

# LION PRIDE WE SERVE

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## MICHIGAN LIONS . . . CHANGING THE WORLD

**FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024**  
**GATEWAY CONVENTION & CONFERENCE CENTER, FLINT**  
**FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER, LION CARL**  
**WEBSTER, TENNESSEE**

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

Is your club headed toward the obituary column in your local paper? Why do you think a Lions Club dies? Lion Carl Webster will help us understand the reasons and teach us possible solutions! Fresh off his highly acclaimed presentation at the USA/Canada Forum, Lion Webster interviewed well over 250 Lions for his presentation, An Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club.



Lion Carl Webster, aka Webster, a Lion since May 2017, is a member of the Tullahoma Lions Club and, in his brief tenure, has been a tail twister, Club President, Region IV Chair, District Admin, and now 2nd VDG for District 12-S (Tennessee). Webster has a 47+ year history in the IT industry and has presented at computer conferences in the United States, Belgium, Denmark, England, Germany, Italy, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates. Webster has received Lifetime Achievement and Career Achievement Awards and has held over 100 technology certifications. Webster retired from IT community service on July 1st and is now dedicating his passion for service to Lionism.

Breakout session Topics – Hear from leaders around the state as they share information on the following topics:

- Steps to become an International Director
- Lions of Michigan Foundation- Grants: What's available and how to apply
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Oversight
- Social Media & Marketing Your Club
- Our Environmental World - Michigan Forestry
- Leadership Styles
- Global Service
- Global Membership
- Global Leadership
- Zone Chair Training
- Demystifying Dementia and Brain Health
- Wills and Trusts- Edler Law
- Lions of Michigan All State Band
- Lions Bear Lake Camp
- Childhood Cancer

## UPCOMING Events:

**October**  
 Vision Awareness Month  
 Lions Awareness Month

**November 3-6, 2023**  
 Lions Leadership Institute  
 MacMullen Center, Higgins Lake, MI

**November 11 2023**  
 Veterans Day



**November 14 2023**  
 World Diabetes Day

**November 23 2023**  
 HAPPY THANKSGIVING



**December 1 2023**  
 2024-25 COUNCIL CHAIR INTERVIEWS  
 LCI Peace Poster Judging MD11  
 Fri, Dec 1 VDG Training 10am – 4pm

**December 1-2 2023**  
 3rd Council of Governors Meeting  
 Hilton Garden Inn, Lansing, MI

Check our website for updates & additional information  
[www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)



An enthusiastic Council Chair John Daoud at the 2023 Michigan Forum



GST Terri Huffman leads the service project at the 2023 Forum



Forum Committee members PDGs Joe Gwizdalla, Karen Routson, Kurt Stromlund and Lions Chrissy Andre and Wendy Burns welcome the crowds back in person last year after a 2-year virtual pause!

**"READ ALL ABOUT IT"**



> DIRECTORS CORNER NEWS



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE

Wendy Burns, Executive Director



There is so much going on at the Lions of Michigan state office these days that I am dizzy from trying to keep up!

LCI has launched its new membership campaign, Mission 1.5, and I know it will become mission accomplished before the July 2027 deadline because that's how we operate.

Lions are notoriously over-serving. To "over-serve" means to exceed the expected level of service or to go above and beyond what is typically required or anticipated. It often implies providing exceptional or extra assistance, support, or value to someone or a situation. Sound familiar? There are many examples throughout this issue pointing to clubs that go above and beyond expectations. Kal-Haven Lions Club were ready to assist with a \$500 donation to a family in need after a fire. They didn't stop there- they contacted the Lions of Michigan Foundation and received a \$2,500 emergency assistance grant to add to their donation. Mt. Pleasant Lions Club donated children's backpacks filled with crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, stencils and even a stuffed lion, to be donated to children waiting at the hospital ER. Knowing they could do more; the club also presented a check for \$3,000.00 to Christmas Outreach of Isabella County.

And how about those chicken dinners? If only I had a tally to report the total number of meals prepared by Lions and sold at fundraisers throughout the state – I think it would surpass pancakes! (Although, shout-out to Northport Lions Club for serving 1,600 people at a recent pancake breakfast. I am sorry to have missed out!) But I regress – back to the chicken! Ashley Lions Club broke a record set in 1983: Complete sellout of 250 dinners. And the Midland Lions Club successfully sold 900 of their now famous chicken at their 34th annual event. Winner – Winner, as they say!

How does your club go above and beyond? How have you been successful with adding new members to your roster by being an asset in your community? Share your story in the next edition of the Lion Pride, so everyone can read all about it!



Yours in Service,

Lion Wendy Burns



## Spotlight DISTRICT GOVERNOR Bill Bauder 11D1

### "HELLO FELLOW LIONS!"

I have a great cause to write about this month. As we all know, prices on everything are going up steadily, and food is a necessity. My home Club, Freeland Lions Club, Freeland, MI, has been assisting with food insecurity for ten years. I have

the privilege to be the Chairperson for the Freeland Lions Food Give-Away program.

We began by researching several different locations to hold the event and ways to conduct a food service program. After a year of planning, we customized a program that would work best for our club and the community.

The first year we held three free food events and were pleased with the results. After a few minor adjustments, we tried it the second year and it went better. Soon we were getting a box delivery truck during the months of November, December, and January. The worst weather is at that time of year and with increased utility costs, everything seems higher.

The Freeland Lions Food Give-Away program quickly caught on and we had to turn away families. By our third year the size of our deliveries increased to a semi-trailer, which allowed for extra food to be delivered to a local soup kitchen and area food pantries. As more families attended the give-away program, we had to cut back on the other groups, unfortunately.

To give you an idea of the amount that Freeland Lions have given away, the smaller truck we began with carried around 2500 to 4000 pounds of food. Not bad for the first two years of the program! When we increased the size of the truck, we were able to disperse 18,000 to 20,000 pounds each load.

As of today, the Freeland Lions Club has distributed over 700,000 pounds of food in the ten years of providing this service. We have an army of volunteers at each one of our give-away dates. Many Lions from our Club and clubs around our area assist, and we have formed a partnership with local High School Honors Society, Robotics Club, students needing community service hours to graduate, and even students from other schools, as well as the Bay City Lions Club.

Together we are Changing the World!

Yours in Service  
DG Bill Bauder, MD-11D1

## Spotlight GST MD11 CHAIR PDG Terri Huffman



*Service Projects are a direct path to membership enhancement, right? Absolutely!*

SD 10 and MD 11 are moving forward with three service projects that have been supported by the District Governors at their October Council of Governors meeting.

*Hope to Walk  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
Kid's Coalition Against Hunger*

Many were introduced to Hope to Walk while attending the LCI Convention in Boston. Hope to Walk provides prosthetic legs to children and adults in underserved countries. Prosthetic legs can cost between \$10,000 - \$25,000 and up. People in developing countries who have lost a leg often earn less than \$5 per day. Being unable to work or provide for their family leads to depression and isolation. Hope To Walk's quality, low-cost solution means amputees can not only walk again, but work again. Michigan Lions have already committed to sponsoring nearly 20 prosthetic legs at the cost of \$250.00 each. The District Governors have committed to the funding of one leg kit per district, totaling \$2,500.00.

110 Fleece blankets will be tied up at the Lions Michigan Forum in February. Volunteers will be grouped into blanket-tying teams. This project will be held on Friday evening, February 23 as our large group service project. Blankets will be donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace as a contribution to their build-a-bed project. Blanket kits will be purchased in advance and available that evening. Come one, come all!

Kid's Coalition Against Hunger will be the beneficiary of the 10,000 meals will put together at the MD 11 Convention May 18 in Grand Rapids. In just 2 hours! Again, the MORE Lions there to participate in the project the more meals that will be packaged.

WHAT DO YOU DO AS A LION? WHAT DO YOU DO AS A LION'S CLUB? We SERVE! We serve in many ways, locally, nationally, and internationally. This is something to take great pride in and share with your prospective members.

The MD State Forum and the MD State Convention are great opportunities to enlighten new members about Michigan Lions and record service hours for your club.

Make plans to attend both the Forum and MD 11 Convention and join in with other members of the largest and best service organization in the WORLD.

Yours in Service,  
Lion Terri Huffman, GST MD 11



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT <

**Spotlight**  
District Governor  
DG Jim Patterson



**THE SERIAL VOLUNTEER OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBER?**

At a board meeting of my home club last spring, a discussion revolved around two key questions:

Do we curtail our project/fund raising activities to better match the number of active members the club has?

-or-

Do we find new ways to increase our participation and membership?

I imagine many clubs are having similar discussions as their membership ages and drop out. But to my mind, reducing what a club does to match the number of current healthy members is counterproductive. Our motto is not "We Serve Less." The only real option is to find more strong backs and willing hands.

Recent recruiting results have demonstrated that the tried-and-true method of asking potential members to attend a club meeting is no longer very effective. Members of this generation are not "joiners." They don't see value in belonging to an organization like Lions (or any other, for that matter.) However, they possess a strong desire to serve their community and if asked, willingly do so.

In a research report I came across, there was a term that was unfamiliar to me, that of the "serial" volunteer. In simple terms, a serial volunteer is someone who is ready to serve their community but doesn't see any value in "joining."

In that report it stated that a full 25% of potential volunteers are not volunteering because they were never asked. Don't confuse this with LCI's "Just Ask" campaign. LCI is talking about joining a Lions Club while this research is talking about volunteerism. To put this plainly, these folks would volunteer if someone would just ask, "Hey, can you help out?"

So, what's the "takeaway" from all this? Not asking people to join may sound like heresy, but it has advantages. Instead, ask them to help. Then ask them back for the next project – and the next. Make them feel warm and welcome. Make them feel like they are doing a good thing. Make them feel like they "belong."

**See where I'm going with this?**

If they feel welcome and contributing, maybe – just maybe – you can convince them to join. But even if they decide not to, you have a group of serial volunteers that are willing to tackle those large service projects and fundraisers side-by-side with you.

Bigger projects make a bigger impact on our communities which, in turn, creates more media "buzz." The buzz makes folks take notice and wonder about the great Lions organization. That allows you to "soft-sell" the virtues of Lionism and encourage membership.

**I don't see any downside to this, do you?**

Governor Jim Patterson

**From the Desk of**  
CC John Daoud MD11



**LIONS CHANGING THE WORLD!**

Greetings Fellow Lions!

The USA Canadian Forum in Reno just passed. It contained an abundance of information. There were 82 seminars to choose from. If you have not yet experienced a USA Canadian Forum, next year it will be in Louisville, KY. They have sessions that can help individual Lions as well as clubs, officers, and whole districts. I strongly recommend attending the Forum at least one. In addition to the seminars, there are a couple thousand Lions to chat with and learn about what they do in their clubs in the areas of membership, fundraising, service to the community, and more. For instance, did you know that you can request a Membership Consultant from LCI to come out at no cost, or that LCI provides PR grants, or that the new Lions Portal debuts in January. More information on the USA Canadian Forum or the examples I mentioned can be found on LCI's website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

However, you don't have to wait until next year to attend a Forum because our own Michigan Lions Forum is right around the corner, with 16 breakout sessions, experienced speakers, close to home, and filled with Michigan Lions with whom to share in the experience, exchange club ideas, and enjoy the fellowship. More details can be found on [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)

In the meantime, support your District Governor and the Global Action Team!

**Lions Changing the World!**  
Council Chair John Daoud, MD 11

**2024-25 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!**

**Please Note the Deadline of November 13, 2023**

Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors, Immediate Past District Governors, 1st Vice District Governors: The 2024-2025 Council Chair search is on!

In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor or Immediate Past District Governor. He/she shall serve a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than November 13, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the seated MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday afternoon, December 1, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lansing, MI. Selection of the 2024-2025 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews and introduced that evening at the Council of Governors meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11, in this very important capacity.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. The Council Chairperson will be a member in good standing in a Lions Club that is in good standing.
2. The Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, or currently serving District Governor.
3. A Past District Governor who has previously served as Council Chairperson is not eligible.
4. Candidates for Council Chairperson shall have completed the LCI Council Chairperson training program available on MyLion.
5. The GLT, GMT and GST multiple district coordinators report to the MD GAT Chairperson, which is the Council Chair. Regular communication between Council Chair and GAT leaders is required. The GAT position overview can be found on the LCI website.

Contact Executive Director Wendy Burns for complete application and Council Chair overview.

[wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com) or call 517.887.6640 ext 103



**MISSION 1.5**

**We're on a mission to grow.**

**MISSION 1.5 Messaging**

We've developed a series of **MISSION 1.5** specific messages that help speak directly to the initiatives Key Benefits.

**KEY BENEFIT**

Increased capacity to serve

Greater diversity and inclusion

Increased advocacy for change

Increased member benefits

Stronger at every level of Lions

**MESSAGING**

The more we grow, the more we can give. Kindness guides us. Find yourself through being selfless.

A Lion lives inside us all. Our clubs serve our communities in ways we never could alone. You look like a Lion.

A little change goes a long way. Local efforts, global change. The biggest changes begin with you.

We do not grow together by acting alone. Stronger together. Always. Get more from giving.

Serving side by side means growing stronger together. Lions stand together. Always ready to serve.



> MISSION 1.5 2023

# YOUTH CAMPS AND EXCHANGE SPONSOR LIONS CLUBS



Interested in experiencing life in a different country? Join the exchange program where you can participate in the day to day life of a local family and meet other students from around the world.

Filing deadline for all applicants varies by country. Most Countries have a filing deadline range from February 15 to March 31 depending on the country you pick. Please choose your country early and contact us right away.

A \$100 Youth Exchange Supplies fee is required with all applications. Fee includes, shirts, backpack, MD11 Youth Exchange pins and banners and orientation booklet. There may be additional charges for camps within your chosen country that are not included in the price of our program. You will be required to purchase your own airfare and international travel insurance. The travel insurance must be accepted in the country you are visiting.

Age requirements are typically 15 - 22

Our students usually depart the U.S. the last weekend of June or beginning of July for a 3 to 5 week stay depending on the Youth Exchange program in those countries. Please note that all counties are on a first come basis and fill up fast so the sooner you apply the sooner we can confirm your acceptance. For more information AND application please email:

Debra Vantol [liondebravantol@gmail.com](mailto:liondebravantol@gmail.com) - Outgoing Chairperson or  
Lion Elvie Marfil [epmarfil5@gmail.com](mailto:epmarfil5@gmail.com) - State Chairperson

### Helpful Resources

[youthexchange@lionsclubs.org](mailto:youthexchange@lionsclubs.org)

Click Youth Camp and Exchange (YCE) Scroll down

Use the resources below to learn more about the YCE program and find answers to any questions you might have.

- YCE Policy
- Prospective Exchange Youth webpage
- Host Lions Clubs/Host family webpage
- Sponsor Lions webpage
- YCE Chairpersons of Exchange Youth webpage
- Top Ten YCE Chairpersons Award webpage
- Contact Lions International with questions

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A2 vacant

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C1 vacant

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E1 vacant  
E2 vacant  
MD10 vacant



by PDG Dave Wineman

## Dave's Corner! PDG Dave Wineman

### HOW LIONS CHANGED MY LIFE!

So many of us Lions have had that "Ah-ha" moment in Lions. It is one of those undeniable great things that happens. Personally, call me a slow learner, but for me there were several so far. There is one to share here, whereas it was not one of those mind boggling "ah-ha" moments, it truly was life changing for me. Life changing in a huge way.

My tenure in Lions was a mere five years at the time. I had met Lindy my wife over three years earlier in 1997. (Lindy was living in Honiton England.) Early in our relationship I suggested that it might be kind of nice if we got married. It must have been a little too early. Lesson learned! Bound and determined that this mistake was not to be repeated, it made it her turn to ask me.

Now, there is an old English tradition that the lady may ask the gentleman during leap year and still remain a proper lady. As luck would have it, my last trip of 2000 was early November that year. The local tradition specifies that the young lady is to ask her intended at the end of the pier at Lyme Regis. If he turns her down, in the drink he goes. That fateful day we were headed there. We started down the pier which was narrow, no railings, slanted, slippery and huge waves crashing in. But it had to be done! We never even made it a few yards and Lindy flatly stated, "There is no way I'm doing this!" Not only did I have to put up with twisted English tradition, but now when the going got tough she was backpadding. Or, so I thought.

On the way back to Lindy's home I was positive why us American's declared our independence. That night we went to a Guy Fawkes celebration fireworks display. It was being put on by the Honiton Lions Club as a fundraiser. The Lion at the gate shortchanged me. He could tell that I was an American. It shows! At the time I thought, I thought "these guys are great". He was fun and clearly joking. The fireworks were great. In jolly old England they shoot them off all around you. Very sporting. After the display there is a huge bonfire that is lit to finish up the evening. Just before the bonfire the announcer came on and stated that they had a very special guest in their presence this evening. I thought, "The queen?" The shoe fell when he stated, "The president of the Sebewaing, Michigan Lions Club". Hmm... He continued, "a young lady would like to ask him a very special question". Then a sign all designed in fireworks was lit off. It was right in front of me. I had been staring at it all night and never made sense of it. "Will you marry me d?" The crowd went ohh... It became clear why we were running into so many of our friends in the crowd of thousands. There was one guy in the distance I heard say, "Poor b@stard..." I had to go up and light a taper which lit up a resounding "YES" sign. The guy walking me up there pointed to the bonfire when I inquired about the "NO" sign. The Lions were totally in on this as was the fireworks company. They made the national papers as we did. The fireworks company was recovering from a fire earlier in the year. They did it totally for free. Their fundraiser was a huge success. We married on September 15th the following year. Our marriage is a success, but not exactly a fundraiser! Years later it was my honor to sponsor Lindy when she became a Lion.

Since that time during the infrequent visits back to Honiton it is fun to visit the Lions Club that made such a major difference in my life. They are active and still making a difference. They know how to fine a Colonist.

Lions became my family and my family became Lions. Till next time....

## LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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## OCTOBER IS VISION AWARENESS MONTH!

While each month of the year carries a vision awareness component, the month of October is heavily peppered with several major events to advocate for blind people, and call attention to sight preservation and safety. Mark your calendars and think about how you might bring awareness to others.



### World Blindness Awareness Month — #BlindnessAwarenessMonth

World Blindness Awareness Month was established for every October to help people understand the realities of living without sight. The World Health Organization estimates that almost 285 million people suffer from blindness or visual impairment worldwide. In the United States, about 4 million Americans are blind and 47,000 (1 person every minute) become blind each year.

At least 40 of the 50 United States and countries worldwide organize events through the month of October as part of World Blindness Awareness Month to bring awareness to blindness and related blindness issues.

Blindness Awareness Month seeks to accomplish many things:

- Education: Companies around the world teach the public about good eye health and the latest research and innovations in the treatment of eye disorders.
- Inspiration: Stories are shared about blind or visually impaired people accomplishing incredible things most sighted people do not attempt.
- Advocacy: Organizations garner support for more resources, research, access, and laws that enable people with visual impairments to live fully productive lives and contribute equally to their communities.

### National Braille Week — October 10-16th — #NationalBrailleWeek

National Braille Week is observed from October 10th – 16th to raise awareness of Braille and other non-visual systems that open up written text and literacy to visually impaired people.

Braille is more than 200 years old and is used in 120 countries. Braille helps people write and read books, magazines, exam papers, business and legal documents, and use phones, computers, and other smart devices to name just a few. Braille is all around us on ATMs, elevators, way-finding signs, in hospitals, public and private buildings, and beyond.

National Braille Week helps us be mindful of the importance of Braille and to understand how more needs to be done to incorporate Braille to increase literacy and give equal access to blind and visually impaired people worldwide.

### Home Eye Safety Month: October 1-31

Did you know that approximately half of all eye injuries occur in or around the home? A total of 1.5 million eye injuries happen at home each year. The most common injuries happen in the yard, garage or garden. Another 125,000 eye injuries/year are caused by accidents involving common household cleaning products. The good news is that nearly 90% of these eye injuries are preventable. October is Home Eye Safety Month: a time to learn about eye safety and eye injury prevention around the home. [A good place to start is the Eye Safety at Home page on the Prevent Blindness website.](#)

### World Sight Day – October 13th — #WorldSightDay

World Sight Day is held the second Thursday of every October as a global event to bring awareness to avoidable blindness and visual impairment issues. World Sight Day has 3 goals:

1. To raise public awareness about blindness and vision impairment
2. To influence governments to support blindness prevention
3. To educate people about avoidable blindness

The [International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness \(IAPB\)](#), under the direction of the UN's World Health Organization (WHO), and the [Lion's Club International](#) work together to coordinate activities and events the world over to celebrate World Sight Day.

### White Cane Safety Day – October 15th — #WhiteCaneSafetyDay

White Cane Safety Day was first signed and proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 15, 1964. White Cane Safety Day celebrates the achievements of blind and visually impaired people as well as recognizes the white cane as a "staff of independence for blind people."

White Cane Safety Day is a day where governments reaffirm their commitment to providing services to increase the independence and self-sufficiency of blind and visually impaired people. White Cane Safety Day is also a day to remind motorists and pedestrians to yield to people using white canes.

During White Cane Safety Day people conduct meetings and ceremonies, set up displays, have special walks, hand out t-shirts and literature, and release public service announcements as part of the celebrations.

### Blind Americans Equality Day – October 15th

In addition to White Cane Safety Day, President Barack Obama has also named every October 15th to be Blind Americans Equality Day to celebrate the important role blind and visually impaired Americans have played in the nation's life and culture.



## READING!

by PDG Donald Spinks  
RAP Chair

### Reading Has Many Benefits!

1. Improving brain connectivity: Reading has been found to enhance connectivity in the brain. A decline in memory and brain function is a side effect of aging, but regular reading may help slow the process. Keeping your brain active and engaged can slow the progress of Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
2. Increasing vocabulary and comprehension: Reading is an excellent way to learn new words and improve your understanding of the language.
3. Empowering you to empathize with other people: People who read literary fiction tend to have a better-developed theory of mind, which is essential for building, navigating, and maintaining social relationships.
4. Aiding in sleep readiness: Reading for just six minutes per day can improve your quality of sleep.
5. Reducing stress: Reading is an excellent method of reducing stress. It can reduce stress levels by 68%.
6. Lowering blood pressure and heart rate: Reading can lower blood pressure and heart rate, which are two key indicators of cardiovascular health.
7. Fighting depression symptoms: Reading can alleviate depression symptoms by providing a healthy distraction from negative thoughts and emotions.
8. Preventing cognitive decline as you age: Regular reading can help prevent cognitive decline as you age.
9. Promoting mental health: Reading strengthens the neural circuits and pathways of our brain while lowering heart rate and blood pressure.
10. Improving general knowledge: Reading is an effective way to gain knowledge about almost everything.

Reading is not only a fun hobby but also has numerous benefits for your physical and mental health. So, what are you waiting for? Get out there and pick up a book and improve yourself physically and mentally. If you need a great suggestion to read, try the Lions Learning Center. It is loaded with courses for all Lion positions.

PDG Don Spinks, Reading Action Chair  
Connect with Lion Don via email: [donald\\_spinks@yahoo.com](mailto:donald_spinks@yahoo.com)

## VISION AWARENESS MONTH CONTINUED..!

The Presidential Proclamation for Blind Americans Equality Day states:

"As business leaders and public advocates, teachers and scientists, musicians and athletes, and in countless other ways, blind and visually impaired Americans have profoundly enriched every part of our national life. Today, we celebrate their innumerable contributions, and we recommit to guaranteeing equal access, equal opportunity, and equal respect for all Americans." Blind Americans Equality Day celebrates the contributions of blind and visually impaired Americans and calls for greater equality in access for all.

### Celebrate Blindness Awareness Every Day

October is a great month to highlight blindness and to celebrate people who are blind. As Lions, we need to work together to ensure our blindness community is remembered throughout the year and not just during this important month.

Sight Conservation Team Member Lion Sam Pennington (11-A1) offers the accompanying graphic to increase awareness of eye safety at home and in the workplace.



## &gt; LIONS FOUNDATION NEWS

# Congratulations 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees



**DR. SARA DOUBLEDEE**  
Council Chairperson, 1996-97

Sara was born in Laurel, Mississippi on March 28, 1946, however, she was raised and educated in Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1967, Sara earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Northern Michigan University; in 1972, she earned her Master of Arts Degree from NMU; in 1977, she earned her Masters of Science in Nursing from Wayne State University, and in 1986, she earned her Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Michigan State University. Sara enjoyed quilting and baking, and she loved spending time with her husband, Lion Art Anderson, and her Abyssinian cats.



**JACK BECHER**  
District Governor, 1988-89

Lions is a family affair in the Becher Family. Jack is the son of a Lion, the father of a Lion, the brother of a Lion, and the husband of a former Lion. Jack is a Past President of the Warren Lions Club with almost 60 years of perfect attendance, and he just retired as their Club Secretary after 12 years. He is a Past District Governor for Lions District 11-A2 and a past Train-the-Trainer for MD-11, and he has served in countless positions for his Lions Club, District and Multiple District.



**JEFF MAYUIERS**  
Council Chairperson, 2020-21

Jeff has been a member of the Three Rivers Lions Club for over 21 years. Presently, he serves as the Club President, District 11-B2 Lions GMT Chair, Trustee of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, State Coordinator for Project KidSight and a Guiding Lion. Jeff is married to Lion and Past District Governor Julie, and they have 5 children: Christina Collins, Matt and Bethany Mayuiers and Lee and Andy Thomas.



**KAREN ROUTSON**  
District Governor, 2012-13

Karen and her husband Jeff spent their first 30 years together pursuing careers in the Chicago area. Shortly after they moved back to Michigan, they joined the Mason Lions Club in 2000 as a way to meet people in their new community and start sharing the blessings they have received. Karen soon became very active, participating in nearly all the Mason Lions Club's fundraising and service activities. She has been Tail Twister, Secretary for many years, President twice, and on the board of directors many years.



**ROBERT "BOB" HEFT**  
District Governor, 2005-06

Bob was born on January 19, 1942 in Saginaw, Michigan, but he was moved to Lancaster, Ohio at about the age of one. Bob was raised Lancaster by his grandparents, yet he always referred to them as his parents. Bob is credited with designing the current 50-star American Flag, which he designed as a class project as a 17 year-old at Lancaster High School in 1958.



**JANALEE McCLURE**  
Council Chairperson, 2007-08

Janalee and her husband Lester joined the White Cloud Lions Club in January 1991. She has held every officer position at the Club level at least once, and she has served on several committees many times. She has brought new members into the White Cloud Lions Club almost every year since being a Lion, over 25 new members, and she created an unwritten rule that if you are President of the Club, you must bring in a new member during your term. Janalee and Lester were married 66 years when Lester passed last year, and they had 4 children, Ron, Steve, Ken and Audrey.



**BARB DURFLINGER**  
District Governor, 2014-15

Barb is the oldest of 7 children in an Army family. She was born in Ft. Benning, GA, and she graduated from High School in Seoul, Korea. She received an Accounting Degree from Indiana University, an MBA from the University of Arizona, and she is a CPA. She married Duane in 1986 and became stepmother to his two children. They have four grandchildren.

Barb's parents instilled in their children the tenet that people who are more fortunate than others need to give back. They set an example as Sunday School Teachers, Boy and Girl Scout Leaders, being active in the PTA and managing the children's swim team. This service culminated in her mother being named worldwide US Military Wife of the Year.

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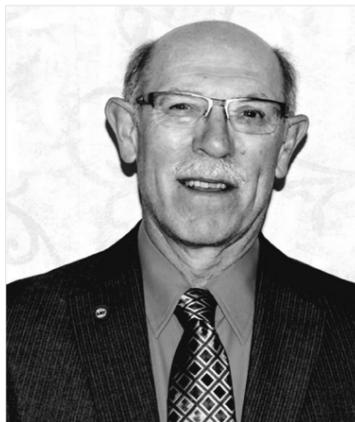
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## IPDG Traci Tribley MD11 GLT

Last month I had the privilege and honor of facilitating a session at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno Nevada about Becoming a More Empathetic Lion, Working with Volunteers who have Hidden Disabilities. It was an honor and privilege to speak with Lions from around the United States and Canada about how being more empathetic and utilizing simple approaches and accommodations, we can empower all Lions, regardless of any personal challenges, to grow and succeed.



As Lions, we are not just leaders; we are community builders, advocates for change, and champions of compassion. When it comes to volunteering, leadership is much more than just making decisions and directing projects and tasks. It's about understanding, connecting, and empathizing with individuals who selflessly dedicate their time and efforts to their communities. Empathy is vital for a more inclusive and compassionate environment in our clubs, districts, and worldwide.

Empathy is a quality that makes us not only excellent leaders but also compassionate human beings. It allows us to connect with others on a deeper level by understanding their needs, dreams, and challenges. Our success in service is often dependent on the trust and relationships we build with others. Empathy helps to promote inclusivity by recognizing the unique strengths and challenges of each member, ensuring that everyone has a meaningful role to play.

Volunteers with hidden disabilities such as autism, hearing loss, dyslexia, and chronic illnesses, often face unique challenges that may not be immediately apparent. Education and awareness within our Lions Clubs about hidden disabilities empowers us to be more understanding and responsive to the needs of our members. By encouraging open conversations about accommodations and support, we can create a safe and welcoming environment where members feel comfortable sharing their hidden disabilities. As leaders, we need to acknowledge the needs of individuals with hidden disabilities and provide tailored support and accommodations so that each member can contribute effectively. Many times, hidden disabilities can be unpredictable so it is important to be flexible with roles and responsibilities, so members can adapt as needed. Check in with your members regularly and make sure they know their wellbeing matters to the club. Empathy requires leaders to be open to questions and discussions, making sure to provide clear instructions for any tasks and projects, and be available to offer guidance and support to members. It is also important to make sure we are highlighting and celebrating the strengths and achievements of members and offering feedback with kindness and encouragement.

By making just a few accommodations, we can ensure all Lions have the tools and opportunities to excel and become successful Lions and future leaders.

Our Lions Clubs have always been about service, but it's also about the people who make that service possible. Empathetic leadership connects us to one another and to the communities we serve. By embracing empathy and working alongside volunteers with hidden disabilities, we reinforce our commitment to inclusion and ensure that everyone has an opportunity to contribute their unique talents and perspectives. As we continue our mission "We Serve", let us remember that empathy is the heartbeat of our Lions Clubs.

I would welcome the chance to speak to your clubs or districts about Being a More Empathetic Lion and Working with Volunteers with Hidden Disabilities. Please contact me at [tracitribley@gmail.com](mailto:tracitribley@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to schedule a presentation.

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# HUNGER FACTS

In Michigan, 1,177,820 people are facing hunger - and of them 282,320 are children. 1 in 8 children face hunger.

- 815 million people affected by hunger in 2016: 11% of the global population
- 155 million children under age five are stunted due to chronic malnutrition
- 1/3 of annual food production is lost or wasted throughout the supply chain
- 33% of women of reproductive age suffer from anemia



**LIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER**

**Lions Clubs will combat hunger in their communities during the upcoming holiday season by:**

1. **Food Drives:** Organize food drives to collect non-perishable items for local food banks and shelters.
2. **Meal Programs:** Prepare and serve hot meals to those in need at community centers or shelters.
3. **Grocery Gift Cards:** An easy way to provide a meal for those in need.
4. **Fundraising:** Host a fundraising event to raise money for your assistance programs.
5. **Volunteer Outreach:** Encourage members to volunteer at food banks and meal delivery services.
6. **Collaborate:** Partner with local businesses, churches, and organizations to maximize impact.
7. **Education:** Raise awareness about hunger and its causes through workshops and presentations.
8. **Food Rescue:** Collect surplus food from restaurants and grocery stores to redistribute to those in need.
9. **Sponsorship:** Sponsor holiday meals for families who may not otherwise have extra resources to spend on the extras to make Thanksgiving dinner special.
10. **Food Drives in Schools:** Organize food drives in schools to engage students in the fight against hunger.
11. **Community Gardens:** Establish community gardens to grow fresh produce for local food banks or school children.
12. **Advocacy:** Advocate for policy changes that address the root causes of hunger in your community

**Without your assistance, so many would go without not just during the holiday season, but year 'round. Thank you for your commitment to those in need.**



# 2024 FORUM CHANGING THE WORLD - MICHIGAN LIONS!

**February 23-24, 2024 – Gateway Convention & Conference Center, Flint**  
**Featuring Keynote Speaker, Lion Carl Webster, Tennessee**  
**“An Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club”**

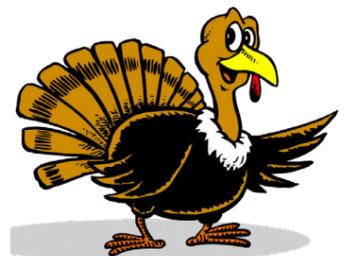
Is your club headed toward the obituary column in your local paper? Why do you think a Lions Club dies? Lion Carl Webster will help us understand the reasons and teach us possible solutions!

Lion Carl Webster, aka Webster, a Lion since May 2017, is a member of the Tullahoma Lions Club and, in his brief tenure, has been a tail twister, Club President, Region IV Chair, District Admin, and now 2nd VDG for District 12-S (Tennessee). Webster has a 47+ year history in the IT industry and has presented at computer conferences in the United States, Belgium, Denmark, England, Germany, Italy, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Arab Emirates. Webster has received Lifetime Achievement and Career Achievement Awards and has held over 100 technology certifications. Webster retired from IT community service on July 1st and is now dedicating his passion for service to Lionism.



**Breakout session Topics**

- Steps to become an International Director
- Lions of Michigan Foundation- Grants: What’s available and how to apply
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Eversight
- Social Media & Marketing Your Club
- Our Environmental World - Michigan Forestry
- Leadership Styles
- Global Service
- Global Membership
- Global Leadership
- Zone Chair Training
- Demystifying Dementia and Brain Health
- Wills and Trusts- Edler Law
- Lions of Michigan All State Band
- Lions Bear Lake Camp
- Childhood Cancer





**MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM**

MICHIGAN LIONS CHANGING THE WORLD

February 23-24, 2024

**With Keynote Speaker, Lion Carl Webster**

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To help us plan, prepare materials and guarantee lunch!

 **MISSION 1.5** We're on a mission to grow.

# 2024 LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM



The Lions Michigan Forum is one of our greatest events offered to our members. With up to 16-breakout sessions, many exhibitors and vendors, a keynote speaker and recognition of our White Cane Scholar recipients, this event is anticipated all year!

Forum Chairperson PDG Jim Leach, Jr. and the entire committee encourage you to join us February 23-24, 2024, at the Gateway Convention Center, Grand Blanc. Hotel room rates are \$109.00.

The committee is working hard to bring you the latest tools you'll need to be successful in all areas of Lionism. Watch for continuous updates on the website and in the Lion Pride!

### 2023-2024 Lions Michigan Forum Committee:

- 11 A1PDG David Wilbert
- 11 A2PDG Jim Leach Jr., Chair
- 11 B1PCC Dave Hill
- 11 B1PDG Terri Huffman, GST Chair
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- MD 11 Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

MICHIGAN LIONS - CHANGING THE WORLD



## NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

Join us at the MD Lions of Michigan Forum February 23, 2024, to tie 100 blankets for kids.

Districts are asked to donate at least 10 blanket kits and we will complete the blanket service project as a group.

All blankets will be donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Visit Joann Fabrics for all your no-sew fleece blanket kits!

<https://www.joann.com>



Contact PDG Terri Huffman, GST Chair, or your District GST for details on how we can make an impact on the lives of children in need at the Lions Michigan Forum.



**EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT**

**MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2024: TOGETHER WE CAN!**

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2024 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Gateway Hotel, Grand Blanc, Michigan on February 23, 2024. 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.

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**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**

**Registration Deadline: February 7, 2024**

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## 2024 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2024 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

**ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES**

1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3" .....	\$15.00
2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) .....	\$20.00
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Rent an exhibitor's table (includes one lunch ticket) and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

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> NEWS

**MISSION 1.5 - INCREASING MEMBERSHIP WORLDWIDE**  
**11A2 DG Shawn Balaszczyk**



By now I'm sure most of you have heard of Lions International's latest challenge to us, Mission 1.5. The goal is to increase our membership to 1.5 million by July 2027. To reach this goal we must all do our part. This includes not only sponsoring new members but also retaining those we already have.

It's a basic business principle: If we can maximize our income (new members) and minimize our income expenses (retention), our profit will be highest. The District GMT's have accepted this challenge and are ready to profit. To add incentive to you and your clubs they have created the MD11/SD10 Mission 1.5 Challenge for the 2023-2024 year. We will be using the membership numbers retroactive to July 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.

To create some friendly competition between clubs and Districts, three categories were selected with recognition and awards being given out at the MD11 convention in May. Those three categories are:

1. Club with the highest percentage of membership increase.
2. District with the highest percentage of membership increase.
3. Club or District with the most creative/unique event aimed at recruiting new members.

We have asked the District Governor's to submit events or projects by April 30th to be considered for number 3.

The GMT team urges you to get out in your communities, have FUN, and show everyone why it's great to be a Lion! Let's show Lions International that Michigan is going to lead the way because there isn't a challenge too big for us.

Thank you in advance.

PDG Shawn Blaszczyk, MD11 GMT

**THE 2023-2024 PEACE POSTER CONTEST**  
**DARE TO DREAM**



Before November 15: Club votes on submitted posters and awards a winner. Cash prizes are commonly given.

November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the District Governor.

December 1: Postmark deadline for a District Governor to send one winning district poster to be voted on by the District Governors and Council Chair at their December 2 meeting in Lansing.

The winning poster will be mailed from the Lions of Michigan State office to LCI no later than the December 15 deadline.

**2022-23 Grand Prize Winner**  
**Emma Andreea Paveliuc**  
**13 years old**  
**Romania**

**MISSION 1.5 WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

A campaign is underway to aggressively increase membership to 1.5 million members worldwide by July 1, 2027, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.

The following are just a snapshot of the details- become familiar with the entire Mission 1.5 plan by using the QR Code, below, or logging into the website:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center>

**LIONS QUEST STATE COMMITTEE SEEKING TO BRING AWARENESS**

Lions Quest (<https://www.lions-quest.org/>) is a skills promotion program in K-12 schools to promote social and emotional learning. The research indicates that it is effective for reducing drug use. It is also effective in increasing positive perceptions of skills in self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision-making, and self-management, aligned with five competencies of the CASEL Framework (<https://casel.org/fundamentals-of-sel/what-is-the-casel-framework/>)



Lions Quest has been supported by LCIF since 2002. Lions in District 11-B-1 were awarded two LCIF Community Partnership grants of \$15,000 each to support two school districts in Lenawee County to implement Lions Quest into their everyday teaching and learning. Sand Creek Community Schools implemented the program in the 2019-2020 school year, while Britton Deerfield implemented the program in the 2021-2022 school year.

School districts that would like to implement Lions Quest utilize an implementation plan to ensure successful use of professional learning opportunities, ongoing teaching and learning feedback, and community engagement. Materials purchased through Lions Quest are available in paper and electronic format. Training and support for school leadership is available through LCIF. It is encouraging to learn that many school districts have purchased Lions Quest materials in the past decade.

The goal for 2023-2024 for the Lions Quest Committee is:

"The number of clubs in MD11 that indicate an increase of the level of use of Lions Quest by 10%, as indicated by an inventory taken between September 2023 and May 2024."

A Google form has been created to have each club in Michigan conduct an inventory about its use of Lions Quest. This will provide initial data for the goal for the 2023-2024 year. The link is <https://forms.gle/6rMDd37UujR2vfZe6>. Clubs should submit their club's inventory by October 31, 2023.

The Lions Quest State Committee has identified three activities for the 2023-2024 year:

- Develop and deploy Lions Quest Level of Use Inventory
- Provide informational materials about Lions Quest through multiple areas of media
- Deliver presentations at local, district, regional, and State events

Lions Clubs can become involved by participating in the club inventory, scheduling a presentation for your district fall and spring conferences, and learning more about Lions Quest through dialogue with school leaders. District Governors have been encouraged to recruit a Lion Club member to serve on the State Lions Quest Committee.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please contact Michigan Lions Quest State Chair Stan Masters at [stanmasters14@gmail.com](mailto:stanmasters14@gmail.com).

**Key Benefits**

We do not grow together by acting alone.



**Increased capacity to serve**

Inviting new members to your club will increase your capacity to serve your community and the people who depend on you.



**Greater diversity and inclusion**

Lions not only serve the world—we represent the world we serve. And as our communities continue to evolve and diversify, so must our membership.



**Increased advocacy for change**

Every new Lion brings a fresh set of ideas and an extra pair of hands to our service. As you grow, you increase your local impact and expand your influence in the community, and our global impact grows.



**Increased member benefits**

Lions do more than serve together—we grow together. So club growth, on every level, all around the world, benefits us all.



**Stronger at every level of Lions**

Growing our membership makes Lions stronger. With more members, our associations, districts and clubs will have more resources to fulfill our mission of service, at home and around the world.

**WHO'S WHO**

**A ROSTER OF MICHIGAN'S LION LEADERS**

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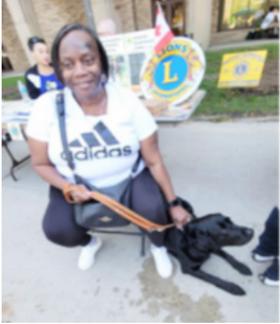
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It was a great time at Wayne State's FESTIFALL this year, sharing with students how Lions help serve our communities locally and globally. Two projects were highlighted during the event. Leader Dog School for the Blind was led by Lion Kashona and Ivey, her Leader Dog, who were recruiting students for a new Campus Club. The Eyeglass Recycling program was shared as an example of how this simple service activity could easily be done by a Campus Club.



The Detroit Renaissance Lions Club will be contributing to the Community Refrigerators thanks to Sister Pie Bakery and others in the community helping combat food insecurity and hunger. Each refrigerator is open and accessible 24/7. Look for Community Refrigerators near you to make a donation of food or contact the club at [atdrlc1973@gmail.com](mailto:atdrlc1973@gmail.com) for more information on this outstanding program.



Northville Lions pause for a moment while building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Brownstown Lions Installation of officers was a great evening. DG Lula Gardfrey had the distinct pleasure of inducting the officers. FVDG La Wanna and PDG Ron Coleman, PDG Roshni Patel, PDG Shirley Kelly, Lions Elvie Marfil, Prachi, and Freddy enjoyed a great evening celebrating with fellow Lions. President Vangie Tong accepted the gavel from 4-term President Ceasar Sumanting. Brownstown Lions Club has a bright future!

Harper Woods - Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club had a great pasta dinner and celebration for their mile-stone 75th Anniversary. Thanks to all who came out to support our many events and causes over the past 75 years.

Over 700 homes have been furnished with free furniture provided by the combined Detroit Metro Lions Clubs household furniture give aways that have taken place over the past year. Your donated furniture helped make a house a home for so many. Keep updated on the next event by heading to [www.metrodetroitlions.org](http://www.metrodetroitlions.org) for information and updates.



IPDG Matthew Collins and Lion Bobby Swinney helped assemble and deliver beds made at a recent Bunk Bed Build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization which provides beds for children in need. The group endeavor included members from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Livonia Lions Club, Lions Clubs from District 11A1, Lowe's, Livonia Rotary Clubs, and many community volunteers.



Governor Lula Gardfrey recently visited the Bedford Lions Club and participated in their meeting, sharing with them news of the district.



And the winner in the FUN department goes to...Bedford Lions Club! This club knows how to have fun and raise money while doing it! The club participated in the Annual Bedford Bed Race, where participants decorate a bed, make it mobile, and race it through the city streets in Monroe to raise awareness and money for kids without beds. The club donated \$10,000.00 to the benefactors of the event, Bedrace to Aid Children.



District A1 will hold two fundraisers this month: A shopping trip to Tanger Outlet Mall and a Casino trip to Gun Lake Casino. The money goes to offset the cost to members for the District Convention, paving the way for all to attend. What a great way to enjoy time with fellow Lions while supporting the District Convention.



It's a great time to be a Lion!

11 A2



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A North American F-86A may sound like an unusual thing to adopt, but the Richmond Lions Club has adopted it with all the commitment adoption implies, committed to cleaning the aircraft faithfully for the past 16 years.



The Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club visited Forgotten Harvest to deliver their annual donation. As noted by Lioness Arlene Whitworth "This was a very informative visit and quite interesting. The logistics of collecting and distributing food to the needy is mind boggling."



Troy Community Melvin Jones Award Recipients Congratulations to Troy Community Lions Alexis Peake and Deborah Lines (left to right) on receiving Melvin Jones awards.



Congratulations to Romeo Lion Jamie Lucero on being inducted as our Lions District 11-A2 Region 3, Zone 1 Chairperson. DG Kelley Unruh and Lion Jamie Lucero



New Baltimore Lions cooked and served a delicious lunch at the Salvation Army Soup recently. 72 hungry folks enjoyed tuna macaroni salad, bread, watermelon, and dessert. WE SERVE!!



Beverly Hills Lions Club was proudly on display this summer!



Lions Bear Lake Camp Executive Director Traci Tribley and Leo Andre assist with the meal preparations.



PDG Joe Wilson and PDG Connie Shelton



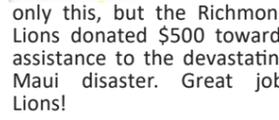
Eastpointe Lions Club held an installation of officers to kick off the new year. PDG Jim Bone was on hand to assist.



Lake Orion Lions are made up of an energetic group, ready to serve in 2023-2024! They recently held the 2023-24 Board Of Directors installation dinner and this group is ready to SERVE!



Club Officer Training was held at the Sterling Heights Lions Clubhouse on August 19. Richmond Lions collected school supplies to donate to local elementary schools and area kids. Not



only this, but the Richmond Lions donated \$500 towards assistance to the devastating Maui disaster. Great job, Lions!



IPDG Shawn Blaszczyk celebrates in style.



Abby and Alaina are big fans of Dad, IPDG Shawn, and came to celebrate with him.

> REGION NEWS



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Jackson Cascades Lions Club participated in KidSight screening held at the Jackson County Fair. Lions Tim Booth, Cathy Bliss, and Roger Yoder volunteered. They distributed free books and stuffed animals to the children. Lion Bliss completed the required KidSight paperwork and Lion Yoder operated the camera. Eight screenings were conducted during their three-hour shift, with two referrals.



Jackson Cascades Lions Club held their annual picnic for residents of the John George Home located in Jackson. Club members look forward to the annual picnic with the senior residents.



Michigan Center Lioness Lions has an exciting fundraiser planned for October as they host Witch's Night Out on October 21. The event includes dinner, an auction, 50/50 raffle, cash bar and FUN.



Lion Shawne Lige of the Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club was selected as the District Lion of the 2023-23 Lions Year. PID Esther LaMothe and VP Margaret O'Connor recognized her with a plaque at the meeting in July. Congratulations Lion Shawne!

Thank you to the many Lions who volunteered to work the KidSight booth at the Jackson County Fair in August.



Vandercook Lake Lions Club Ice Cream Social was held recently. Many enjoyed the FREE ice cream and other goodies. It is the club's gift to the community.



Pennfield Lions Club found a creative way to proudly display their original charter "greeting" document from 1974, complete with original signatures.



Jackson Diabetes Lion Jessica Dailey hit a home run recently by bringing 3 new members to the monthly meeting. They bring excellent personal and professional experience to this specialty club.



Vandercook Lake Lions Jim Phelan, Nancy Hill, Alan and Storm Lairson



Kelly's Family



Ray Robins, photographer



Kelly gets her maroon jacket.

Congratulations Napoleon Lions Club on celebrating 70 Years of Service!

Hillsdale Lions Club will sponsor their 2nd Annual Craft/Vendor Event, Hillsdale County Senior Center, providing lunch, snacks, drinks, and raffle tickets – all adding up to another Hillsdale Lions Club success!

**October 21 (Saturday) 9am-1pm** Fall Conference, Sandstone Church, 710 S Sandstone Rd, Jackson, MI

Register by October 14, 2023 - \$15.00 per person. (See details above)

October 21 (Saturday) Doors: 5pm Auction: 7pm Michigan Center Lioness Lions Witch's Night Out (Quarter Mania), 302 Fifth St, Michigan Center, MI

\$25 per person gets you dinner, admission, auction paddle, a free drink, chance to bid on silent auction baskets **RSVP to Kim Tousley (517) 812-5478 or Debbie Chambers (517) 937-8663**



District Lions attended this gathering to show their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of DG Kelly, her cabinet, and all of the district Lions who worked hard to achieve the district goals over the past year. Cereal City Lions Club Lion Bryan presents a gift to IPDG Kelly on behalf of the club.



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B2 Club Presidents were celebrated at the recent Presidents Dinner held at the Paw Paw Lions Clubhouse. The Paw Paw Lions prepared and served the dinner, and great round-table discussions were held enabling Club Presidents to share what their club is working on with their various communities. This event is an opportunity to network with others and share ideas.

Mattawan LEO Vice President Claire Thompson for representing LEO's in the district at the Presidents Dinner. LEOs are invited to all District events so please encourage as many as possible to attend.



The Mattawan LEO Club will be hosting their Annual Food Drive at Wagoner's Grocery Store in Mattawan to benefit the Mattawan Area Pantry (MAP) in November. Both food and financial donations are now being accepted.

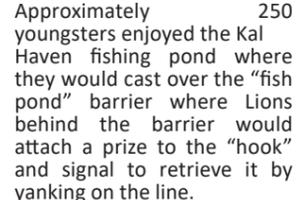


Buchanan-Galien Lions Club held their annual Member Guest Steak Fry at Lion Tom Gordon's home. Good fellowship, steak, sweet corn, and all the fixings were enjoyed at the beautiful St. Joe Riverfront setting. Lion Mark Skene welcomed the Lions, guests and future members. The club recently held their 6th Annual Kayak Poker Run on the St Joe River. The 47 kayakers/participants were monitored by the Buchanan Township and Berrien County Water Rescue units and a couple of Lions boats. Several BHS football players and Boy Scout Troop 541 assisted with the event.



Lawton Lions Club: Wine, wine chips & gift baskets oh my! What a great evening with 13 wineries participating. Thanks to our wineries, sponsors and patrons who helped make our 30th Annual Wine Tasting a success. Lawton Lions Club and the Heritage Museum appreciate the support.

Bloomington Octoberfest Tim and Jody Tinney lost everything in a recent house fire. Within hours the Kal Haven Lions provided them with \$500 cash for food and clothing. With the help of Kal Haven Lion Dave Mead and Lions of Michigan Foundation officers Jeff and Julie Mayuiers the Tinneys received a \$2500 check to help with expenses not covered by insurance. Approximately 250 youngsters enjoyed the Kal Haven fishing pond where they would cast over the "fish pond" barrier where Lions behind the barrier would attach a prize to the "hook" and signal to retrieve it by yanking on the line.



The Lakeshore Lions participated in the 2023 Stevensville Community Fun Day. We thank everyone who came out to join the fun and all the volunteers and sponsors who made the event possible.



In loving memory, Lion Bob Cooley sits on a bench lovingly dedicated to his late wife, Lion Nancy Cooley, both members of the Lakeshore Lions Clubs.



Paw Paw Lions provided school supplies to Paw Paw Upper and Lower Elementary School open houses. The book vending machine was a donation from local Girl Scouts.

A \$1,000 donation was given to the Paw Paw Fire Department for the building of a training facility that will be named after fallen Paw Paw Firefighter Quillen.



Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions held a summer night picnic at Lion Karen Bouwman's home and our officers were installed by PDG Don Brown.



Thanks to all of the Lions Clubs and individuals who supported Buchanan Leo Geneva (Gigi) Ta-bor making it possible for her to be a part of the Lions of Michigan All-State Band. Gigi (4th from the left in the front row) shown practicing before this very exciting travel and performance experience.



Mattawan Lions Charter Representative, Nancy Garman, awarded gifts to newly honored Eagle Scouts of Troop 161. These tokens symbolize not only our community's appreciation but also the unwavering support and commitment we hold for these young leaders. Their journey to achieving the Eagle Scout rank is a testament to their dedication, perseverance, and invaluable contributions to society.

Portage Lions Club spent a weekend sorting empty pill bottles to be donated to Matthew 25: Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio. The club accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles. The pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

St. Joe Lions Club showed support to speaker Jamie Rossow, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan with a donation to the organization, which provides services to children in Berrien, Cass and VanBuren Counties. The club also donated money to help supplement their programs.

Paw Paw Lions held their annual duck race on Sunday, Sept. 10, dropping a record 1,950 ducks into the stream at Warner Vineyards. We are so thankful to our sponsors And those who bought ducks so that we can give every penny raised to the year's two beneficiaries: Luc's Light Youth Music & Arts Foundation and Wings of God Transition Home for Women. The Lions also manned two parking lots to raise some money.

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**LAKEWOOD LIONS** On Tuesday April 18th, the Lakewood Lions had 2 very special guest speakers from the Transplant House of West Michigan. Tracy & Holly Gary, who are both organ transplant recipients, shared their personal stories which involved a liver transplant for Holly, and a heart transplant for Tracy; all made possible with the Gift of Life. Their lives were brought together by organ donations and now they both are on a mission to help others through the Transplant House of West Michigan! The Grand Rapids area facility, founded in 2019, is located on Leonard St, just west of Fuller Ave. Currently under renovations, the home is targeted to open in late summer of 2023. Learn more about this husband wife team and their mission to spread organ donation awareness, along with their goal to help transplant recipients, their families and caregivers by providing a supportive, comforting home away from home environment while going through the transplant process. Please visit their website for more information or invite them to your club's next meeting! [www.mitransplanthouse.org](http://www.mitransplanthouse.org)



**Alto Lions Club** - Ken Adamy and his son Mark, both from the Alto Lions Club, installed beds in children's homes as part of the 11-C1 Lions partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Mark was home on leave from the military and still found the time to volunteer. Thanks for helping children receive a new bed at no cost to families.



**Martin Area Lions Club** hosted a successful Memorial Day breakfast. 40+ attendees including Veterans and family members!



District 11-C1 Lions from 3 different clubs paired up with Cub Scouts from Pack 3222 to make a flower box. The project helped them earn a badge and advance a level. The scouts used placed pilot holes, used drills, hammers to assemble their project using nails, screws or both! At the end of the evening, each scout took home not only their project but a starter tool box.



The Dorr Township Lions hosted a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to support local projects. Besides a great dinner for a good cause, the public was treated to live music by a local band.



The Lakewood Lions held an Appreciation dinner at Cunningham Acres for longtime friends Betty, Bob, and Dee; all of whom have prepared marvelous meals and delivered the most kind and wonderful hospitality for many many years! This was the last meeting to be held at Cunningham's the new location will be at the VFW in Lake Odessa.



The Muskegon Northside Lions hosted a very successful pancake breakfast on Saturday June 3rd.



The Ravenna Lions Club catered a delicious bbq picnic dinner aboard the USS LST 393 for over 150 lions attending the Michigan Lions Forum held in Muskegon.



The Rockford Lions Club regularly partners with their local scouts to help with service projects throughout their community.



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Lion Dean Steward and a festival participant At the recent Oddities Festival in downtown Charlotte, the Charlotte Lions Club served about 500 people. They sold popcorn, water, sodas, and assorted ice cream treats, to those brave enough to attend the Oddities event! Charlotte Lions Club was privileged again this year to honor the Eaton County Vietnam Veterans by furnishing the bottled water for their annual summer picnic. We thank them for their service.

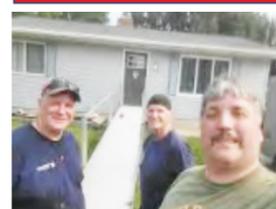
Grand Ledge Lions Club gave away a John Deere X330 tractor to the lucky raffle prize winner, Mary Kay Garitt. 4 other winners received a \$100 cash prize. The club donated \$2,000.00 to LCIF for the Maui Relief Fund, and will be donating \$400 to the GL HS Madrigal Choir for providing seasonal music this year at the Club's annual Christmas party at the Grand Ledge Opera House. The generosity doesn't stop here! The club also donated \$5,000 to the GL Fire Department for a new Air Bag Lift System as well as \$2,122.00 to the GL Police Department.



**Durand Lions Club:** Pictured is Lion Terry in the front, Club President Lion Lew Deisler (left), Lion Terry's sponsor and husband, Lion Kent Edwards (center), and District Governor Lion Ted Hamilton (right.)



St. Johns Lions Club celebrated their 75th anniversary this year and to celebrate, free bags of popcorn were distributed to the first 75 customers. This was their way of thanking the community for their support all these years during the final summer concert in September.



**Durand Lions** PDG Tracy Temple, DG Ted Hamilton, and VDG Carl Cozart installing a temporary wheelchair ramp for a family in Bancroft.



A celebration of their 75th Anniversary will be held November 9 in St. Johns. Since the inception of the St. Johns Lions Club, three members have served as District Governor, including L. Russell Steffens (1954-55), Ralph Lynam (1967-68), and Charles Barnes (1973-74). Ralph Lynam went on to proudly serve as Lions International President in 1978-79.



Olivet Lions treasurer, Gale Knoll present a check for \$1500 to Olivet Community Schools superintendent, John Mertz for the student assistance fund. This fund is for hats, gloves, coats, field trips, and personal care items that teachers often provide for out of their own pockets. This donation greatly impacts students in the district.



The Mason Lions Club held an informational booth during the recent Down Home Days in Mason, giving them the opportunity to talk about Bear Lake Camp, Leader Dogs, Eversight, and our many other Lions-related programs and services. Representing Eversight was District Co-Chair Lion Kay Olson. She was joined by District Chair for Eversight and Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Lion Eileen Delaney. Mason Lions and Leos helped the Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club to plant hundreds of daffodil bulbs in the downtown area this month.

The Lions Club of Wacousta provided a luncheon for over 250 guests following the Wacousta Memorial Day parade and cemetery service. The club has been providing this service to the Wacousta community nearly every year since 2012!



For the first time since 1983, the Ashley Lions Club sold out of chicken. A great reputation for their famous chicken dinners may have something to do with it! Special thanks to Brenda Whitford for taking orders and selling chicken dinners at the tractor pull.



Congratulations to Lion Gary Franck and Lion Kim Spalsbury who were both presented Melvin Jones Fellowships at the Grand Ledge Lions Club meeting on September 12. Both of their families came to surprise them at the presentation.

Dewitt Lions Breakfast Club has partnered with Culver's to hold a fundraiser dinner at the restaurant. A portion of your dinner bill will be donated to the club for projects such as hearing aid, eyeglass assistance and student scholarships. The event will be held on November 13 in Dewitt.

Clinton County Champions Lions Club is hosting a Fall Social on November 17 at St. Johns Lutheran Church. Show up and be a part of this first-time event! Potluck, music, games, 50-50 raffle and donations received for Toys for Tots. It all starts at 6:00 pm and runs through 9:00 pm. Call Lion Brent for details @ 989-847-6122 [bberacy@hotmail.com](mailto:bberacy@hotmail.com)

When PDG Bob Tetzlaff of the Holt Lions Club isn't busy with the District Newsletter and club obligations, you can find him carving out time in his busy workshop, making toys to donate to the RJ Scheffel Memorial Toy Project. The Project provides free wooden toys, memory boxes and games hand crafted by volunteers like Lion Bob. His gifts are truly a treasure.



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Caro Lions recently completed their week-long Fundraiser at the Tuscola County Fair selling food from their FoodStand at the Fairgrounds. It was a success and we had many area Volunteers from the surrounding Lions Clubs like the pair in purple Lions shirts seen in the photo. They are Dan Houston and Reverend Clarence from the Buena Vista Lions Club.



Lion Peggy and Leader Dog Cash help with White Cane sales along with Lions Kristin Shively and Margaret Goebel.



The Lennon Lions 2023 Homecoming was a success! Lion members worked with the Lennon Volunteer Fire Department with their pancake breakfast fundraiser. 1,500 raffle tickets were sold for the annual Lawnmower Raffle, with the 1st prize winner opting for the \$3,500 cash prize in lieu of the Zero Turn lawnmower.

During the Music in the Park event the club presented the Citizen of the Year award to Sharon Patsey for her unwavering contributions not only to our club but also her involvement in the many organizations throughout our community.

The proceeds from these events will be donated to the ice rink fund, to be built at the Lennon Lions Park. Lennon Lions Club sold 1,500 raffle tickets at the 2023 Homecoming



PDG Duane Wilcox assists with sales at the 2023 Homecoming



Flushing Lion Rick presented a scholarship to Taelor Quintanilla, accompanied by her parents. The scholarship was named after Lion Rick's father who was a very active Lion and veterinarian in Flushing. Qualifications were not only based on academics, but on interviewing skills and the personality of the student. She plans to go into nursing, as she has a very caring personality as well as a good work ethic.



Frankenmuth Lions Club awarded \$1000 scholarships to eight (8) 2023 Frankenmuth High School graduates. The Lions Club raised the money through many local activities including serving food at community events, selling brooms and trash bags, and raising funds through other projects. The scholarship recipients and their parents were recognized and celebrated at a dinner with club members.



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Fort Gratiot Lions Club held a KidSight screening with sixty-eight screenings and five referrals. Well done to all. Lion Wes Wagester and Lion Laura Campbell did all the scanning, Lions Mary Simmons and Heather Bringard took care of the welcoming and paperwork, and Lion Richard Simmons saved us from the mosquito attacks. Thank you, Lions Laura and Tom, for their efforts in setting up and returning the trailer – you made it happen!

Marysville Lions Club created 150 smiles by preparing and serving at Mid-City Nutrition today. D-2 Lions serving the hungry. Always a great day to Serve!

Lion JoAnn Tetlock shared United States Constitution books with Morton Elementary School students to celebrate Constitution Day. Our Lions also shared books with Gardens and Washington Elementary Schools.



Congratulations to our beef winners from the Elkton Lions Club. They each get a 1/4 of a beef. Winners are ; Justin Bruce, Deanna Kidd, Carla Edgin, and Louise Wright. Meat raffles are always a successful way to raise funds.



Anchor Bay Lions had the honor to be selected by a local Boy Scout Cody Gatlin for his Eagle project. The Lion statue that is outside the clubhouse was repaired and painted along with the platform he sits on. Part of this fundraising was to sell engraved bricks to be placed around the statue and flag pole. It all came together with the new benches to greet our guests!



IPDG Shawn Wightman gets an assist from DG Jim White in presenting Lion Brenda Hacker with a Melvin Jones Fellow.



USA Lions Club wants your blood! The club will host a blood drive in partnership with Versiti (Michigan Blood) on November 7th at the American Legion Post 293 on Unionville Road, Sebawaing.

Metamora Lioness-Lions Club held a free community breakfast this month, with both dine-in and carryout service available. Such a great community service project! Metamora Country Days and Hot Air Balloon Festival was a success with over 10,000 people attending. Several of the Lions were doing the KidSight screening through both days.

It's fair to say there will be fun-in-the-thumb all through the month of October!



Leaders from the District turned out for the Annual Owendale Corn Roast which is a well-attended event every year, serving up some of the best corn in the state. Members of the Owendale Lions Club have been hosting this event for over fifty years. One of the original hosts is PDG Ed Good. Thank you, Owendale Lions, for continuing the tradition all these years. The club will start a new tradition with their 1st Wine and Cheese Spooktacular event on October 26.

Ubyly Lions Club partnered with the Shreveport, Louisiana Lions Club to host the first-ever Cajun Fest on October 7. The event was held in Ubyly and featured homemade, authentic Jambalaya and Gumbo. Watch for this event to grow in size at the 2nd Annual Cajun Fest next year! The Ubyly Lions Club also hosted a blood drive in October in service with the American Red Cross.

Berville Lions-Lioness Lions Club Annual Pumpkin Festival and Veggie Contest will be held in October. A large pumpkin filled with candy for a candy drop will be the star of the show! Cash prizes are awarded for a variety of vegetables entered into the contest for competition. They will also be selling tickets for your chance to win a JD Gator 590M ATV, with the drawing to be held in January.

Almont Lions Club will hold their 26th Annual Spooky Bash for the community – young and old alike! Cash prizes will be awarded for the best costume based on age group. Everyone's a winner at this fun event!

It's time for the Marlette Lions Club Moster Mash! Games, prizes, contests, bounce house and hayrides!

Minden City Lions Club will be hosting an October 28 Run/Walk. Sign up now!

Algonac Lions Club will hold a trunk decorating contest during Trunk-or-Treat on October 28, with a chance to win a prize for the best décor!



Algonac Lions were busy this summer at the Art Fair and Bump-and-Run charity.



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The 2023 Induction Ceremony took place on Saturday, August 5 at the Comfort Inn Hotel in Mt. Pleasant. This year PCC Janalee McClure from our district was recognized and inducted. Congratulations Lion Janalee!!! PCC Janalee McClure was honored by PID Justin Faber



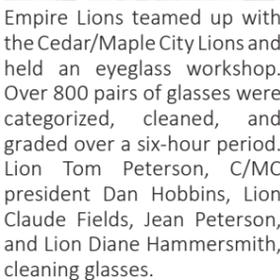
Coleman Lions Club supported the Coleman School District by handing out 200 hotdogs, chips, and bottled water to attendees of the Coleman School Open House on August 21, 2023. From left to right: PCC Jeff Schafer, Lion Catrina Naranjo, Lion Chuck Dinsmore, Lion Jason Perkins, guest Trinity Jennings, PDG Sheryl Schafer and PDG Al Roeseler.



Stanwood Lions Club: District Governor Jim Patterson hands out awards to recipients Alvin and Judy Garrett at Stanwood Lions Club 2nd Annual Volunteer of the Decade Dinner. Lion Pat Langworthy was presented the plaque for Lion of the Year at the Stanwood Lions Club Annual Picnic in August.



Empire Lions teamed up with the Cedar/Maple City Lions and held an eyeglass workshop. Over 800 pairs of glasses were categorized, cleaned, and graded over a six-hour period. Lion Tom Peterson, C/MC president Dan Hobbins, Lion Claude Fields, Jean Peterson, and Lion Diane Hammersmith, cleaning glasses.



Midland Lions Club did it again at the 34th Annual Chicken BBQ. Over 900 dinners were prepared and sold. No leftovers!! Up next will be the White Cane fundraiser.

Manistee Lions Club Fish Boil was another successful club event, enabling them to contribute two \$2,000 donations to organizations within the community. ECHO/Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter and Manistee Homeward Bound Animal Shelter were the beneficiaries, and both are well known for their dedication to their cause.



Baldwin Lions Club Secretary Lion Laura Johnson presenting a \$250 check to teacher Lisa Murphy, from Big Jackson Public School. This donation will allow for the purchase of Scholastic books for each child.

Mt. Pleasant Lions Club presented small Lions backpacks to McLaren Central Michigan's Emergency Room. The backpacks contained crayons, colored pencils, coloring books and stencils, and a small stuffed lion. The backpacks will be given to young children who have been admitted to the ER or to a young child who must be in the waiting room while a family member is being treated. Special thanks to Sleepy Dog Bookstore of Mt. Pleasant for donating the stuffed lions! The club also presented a check for \$3,000.00 to Christmas Outreach of Isabella County.



Central Montcalm Lions were happy to make a donation of supplies to the Central Montcalm Elementary school to help them get their school year off to a great start. The E1 Fall Conference brought together 65 Lions representing 12 Clubs. In all a total of \$20,495.00 was collected in donations for State and District Projects. Each organization had an opportunity to make a brief presentation to attendees, informing them on their individual projects.



Weidman Lions Club hosted the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus for two performances. The Club operated their food truck at the annual Weidman Sawmill Days with a record attendance day on Friday. Other Club activities were Road Clean-up, Spring Wheatland, White Cane Fundraiser, and Whitbecks Grocery Fundraiser, all of which were successful. The club was able to present 3 - \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.



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The Hale and Oscoda Lions "ramp crew" had a busy 4-weeks, building and installing ramps for area residents in need of service. Hale Lions Club paid for the materials and the Oscoda Lions Club provided the workers to get the job done. In addition to exterior ramps, the crew built two 4'x4' platforms and ramps of 6' and 17' in the garage of a home to greatly improve accessibility for the homeowner. The recipients are always so grateful for how Lions serve.



East Jordan Lions inducted new member Jennifer Creamer. We're so glad she joined. She is pictured with her sponsor, Paul Michael and 1VDG Denny Gocho. Welcome Jennifer!

East Jordan Lions helped at a Grandvue Medical Facility Car Show today. There were 20 cars and Ron Schroeder won a basket for People's Choice award for his barracuda. Residents enjoyed music, ice cream and viewing all the cars.



All the beautiful participants in the Annual Queens Luncheon, Elk Rapids, MI. Elk Rapids Lions Club was proudly hosted the Annual Queens Luncheon as part of Harbor Days 2023. The club has hosted this special event to honor local royalty for over 25 years.



Lewiston Lioness Lions held a social meeting potluck for their 20th Anniversary celebration, with guests, including District Governor Steve Murch.



Lewiston Lioness Lion, Diane Bissonette, asked the most recently installed club member to draw the winning ticket from the hopper. Very few were as surprised as he to discover that he held in his hand a small green square of cardstock with his own name scrawled across the front! Membership has its benefits! Congratulations, Lion Gary Bopp!



East Jordan Lions had the KidSight trailer at their Fall Festival. They screened 29 kids with 6 referrals.



Boyer Valley Lions Club charter member Lion Red Judkins consulting with the Boyne City Chief of police, Kevin Spate. We thank both for their service to our community!



Here we grow again! Lincoln Lions Club added 10 new members to their roster! They are fired up and ready to serve.

# Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Sight Leaders and Sight Supporters!

We are happy to announce Eversight's 2022-2023 Lions Sight Leaders and Supporters! This is the fifth year Eversight has supported this special recognition program, and 30 Michigan Lions Clubs throughout the communities we serve will receive this honor.



## Lions Sight Leaders

Thank you to each of these Sight Leaders during the Lions 2022-2023 fiscal year that contributed \$3,000 or more—an amount that helps completely cover expenses for a patient in need of a sight-restoring transplant. We look forward to recognizing you with a Sight Leaders Banner Patch for your club's outstanding support.

Ann Arbor Host Lions Club	Empire Lions Club	Rockford Lions Club
Bedford Township Lions Club	Lakewood Area Lions Club	Shelby Township Lions Club

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Eversight also thanks and recognizes each of these clubs that contributed between \$500-\$2,999. They will receive a Sight Supporter Collectors pin to display on their banner for their commitment to the gift of sight.

Alpena Lions Club	Dexter Lions Club	Lake Ann Lions Club	Port Sanilac Lions Club
Ann Arbor Host Lions Club	District 11 D-1 Lions International	Lake Orion Lions Club	Rochester Hills Lions Club
Armada Lions Club	District 11 E-2 Lions International	Lakewood Area Lions Club	Rochester Lions Club
Bad Axe Lions Club	Eastpointe Lions Club	Les Cheneaux Lions Club	Rockford Lions Club
Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club	Empire Lions Club	Lewiston Lions Club	Romeo Lions Club
Bay City Lions Club	Flushing Lions Club	Lincoln Lions Club	Roscommon Higgins Lake Lions Club
Bedford Township Lions Club	Ford River Lions Club	Livonia Lions Club	Royal Oak Lions Club
Birmingham Lions Club	Fremont Lions Club	Macomb Township Lions Club	Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club
Boyer Valley Lions Club	Fruitport Lioness Lions Branch Club	Metamora Lioness Lions Club	Shelby Township Lions Club
Canton Lions Club	Fruitport Lions Club	Midland Lions Club	St. Joseph Lions Club
Central Lake Lions Club	Grand Ledge Lions Club	Mount Clemens Lions Club	Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club Branch
Charlevoix Lions Club	Grand Rapids Lions Club	Mount Pleasant Lions Club	Sterling Heights Lions Club
Chesaning Lions Club	Greenville Lions Club	Muskegon Northside Lions Club	Udly Lions Club
Clarkston Area Lions Club	Harsens Island Lioness Lions Club	New Baltimore Lions Club	USA Lions Club
Clawson Lions Club	Holt Lions Club	Northport Lions Club	Vandercook Lake Lions Club
Deckerville Lions Club	Hubbard Lake Lions Club	Northville Lions Club	Washington Lions Club
Delta DeWitt Ledges Lioness Lions Club	Imlay City Lions Club	Onkama Lions Club	Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club
DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club	Jackson Host Lions Club	Oscoda Lions Club	Zilwaukee Lions Club
		Paw Paw Lions Club	
		Plymouth Lions Club	

Congratulations and thank you again to all clubs recognized. Please spread the good news and share this recognition with your fellow Lions Club members and district leaders. Your service gets us each one step closer to achieving our mutual vision of a world without blindness, one transplant at a time.



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