a dog guide or walker is liable in damages for any injuries caused the blind pedestrian. A blind pedestrian who does not carry a cane or use a dog guide or walker has all of the rights and privileges conferred upon any other pedestrian by the laws of this state. The failure of a blind pedestrian to carry a cane or use a dog guide or walker shall not be treated as evidence of negligence in a civil action for injury to the blind pedestrian or for the blind pedestrian's wrongful death.

(3) If a person alleges to a peace officer a violation of subsection (1), the peace officer shall investigate the alleged violation. The prosecuting attorney shall review the peace officer's investigative report to determine whether a violation of subsection (1) has occurred and whether to issue charges. Upon the request of the blind pedestrian and after reviewing the investigative report, a prosecuting attorney shall inform the blind pedestrian of his or her decision and the reason or reasons supporting that decision.

Read more on White Cane History on Page 10



> LCI CON 2021 NEWS



Lions Clubs International

We're excited for you to join us at LCIcon 2021, Lions Clubs International's first-ever virtual convention! This new, exciting convention format gives every Lion around the world the opportunity to connect with each other and partake in the excitement that is LCIcon. You'll be able to experience all your favorite aspects of convention, including:

- Touring virtual exhibit halls
- Connecting and networking with fellow Lions
- Enjoying world-class entertainment
- Hearing from our leaders and keynote speakers

We proudly welcome Malala Yousafzai to Virtual LCIcon 2021!

Malala will be the Keynote Speaker on Monday, June 28. There are not many young women who have survived an assassination attempt or become the youngest Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Even with all of her accomplishments,

Malala does not consider herself extraordinary.





by PDG Dave Wineman
Area Leader
Midwest Lions Alliance

"SPRING IS SPRUNG, THE GRASS IS RIS, I WONDER WHERE THE LIONS IS..."



One of the neat things that I love about spring is that it is a time of renewal. Call it hope. What a lovely time of the year. We have new. We have change. We have hope. Let us apply that to Lions.

Many Lions have told me they are still not meeting. Time to change all that! Really folks. Time to breathe spring into our Lions organization. Time to renew. The need we had when we joined Lions, the need to help and make a difference, it is still there. It changes with the seasons, but our hearts are that of a Lion. Figure it out. There is a new season of **"We Serve"** upon us.

Kudos for our districts A1, A2, C2 & D2. All four districts are positive membership over the past year. Everyone knows that I am going to talk about NAMI. NAMI is a team building framework. Guess what? Our most successful districts are the ones that approach their district as a team. Is your district? Or, is it time for a season change and start that team building? Speaking of positive membership trends. The Tri-State Membership Challenge is concluding at the end of the month of March. The last time we calculated the totals Michigan (MD11) was in the lead, but not by much! Ohio was determined to make up the small difference that separated the two multiple districts. It looks like the conversion of Lioness clubs has been a major contributor as well. For the Lioness members it truly is a new season of Lionism!

One of the highpoints each spring for Lions is **White Cane**. Many clubs have communicated to me that they are planning on White Cane this year. Is yours? Some clubs still are uncertain. Safety is important. At the same time, so is public awareness of blind and sight impaired individuals in our communities. That need has never gone away. Figure it out. Change if necessary.

Bear Lake Camp mourns the loss of **Big Al Kassin**. To make a point of just how important Big Al was in the camp, if you mentioned Big Al's name you immediately thought of Bear Lake. It was both a pleasure and an honor to serve with Big Al on the board of Bear Lake for so many years. He will be missed. Celebrate Al's life by doing something for Bear Lake Camp. This can be in the form of a donation to the camp (a fund is in place in memory of Big Al) or our annual work bee to get the camp in shape for operation. For those concerned about health risks the Camp has set in motion time slots where there is minimal exposure to others. The camp is open this year making a positive difference for our youth.

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Speaking of new seasons, the new **MD11** leadership is already working hard to transition into a new Lions year come July. Our hats off to CC Jeff Mayuiers and CCE Dave Hill for working with the DGs and DGEs and MD-GAT team. Michigan has really shone in CA1 (that's the United States Area) for their approach in working together between Lions years. MD11 is working on both membership and PR opportunities that are being noticed. Keep up the teamwork!

Every district should be taking advantage of the **Leadership Grant** that is available to each district. The district governors have been sent information on how to cash in on a simple \$500 opportunity. All that is needed is a short (one paragraph, about a half page) accounting of how Lions has helped someone in your district. The funding can be used for virtually any expense and is open for every district that writes a success story. One suggestion for use of the funds, is use the funds to help lead clubs virtually.

Talking of new seasons and opportunities. If you are that forgotten Lion that has been hesitating to get involved, I challenge you to seek out your club or district leadership and just ask them what you can do to make a difference. Or, if you have a great idea, bring it up! Remember we all have different perspectives of how to do things. If at first your idea is not picked up, try a different approach.

Michigan, Ohio and Indiana are collectively called Area 1I (that's One I). This year we started calling this area the **Midwest Lions Alliance** informally. It is an alliance of 3 states that are working together to further Lionism. We share resources and ideas. We encourage each other. And, sometimes we even challenge each other. We always wish the best for our fellow Lions and those that **WE SERVE**. This past month we kicked off a news source of important things happening for our area. Tune in at www.mwlions.tv The Midwest Lions Alliance is looking for short (6-8 sentences) success stories that your club or district has participated in.

Forget about that long winter we just got through. Time to "spring forward" into a new season. Be the Lion that brings a new positive season to your club and district.

Cheers!



REPORT FOR THE MIDWEST LIONS ALLIANCE

LIONS MOURN THE LOSS OF TWO FELLOW MEMBERS,
PDG DAVID BENNETT AND PDG AL KASSIN.



IN MEMORIAM
PDG DAVE
BENNETT



PDG Dave Bennett served as District Governor of 11 C2 from 1991-1992, and was a tireless promoter of Lionism for nearly half a century. He was a member of the Holt Lions Club and held nearly every position and award offered.

Lion Dave lived by the motto, "Strengthen the Ties to Lionism Through Service."



Family was always the most important thing to Lion Dave, and his faith in God was unfaltering. He enjoyed spending time with his wife, Linda, children and grandchildren and sang in the church choir for 60 years. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

A memorial garden will be planted at the Lions State Office in loving memory of Lion David Bennett.



Lions Hall of Fame Inductions
PDG Dave Bennett, August 2, 2014



IN MEMORIAM
PDG
"BIG AL"
KASSIN

Lions of Michigan lost a giant this month, Lion "Big Al" Kassin, Founder of Lions Bear Lake Camp. Al became a Lion in 1967 in Boyne City, and transferred to the Lake Orion Lions Club in 1973 when he took the job as Camp Manager at Camp Franklin in Lake Orion. Camp Franklin was a camp for kids from Detroit, and Al had an idea to have a one-week camp session for visually impaired children. He approached the club and



it was approved for a one week session in 1982, and with camp growth the session was expanded to two weeks in 1984.

The camp continued at Camp Franklin until 1989 when the agency that owned it, Franklin-Wright Settlements, decided to sell the property. Camp was held at Camp Franklin for the last time in 1990, then moved to various locations until 1999.

During all of those years, Lion Al and his committee were out tirelessly looking for a permanent home for the

camp. They were trying to raise money for the operation, and told everyone they met about the camp to bring more awareness. The camp was unique in its programs for visually impaired children.

In 1990, they were contacted about a camp in Mayfield Township just north of Lapeer, and after much work and negotiation, the camp property was purchased in 1992. Lion Al's dream had come true!

Lion Al continued to work on behalf of the camp, establishing the infrastructure that remains today. He also worked and was successful in making Lions Bear Lake Camp a Multiple District Project, affording the camp support from clubs all around Michigan.

Lion Big Al served as club president, district governor, and was the recipient of many awards, including Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, S. A.



Dodge, and Ambassador of Good Will. He was also elected to the Lions of Michigan Foundation Hall of Fame. He will be sorely missed by many, and now it is up to Lions to continue his work.

Submitted by the Lake Orion Lions Club.

If you would like more information, contact the Camp for a copy of Big Al's book, "It's for the Kids."

> LIONS WINTER CAMP NEWS

WINTER CAMP FOR THE BLIND THANK THE LIONS OF MD11!



The Winter Camp team would like to thank all who helped make our Virtual Winter Camp for 2021 a big success. We had 83 registered for the camp, 75 of whom were campers. This was a great response, especially for a virtual event, where most of the campers had little or no experience with Zoom.

A huge thank you to the Lions Clubs and individuals who donated gift cards for our Raffle. Thanks go out to The Tekonsha Wellness Branch Club, Jackson Host Lions, Thornapple Valley Lions, Pennfield Lions, Battle Creek Host Lions, Lion De Davis (Cereal City), Vermontville Lions, District 11-E2, Flushing Lions, Jackson Professional Virtual, Mr. Jay Gardiner, Manchester Lions Club, Barry and Peggy Allen (Manchester), Jackson Eyeopeners Lions, Cereal City Lions of Battle Creek, Mt. Pleasant Lions, and Auburn Williams Lions. Of course, a good portion of our expenses were covered by the District 11-B1 Parade of Checks, with about 20 clubs sup-



porting. Thanks to you, our generous donors, we did not have to charge the campers a dime. We also owe thanks to Shelly O’Henley and Desiree Knierim of Bear Lake Camp for advice on running virtual activities. Lion Mike Scott and JJ. Medaugh were helpful with technology questions.



Besides a welcome and keynote by District Governor David Anderson, we included some of our popular activities of Winter Camp, including a prayer service, led by Mike Geno and a craft activity led by Denise Griffin (formerly of the Michigan Center Lioness). Birding by Ear by Donna Posont, a naturalist

with U of M, and lively discussion on new technology and adaptive tools was facilitated by Brianna Simmons, JJ. Medaugh, and Collette Mattox of WMU. A talent show and memories of camp was our final segment,



using audio, videos, and live participation by campers. Most of the sessions are available on the Winter Camp YouTube channel, along with videos submitted by the campers. PDG Roger Spriggs wrote a wonderful account of the day, portions of which may appear in this Lion Pride.

The campers had fun, and really enjoyed getting the gift cards, and even had fun using Zoom to hear their friends from camp. It was a very enjoyable day, and the campers have responded to our upcoming series of Winter Camp Chats, which will take place on the third Saturday of the month. Our next chat will be April 17 at 1 pm. Please contact us if interested in joining. I want to thank the Winter Camp team of District 11-B1, made up of Lions Bea Furman – Co-Chair (Jackson Host), Mike Head (Dexter), Barry and Peggy Allen (Manchester), Jerry Mackey, PDG Roger Spriggs (Cereal City), John Koerner (Pennfield), Cathy Koning (Ann Arbor Evening), and Ron Kohmesher (Clinton). These dedicated Lions put in many hours putting together the elements for a successful, smooth running event. Special thanks Lion Cathy Koning, whose technology skills have raised us to a higher level, making Winter Camp easier to manage going forward.

We hope to be back to the BCPS Outdoor Center next February for our regular Winter Camp Program. We hope that you may be inspired to lend your support again next year as our budget is around \$7000 to run the in-person camp for a weekend, or about \$150 per camper. While we charge the campers a nominal fee of \$45, we rely on donations from Lions Clubs in the District and around the state.

We need your support! Please feel free to contact Lion Roger Bosse (rogerbosse@att.net) , or Lion Bea Furman (healingsongcmt@gmail.com) if you have questions about camp, or if you would like a live or Zoom presentation to learn more about Winter Camp for the Blind.

WHITE CANE HISTORY

The White Cane Committee has received many questions regarding the history of the white cane as well as questions regarding White Cane Safety Day, also known as the Blind Americans Equality Day.

The use of the white cane began in 1921, when James Biggs, an artist in Bristol, England lost his sight and decided to paint his walking stick white to make himself more visible to oncoming motorists. A year later the practice of using a white cane was adopted in the United States. In 1930, the first White Cane Ordinance was passed in Peoria, Illinois, granting pedestrians who are blind “protections and the right-of-way while carrying a white cane. the following year, the Lion’s Club International launched a national campaign promoting the use of white canes by persons who are blind. By the end of World War II, as blind veterans began using canes to help them return home, the white cane began to make its way into government policy as a symbol of blind independence. Lions Clubs often use the first week in May a time to celebrate White Cane Day. Fundraising events are often held, but they do not need to be limited to this schedule.

During the early 1960’s, several state organizations and rehabilitation agencies serving the blind and visually impaired community urged Congress to declare October 15th as White Cane Safety Day. Their effort came to fruition on October 6, 1964 when a joint resolution of the Congress, HR 753, was signed into law authorizing the President of The United States of America to proclaim October 15th of each year as White Cane Safety Day. On October 15, 2000, former president Bill Clinton acknowledged the significance of the white cane. “With proper training, people using the white cane can enjoy greater mobility and safety by determining the location of steps, curbs, uneven pavement, and other obstacles in their path.”

Independence is more than getting around safely. It includes any kind of daily living activity.



What can you do to support people who are blind or visually impaired? Ask if someone needs assistance. Don’t assume you know where the person is going. If someone is using a dog guide, do not pet the dog wearing a harness. The dog is working. Lastly, please do not approach a person who is blind without identifying yourself.

Lion Charis Austin, White Cane/ Sight Conservation Committee




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VIRTUAL DEAF/HOH CAREER DAY

4/15 @5-7pm EST


Raffle Prizes
ASL Interpreters Provided

To RSVP please email
aadhnonprofit@gmail.com
Must RSVP for Zoom link by 4/12

Deaf/HoH youth, families, community
are all welcome

Graphic Designer, Teacher, Social
Worker, Miss Deaf Michigan, Comedian
Cassie, DeafinitelyDope, & many more

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Bedford Lions in Monroe County were recognized on local television highlighting their food distribution program. They have been providing meals the Bedford community every Tuesday for over 33 weeks! To date, they have served over 5,000 meals. The meals have been donated to the Lions club of Bedford in partnership with the Erie Restaurant and Bar in their area.

District A1 acquired 8,400 face masks through Wayne County Health Alliance and Lions are working to distributing them via our clubs to areas in our communities that need more masks.

The Livonia Lions Club is excited to announce its new scholarship program! Seniors in Livonia/Clarenceville and Redford high schools are invited to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. More information and the forms can be found on their website: <http://www.livonialionsclub.org/> Community Choice Foundation is offering 15 - \$5,000 scholarships. More information and the forms can be found at <https://www.communitychoicecu.com/scholarships>

Virtual Deaf/Hard of Hearing Career Day will be held on April 15.


Westland Lions Club and “Warm Hearts” partnered to provide a local family of six a very happy holiday this year. “Warm Hearts” is a local non-profit offering a clothes closet for those in need. A single mom with five children ages 5 months to 12 years were given a \$200.00 Walmart gift card, diapers, clothing, bedding and warm winter wear. It wouldn’t be Christmas without toys, and all of the children were taken care of, right down to the wrapping, paper, thanks to Santa’s elves! A very grateful mother was so appreciative of the Westland Lions and Warm Hearts support after having been laid off from work due to Covid-19.

District 11 A1 mourns the passing of Lion Zahan Patel, husband of Vice District Governor Roshni Patel. A memorial service was held on March 23. Please keep VDG Patel in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



At the Richmond Lions Club zoom meeting Lion Brenda Edwards (eye glasses collection) and Lion Doug Conner (mints & coin donation) gave updates to members. While the pandemic made it necessary to make some temporary changes to locations and methods of collection they are making the changes and continuing to serve our community. THANKS LIONS BRENDA & DOUG !

The Rochester Lions Club supported the fundraising activities of local Girl Scout Cadette Malana Mentier. She is shown here receiving cans/bottles from Lion Bruce MacGregor to support her Silver Award project to honor women veterans.



The Royal Oak Lions Club adopted two families for the Holidays this year. Shown here are the gifts assembled for one of the families.



Royal Oak Lion Udo Hess is shown here collecting for the Salvation Army, an activity that they have participated in for many, many years. For the tenth year in a row they have raised in excess of \$11,000!



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE WILBERT'S GOALS

Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 130

By the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, our district will support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve Campaign 100's target goal of US\$300 million.

In addition to my district

2020-2021 District Goals



joining the NAMI program as part of membership growth throughout the state we will also work with the MD-11 GST to increase our reporting of service projects from our clubs. District 11 A1 aims to have a 80% reporting success rate by end of fiscal year.

Further, with the state GLT we will meet and train our up and coming district leaders, in partnership with other district leadership throughout MD-11. District 11-A1 will be

a leader in the multi district in this regard.

Within 2020-21 fiscal year, 80% of incoming club officers will complete positional training.

Club integration and support - Every club in the district will partner with a neighboring club to build rapport, communication and support with each other.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR LEO SCHAEFER'S GOALS

Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 23

By the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, our district will support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve Campaign 100's

target goal of US \$300 million.

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11 B1

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Leo Lillian Diuble was awarded the 2018-2019 B1 District Leo of the year award and went on to eventually win the MD 11State Leo award, and then then LCI Leo of the year for her outstanding charity work. The Diuble family runs a charity to provide emergency funds to deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Diuble Family Vision depends on donations of goods and services from local businesses for our auction items. Our goals remain intact despite the pandemic.

We have made a yearly pledge of \$20,000 to the Foundation Fighting Blindness, we are still dispensing emergency alarms to the deaf and hard of hearing individuals in our community, and still plan to give our yearly “Do-Gooder” scholarship to a deserving high school senior in the spring. You can make a secure donation on our website: www.diublefamilyvision.org or you can mail a donation to: Diuble Family Vision, P.O. Box 804, Manchester, MI 48158.




Lions Clubs met at the Bedford Lion’s Den to sort reading glasses that had been donated. Cereal City Lions Bryan Cook, Kay Smith, Muriel Walters, Bedford Lions Ron and Margaret Kiegle, Pennfield Lion Lindsey Leonard, and Battle Creek Host Club Lion Craig Bishop joined forces to clean, count, and box up the items. It was easy to social distance in the large building, and plenty of gloves, masks, and sanitizer were on hand. In the end, they had over 2700 pairs of glasses boxed up.

NAMI - Our NAMI team is meeting together virtually bi-weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to discuss revitalizing clubs. For those of you unfamiliar with NAMI, it is the North American Membership Initiative a Lions Club International program that provides resources for clubs committed to growth and prospects interested in chartering clubs. NAMI has a three-part mission, 1. To rejuvenate our district and clubs with new members, 2. To increase the number of hands doing service work, and 3. To learn what brings out passion and demotivates members. If you are interested in joining the NAMI team please contact Governor David Anderson.

Ann Arbor Host - Donated 148 warm socks, gloves, hats and scarves to Delonis Center, Hope Clinic, and the YMCA for the homeless. Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels (AAMOW) spoke at AA Host's February membership meeting. They have served a lot of people during these unprecedented times. AA Host donated \$200 to Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels.


Jackson Eyeopeners continued to meet on Zoom during February. Pam Baumgartner was a recent guest informing us about the Personal Care Ministry located at the First Baptist Church downtown. They provide shampoo, dish soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste and other items to families in need. Volunteers from First Congregational Church, Brookside United Methodist Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church as well as several other churches operate the Personal Care Ministry. Eyeopeners donated \$100 to the Interfaith Shelter to help with their continuing need for the disposable containers they use when serving food to the community. The club has remained a financial supporter of many projects.

Due to the many uncertainties caused by the COVID pandemic, the Cabinet decided to forgo an in-person District Convention in 2021. The Convention Committee will provide additional details about the Saturday, May 8, 2021 event as they become available. If you have any speakers or sessions recommendations please send them to pr@lions11b1.org.




11 B2

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The District is working to combine Projects Night with the Great Eyeglass Challenge in May. Club Presidents and Secretaries will be sent information soon to be shared with their members. In the meantime, start collecting glasses and discuss how your club can be a 100% participant in the Projects Night donations this year.



Bangor Lions will host a drive-through visit with the Easter Bunny this month. They also held a drive through St. Patty's dinner and held a Virtual Trivia Night. The Club will celebrate 53 years of service this April!

Edwardsburg Lions resumed meeting via Zoom and reported sales of 305 Christmas trees this past season. They have been selling trees for 55 years and counting. The club will be purchasing Lion Mints for donation to the Veteran's in Battle Creek.

The Portage Lions Club was featured on the recent Virtual Michigan Lions Forum, highlighting their work with the First Day Shoe Fund. This is an excellent service project for the club and benefits kids from all over the area, providing shoes to those in need. Face mask sales are ongoing. Contact Lion Elvie Marfil for your customized Lions Club masks. 810-800-1060.

Watervliet Lions Club raised \$3,600 in donations by reaching out to the local community to assist in raising money for area non-profits. The community did not disappoint, as funds were raised in a record amount! Donations were made to several area organizations.



The Mattawan LEO Club held their annual food drive to benefit the Mattawan Area Pantry on Saturday, November 14th. They raised over \$3000 in food and donations. The club currently has over 50 members.

Mattawan Lions have held a drive-in soup supper, selling as many meals as a “dining in” event. They will hold a drive-through Easter party for the area children, complete with candy giveaways and the Easter Bunny.



LEO CLUB OF MATTAWAN

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE ANDERSON'S GOALS
Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 40

By the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, our district will support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve Campaign 100's target goal of US \$300 million.

1. 100% club participation in LCIF's Campaign 100


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DISTRICT GOVERNOR JULIE MAYUIER'S GOALS
Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 1

By the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, our district will support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve Campaign 100's target goal of US \$300 million.

Happenings:





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11 C1

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THREE GENERATIONS OF LIONS - Many Lions clubs have parents and children in the same club. But it's rare to have parents, children, and grandchildren. The Adamy family has three generations of members in the Lions Club, spanning 70 years. Two were born in the 1940's, two in the 1960's, one in the 1990's and one in the 2000's. Alto Lions Ken Adamy and his wife Marion are the first generation. The second generation includes their daughter Katherine, and their son Mark who resides in Peru. The third generation includes granddaughter Caroline, and grandson Mark (Mark's son). Mark is the newest member of the Alto Lions. Lion Jon Adamy is also of the third generation. He is a member of the Holt Lions club. Three of these Lions have Naval Service in common. The oldest retired with 20 years of service, the next with 23 years. Grandson Mark just joined the Naval Reserves. He reported to boot camp in December.



Fruitport Lionesses held a conference call with PID Jenny Ware gathering information on the possibility of becoming the Fruitport Lioness Lions Club!

Each year the Alto Lions have hosted a Christmas party at Alto Elementary for all the children age 12 and under. This tradition goes back many years for the club and it is their signature project. Due to the restrictions in place, they were not able to hold this event this year; however, the Lions, the Bowne Township Historical Commission, and the Alto branch of the Kent District Library did provide a little Christmas cheer for the children. The Library staff will pass out goody bags donated from the Lions and jingle bell favors from the Historical Commission when people come to drop off or pick-up materials. When the Library re-opens the goodies will be available indoors.



Dorr Lion members ready to SERVE

Dorr Twp. Lions provided over 80 families turkey and potatoes. Taking the necessary precautions for distancing this event ended up as a drive thru. The customers drove up and food was loaded into their vehicles. Also, PDG Jim and Lion Betty Maynard delivered a truckload of eyeglasses to the Lions drop off eyeglass box in Grand Rapids.

LCIF Grant for \$45,000.00 has been received by 11-C-1 and money used for the freezer project. A ribbon cutting was held in September by members of Hungry for Christ, Tyson, and Lions Members from Allegan, Hamilton, & Martin. Hunger for Christ is a large Food Bank located in Hamilton. They are in the process of expanding their operation and increasing the size of their freezer capacity. This expansion project increases the size of their freezer to 40' X 100' (54,400 cu. ft.). The cost of this project is going to be more than \$96,000.00.



Ravenna Lions, through their Love Connection community project, were able to donate and deliver to 40 families in need. The families received 3 boxes each of food.

Rockford Lions and Leo volunteers took to the streets collecting donations and raising \$4,200 for Lions projects!

If any club in the district would like to develop a can fundraiser, please contact 1st Vice District Governor Ron Reibschleger at ronrieb@gmail.com. District 11C1 will provide a banner for your Lions Club to advertise your fundraiser!



GVSU Students participated in Zoo Goes Boo! Helping at the John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids to make trick or treating a fun event at the Zoo!



Charlotte Lions Club presented the Eaton County Foster Kids Closet with a basket full of much needed new socks and under garments. Along with this, they also personalized Valentines for the residents at the Eaton County long term medical care facility.



The pandemic has created endless needs, specifically those of schools and libraries. Grand Ledge Lions Club has responded to a request for help from Grand Ledge Public Schools' Literacy Coach and has donated a small building to the schools for use as a library of books to be loaned out as needed to elementary students in the city.



For the City Rescue Mission men and women, the East Lansing Meridian Lions Club made 8 pans of white navy bean soup, providing food to over 140 people.

The East Lansing Meridian Lions Club have been collecting bottle donations and have earned a respectable \$373, which will go towards the Sight and Hearing Account for the club to allow support for charities and communities. Amazing!

St. Johns Lions Club hosts an annual easter egg hunt which will, hopefully, take place on April 3rd this year. It will be a "drive through" event with sanitized plastic bags containing eggs filled with goodies. We hope to see this event work out in St. Johns' favor!



Dewitt Breakfast Lions Club was able to successfully donate \$5,171 to 17 local causes and \$4,540 to 19 district, state, national and international Lions causes. The total amount of donations for the year are \$9,711 and they are planning to award 3 \$1,000 scholarships to Dewitt High School seniors going into a health related field.



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2020-2021 District Goals



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROBERT HOHENDORF'S GOALS

Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 30

By the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, our district will support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve Campaign 100's target goal of US \$300 million. Strengthen Communication

flow (speed and directness) from members and their clubs to the district and district to club and club members.

Club officer and cabinet member education (duties/responsibilities/expectations) for 100% of the newly elected Lion and 60% of the repeating Lion club officers. Education/Expectation awareness for 100 % of all Zone Chairs and all district committee appointments.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR KURT STROMLAND'S GOALS

Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 3

By the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, our district will support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve Campaign 100's target goal of US \$300 million. My District will be looked at

as a Leader on the Multiple District Level Club officer and cabinet member education (duties/responsibilities/expectations) for 100% of the newly elected Lion and 60% of the repeating Lion club officers. Education/Expectation awareness for 100 % of all Zone Chairs and all district committee appointments.

Ensure my District Committee

Chairs are Communicating with the Multiple District Chairs and qualify for the Team Excellence Award

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11 D1

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Cass City Lions and two other Service Clubs, Rotary and Gavel Club teamed up on 2/18/2021 to provide approximately 500 Community Appreciation treats, donuts, donut holes, specialty candies/cookies, fruit, granola bars etc., to our Communities' Essential workers in this difficult time. Those workers came from many environments: All Hospital Staff, Police, Fire Dept. All School system Staff, Post Office staff, Staff at Extended Care Facilities.



Pictured above: CC Lions Sec. Gary Jones, black coat, and Rotarian Rebecca Walker at the Twp. Fire Dept. presentation

The Bay City Lion's Club is conducting an "ATTENDANCE CONTEST" through April 28th. The name of the contest is "COVID BUSTERS!!!" One task Bay City is attempting is to collect COVID items (sanitizer, masks, gloves, Lysol, etc) for The Salvation Army, Bay City Schools, and Alternative High School. Another high pointed task is bring in a new member! You can tailor your Contest to your Club. The GOLDEN LION EMBLEM can be any prize you think your members would work hard to earn. We chose being first in line to eat at our summer picnics. Make it fun, have fun, but most of all increase your membership in a fun way!



Great Lakes Area Sports Lions Club (GLBAS) Chartered October 25, 2019 with 21 members - Charter Night was January 17th, 2020. Since their charter date the club has grown to 67 members as of today March 23, 2021 making our club the 2nd biggest club in district 11 D1. Activities we have planned so far for 2021. Due to the overwhelming success of last summer's Drive-In Concert with 80's and 90's Music Genre, they will again host on June 4th, 5th. An additional show may be added if there is demand. Clubs are invited to be part of this event to help promote the Lions as a whole, use the event as a membership opportunity, and raise funds for our causes.



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A Covid-Safe drive-in concert was a big success in Summer 2020 for GLASLC.



GLASLC Summer Concert Series will begin on Wednesday Nights with various artists for 5 dates on July through early August 4. The club is partnered with the Auburn-Williams Lions Club and the Mayor of Auburn. A Bike-A-Thon for September to benefit Childhood Diabetes. Another Corn-Hole tournament is also in the works for this summer.



11 D2

DG Sami Makhoul
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Harbor Beach Lions Club meeting on Feb. 9th DG Makhoul was in attendance and performed the following ceremonies: he inducted new Lion member Kevin Harwood into the club, and then he presented a "Heart of the Lion" award to Lion Eric Schumacker. Following that club President Bob Swartz presented Lion Alvin "Buck" Roggenbuck with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award. Congratulations to Lion Kevin, and welcome to the world of the Lions organization, and congratulations to Lions Eric and Buck for well deserved awards for the exceptional work they have both done for the club and the community



Harbor Beach Lions Club Have moved into a new clubhouse in Harbor Beach. The building, located at the corner of 2nd and Trescott streets, was formerly the Free Methodist Church. It was built in 1865 but had a new roof and troughs installed four years ago. The sale was finalized this past May, and they recently had their sign installed in front of the building. The Lions Club were fortunate to secure a good deal for their new "Lion's Den", which included several amenities that were included with the building. The church was glad to be able to sell their building to an organization that does so much for the community. Among the items left with the church were the long, wooden pews which are still in great condition and are available for sale. They are 11 feet long, solid oak and there are only eight remaining, so anyone with an interest in them should contact the group. The new clubhouse address is 249 S. Second St. and is now available for rent by the public. Members of the Lions Club donated several sets of new tables and chairs for use by the club and for events.

For years, the Lions Club had their meetings and a meal at Al's Restaurant in Harbor Beach, which closed after a fire in August 2018. After that they held meetings at the North Park pavilion, the Community House, and other locations, but began seeking a long-term home for the group. "Things felt disorganized because our meeting spaces were inconsistent.

The Almont Lions Club hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, February 15 in the Lions hall. The drive was shortened due to threatening weather, but 24 units of blood was collected. We are proud to report that since February 2018, 535 units of blood has been collected during blood drives in our hall. Metamora Lions & Lioness and Hadley Lions Spaghetti dinner was a success, serving

400 dinners of spaghetti, garlic bread and cole slaw. Donations were doubled what was expected. Bringing together three Lions Clubs was a great success story.



Athletes, weekend athletes, couch potatoes, treadheads (treadmill), spinners, stationary bike riders and Pelotonners! New this year we are going to be forming a Lions Athletic Team. You do not have to log long miles, we are looking for anyone that can contribute some of their exercise time and have it go towards a common goal. We are looking for athletes, both runners and cyclists, to join our already growing team. We will be developing a website where we will be able to log miles and online donations to fundraise for Lions Kids Cancer charities. Athletes will seek donations working toward our team donation goal. Athletes will log their miles, whether it is 1/2 mile or 24 miles, over the course of a month and we will add them together toward our team goal for miles. We are looking for anybody that can add to our totals and you do not have to be an elite athlete to participate, every little donation and every little mile helps us help our great children's charities. Be on the lookout for more information in the near future. Any ideas or suggestions would be appreciated. Just shoot me an email at lionbrian2021@gmail.com,



St. Clair County Community Foundation wrote to Lions Nancy Thomson and Steve Plenda. "We are showing a little extra love to a handful of nonprofits in honor of Random Acts of Kindness Week. These are organizations from around our county who are making sure our local families are fed, safe, housed and supported." We are awarding the Lions Club a total of \$1,000, splitting it equally between Memphis & Emmett! Congratulations! Way to go Lions Clubs

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR HAROLD DEMOTT'S GOALS

Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 39

By the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, our district will support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve Campaign 100's target goal of US \$300 million.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR SAMI MAKHOUL'S GOALS

Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 80

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Team Work and Accountability. Leadership Goals 100% of all Region, Zone and Cabinet

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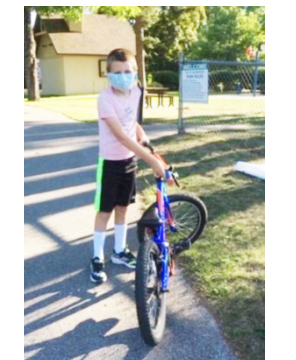
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The Fremont Lions Club has held a program in 2019 to help students from two public school districts, identified by teachers of having possible vision problems, receive free complete eye exams and glasses if needed at Ferris State University College of Optometry. This was possible through a generous grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation. The success of this program will be highlighted in the upcoming Lions Michigan Virtual Forum.



Recipients of eye exams and glasses from Hesperia Public Schools

The Kingsley Lions Club has been busy throughout the year giving away 24 reconditioned bikes donated to our club by McLains Cycle & Fitness. Seventeen of the bikes went to local Preschools and Daycare Centers and 5 more bikes were given away at the Kingsley "Back to School Prep Event". We also gave away 2 more at Christmas during the Kingsley "Drive Through" Festival. Food baskets were also donated to families in need in both November and December.



Midland Lions rang the bell and manned the kettle at Kroger during the holidays in November and December for the Salvation Army. Over the 2 days we collected a total of \$716.39! The club also partnered with the Trailside Senior Center to support and assist with the annual Christmas Dinner. Meal and gift distributions, logistics and donations were made easier, thanks to the club members who donated their time to SERVE!

Despite 2020 being a problematic year for many people, for Midland Lions annual Coats for Kids and Toys for Tots was a record breaking event. 49 coats were donated, breaking the past record of 25. Coats, snowpants, hats and gloves and toys were contributed to the campaign. The pastor at the Salvation Army was so excited with our contribution that he assisted in the delivery of these items as an expression of his appreciation. Congratulations to PDG Jim Walls for winning the 2019 LITPC Pin Contest!



D. A. D. Report: Since we started our online training programs with MSU and the Michigan Kidney Foundation, the interest has really picked up and we have trained hundreds of participants statewide. The balance in our statewide fund is now \$67,000 down from the original \$250,000 grant! Please keep in mind these programs are online in the safety of your own home. They are 2 hours long, once a week for 6 weeks, and the PATH classes are about diabetes management. Each participant receives a Certificate upon completion.

The Central Montcalm Lions distributed 45 gift bags to folks in the area that recently lost a loved one. The bags contained fruit, candy, games and puzzles and a note letting them know that we were thinking about them! In addition, the club was able to donate \$400 to Manistee Medical Care for gifts for the residents; a \$500 donation was given to the school to use for the Giving Tree for gifts for those in need, and seven Christmas Baskets containing a full meal were donated to the school for distribution.

The Manistee Lions Club presented a check for \$250 to the Manistee County Council on Aging food pantry that supports seniors 60 years and older.



White Cloud Lions enjoyed actively serving the community in December. Nearly 300 people were provided Christmas dinner at the Lions Den on Christmas Day. The club also inducted 5 new members in December!



11 E2

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Central Lake Lions Club made gift bags for the teachers and staff at Central Lake School to show their appreciation and support in these difficult times.



Alpena Lions' newest members – Jodi Gilmet, Becky LaMay, Barb Sumerix, with assistance from Becca Brousseau, were in action and delivered Valentine's greetings to nearly 100 residents at Medilodge – Alpena. They assembled gift bags with personal items for the residents and delivered them on Saturday in time for Valentine's Day.



Indian River Lions Club organized a product give-away in December. The Club visited area businesses and got donations of money and product to add to our donation. We bagged over 130 bags with items like soaps, toothbrushes and paste, cleaners, and more. This took a few days to put together with shopping and organizing everything. We helped many people with this project.



Petoskey Lions have continued to help our community in 2020. Earlier this year Petoskey Lions Club received a \$1,000 memorial donation from the family of former Petoskey Lion Robert Morris. Also, donation from the Petoskey waterfront Monoculars was over \$900, a surprisingly very good season. Due to this good fortune, we have been able to continue to help those in need. Petoskey Lions awarded PHS Senior Tiffany Fettig with a \$500 Scholarship. \$500 was donated to local Camp Daggett to help needy children have camping experience. 4 people received glasses/exams for \$135 each. In December donations were made to the Women's Resource Center, the Manna Food Project and to the Nehemiah House Project. In total, \$900 was donated to these 3 projects.



Oscoda Lions ramp builders did another fine job of building a ramp for a gentleman who is in a wheelchair because of MS. The ramp consisted of a 4'x4' platform and a 16' ramp. They picked up the materials around 8 am and finished at the job site at 1:30 pm. Lions Tony Priebe, Bill Gaines, and Chuck Andrina worked on the project. Lion Kay Gaines brought them a wonderful Lunch of Hot chicken and rice soup, a very large sandwich, fruit and homemade cookies. The recipients of the ramp were very thankful for the ramp and how much easier it would make their lives!! WE SERVE

Central Lake Lions performed 91 KidSight screenings at the local elementary school which resulted in 14 referrals for further screening. Organized by Service Chair Bec Jordan, screenings were performed by Lions Andrew Smith, Malcolm Shore and Marie Leathers directed by Kidsight District Chair from Boyne Valley Lions Club Nathan Slezak. In addition, they partnered with the United Way and distributed 2,000 KN95 masks to the local school to be sent home and be used by students and their families.

East Jordan Lions decorated the train in Sportsman's Park and sponsored the drive through Christmas Village at Tourist Park.



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR
BILL KOCH'S GOALS

Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 140

By the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, our district will support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve Campaign 100's

target goal of US \$300 million.

Asking all clubs to visit an other club and to connect with each other on various projects. Asking that all members are involved in every activity with ideas , actions and support . Try to get a campus program.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR
ROD LEATHERS'S GOALS

Our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership) Growth Goal of 41

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