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Diabetes: Know your risk, Know your response

1 in 10 adults worldwide have diabetes. Over 90% have type 2 diabetes. Close to half are not yet diagnosed.

In many cases, type 2 diabetes and its complications can be delayed or prevented by adopting and maintaining healthy habits. Knowing your risk and what to do is important to support prevention, early diagnosis and timely treatment.

Do you know your risk?
Find out at:
worlddiabetesday.org/prevention

#WorldDiabetesDay #KnowYourRisk



A campaign led by the International Diabetes Federation

DIABETES: KNOW YOUR RISK, KNOW YOUR RESPONSE

Type 2 diabetes accounts for over 90% of all diabetes. There are several steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of developing the condition.

Unhealthy eating habits and sedentary lifestyles associated with urbanization are common factors contributing to the development of type 2 diabetes. There is overwhelming evidence from studies in the USA, Finland, China, India and Japan that lifestyle changes (achieving a healthy body weight and moderate physical activity) can help prevent the development of type 2 diabetes in people at risk.

Reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes involves a **balanced diet and regular physical activity**. Maintaining a **healthy weight** is crucial as overweight and obesity increases the risk. Even a small weight loss can make a big difference. **Regular screenings and check-ups**, especially for people with one or more of the risk factors, can detect early signs and help individuals make the necessary changes to delay or prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes.

Michigan Lions have created many programs to educate and assist people in their communities on the risks and how to manage their diabetes.

"READ ALL ABOUT IT"



UPCOMING

Events:

- November 23 2023**
 HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- December 1 2023**
 2024-25 Council Chair Interviews
 Hilton Garden Inn, Lansing
- December 1-2 2023**
 3rd Council of Governors Meeting
 Hilton Garden Inn, Lansing, MI
- December 8 2023**
 Hanukkah Begins
- December 25 2023**
 Christmas
- January 1 2024**
 New Year's Day
- February 23-25 2024**
 Lions MI Forum
 VDG Training
 Council of Governors
 Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo
- May 17, 2024**
 Council of Governors Final Meeting
 Grand Rapids Sheraton by Marriott
- May 16-18, 2024**
 MD11 Lions Convention
 Grand Rapids Sheraton by Marriott

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> DIRECTORS CORNER NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE



Wendy Burns, Executive Director

No sooner do we get the photos back from the Halloween activities, than we start planning for Christmas parties and Breakfast with Santa! Lions live in an event-planners world, where Christmas begins in January with buying up holiday clearance items for next years' event.

Planning for an event of any kind takes time. Starting with location, the next steps oftentimes include appointment of committee members, theme, topics, speakers for the topics, decisions on the price to charge for the event and can we afford dessert...even merchandise sales are a consideration. Occasionally, an event so well planned may need to be cancelled or moved to a different location. As an event planner I have seen it all! (I really should not have jinxed myself with that statement...) By the time you find yourself reading this, 60 Lions will have attended the Michigan Lions Leadership Institute & FDI. Over a year of planning went into this event, which included the addition of the Faculty Development Institute, sanctioned by LCI. Congratulations to the Leadership Institute committee on a successful event this year.

The Lions Michigan Forum planning committee jumped right in after the 2023 Forum, which, after a 2-year online format was live once again. Our attendance quickly outgrew the space, and by April a new location was secured. Unfortunately, things were not moving according to plan and the decision was made to relocate. The 2024 Lions Michigan Forum will be held at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, located in District 11 B2.

This popular event offers numerous breakout sessions and hands-on learning. Modeled after the USA/Canda Lions Forum, this is an educational seminar for all levels of Lions experience. Sixteen breakout sessions are

offered over a 4-hour period, and you are strongly advised to team up with members from your club to get the most out of what the Forum has to offer. You won't want to miss the keynote address, An Autopsy of a Lions Club, by VDG Carl Webster from Tennessee.

Before the spring blossoms appear, we'll be registering for the MD 11 Lions Convention to be held in Grand Rapids next May. More opportunities for training, service, and of course, networking with fellow Lions.

But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves! The season of thankfulness and giving is upon us once again - a season that never goes out of style. Thank you, Lions, for supporting our state events in addition to the support you provide in so many communities. I can almost smell the turkey dinners roasting in the home where this may not have been possible, made possible by your service. I will never stop being grateful for the service you provide.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director



THE 2022-2023 MICHIGAN LIONS KINDNESS MATTERS AWARD

Congratulations to East Jordan Lions Club, District 11-E2!

The Counsel of Governors were presented with three district nominations to select this year's LCI Kindness Matters award. East Jordan Lions Club chose Camp Daggett as clean-up project and not only did they financially support the camp with a donation of \$500 toward camper fees, but they also painted and rebuilt furnishings. New beds and dresser drawers were rehabbed, and some were replaced. The Kindness Matters Award is a LCI competition where each state submits a project that represents kindness conducted by local Lions. All submissions are reviewed, and the top applicants receive special recognition. Congratulations District 11-E2 and the East Jordan Lions!



Spotlight GST MD11 CHAIR

PDG Terri Huffman



Along with being your MD Global Service Team Coordinator, I am the President of the Jackson Diabetes Lions Club.

As a specialty club, our service is targeted towards those who want to eat healthy, are prediabetic or are diabetic and need assistance

with managing their diet. We have new members who are nurses with Henry Ford Hospital who work with patients struggling to manage their diabetes.

Our tribute to National Diabetes Awareness Month was a Healthy Holiday Eating program that focused on tasting and talking. The 20 participants enjoyed a carb healthy one pan Hawaiian Chicken bake. Participants were introduced to sugar free options and vegetables that were healthy and filling.

Potential new members were there, along with Lions who wanted more information about eating healthily through the holidays. We had FUN and celebrated a very successful service opportunity.

Yours in Service
PDG Terri Huffman,
Global Service Team Chair



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT <

Spotlight

District Governor
DG Ted Hamilton - MD-11 C2



**EXCEPTIONAL
PEOPLE DOING
EXCEPTIONAL
SERVICE**

Greetings to all my Lions friends in MD11 and SD10!
My DG motto for this Lions year is "Exceptional People Doing Exceptional Service".

As I make club visits, and assist in service projects, I have had several folks from around my District ask, "how am I enjoying my year as Governor so far"?

Without question, my first answer is always "getting to meet folks throughout my 11-C2 District, and throughout MD11 and SD10."

We have all told stories about our "Lions aha! moment", that moment when you understand the fulfillment you get from helping someone.

If you think about it, that "AHA moment" was probably shared with another Lion, or possibly another member of many of the wonderful service organizations that share a similar vision that we Lions do.

I was fortunate recently to have joined up with several 11-C2 Lions at the Bountiful Harvest facility in Brighton, where we all worked our tails off for several hours, bagging groceries and personal needs products, and getting them out to folks that are struggling.

Was it fulfilling to be helping folks less fortunate? Absolutely. I also think the best part was working side by side with good friends, sharing laughs and hugs, and having fun doing it. Plus, I made a couple of new friends from the Bountiful Harvest organization.

As I'm writing this article for the Lion Pride, I just realized that from now on, when I talk to someone about joining Lions and the benefits of our organization, I'm going to make darn sure I highlight making new friendships with some awesome folks.

"Exceptional People Doing Exceptional Service"

Best regards to all!
DG Ted Hamilton

(I do remember trying to become friends with a Cyclops once, but he would have no part of it, since friendship has two "I"s)



by DG Bill Bauder



Spotlight
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Bill Bauder 11D1

Last month I shared with you information on how the Freeland Lions Club has helped to reduce food insecurity in our district. I recently spoke with the representative from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan located in Flint that we partner with. I had him send me a list of the total pounds of food donated since we started our partnership ten years

ago. What a great feeling to learn we have provided 1,416,013 pounds of food. My estimate of 700,000 pounds over the years was just a tad off! Many, many, people benefited from Lions service.

This would be hard to do if it wasn't for the support of the schools and the students. We work with the students that need community service and in the last two years the Robotics Clubs have stepped up in large numbers. There are three Robotics Clubs in our schools. When one club has a competition to go to, the other two will always be there to help us. At our last food give-away, the middle school Robotics Club had a competition, so the high school stepped in to help the club. The elementary school Robotics Club stepped in to help and the students worked with us like they had been working with us for the past ten years!

It's a great thing to see the young children volunteering and serving, just like they were adults. What a great group of kids!

Yours in Service,
DG Bill Bauder, MD 11 D1

From the Desk of
CC John Daoud MD11



**GREETINGS
FELLOW LIONS**

HappyHolidays.

During the holiday season people are often reminded to give back to the community either through donations or volunteering. As Lions we find this a little peculiar since We Serve all year long. This is a wonderful time of the year to invite those part-time volunteers to become Lions to help us in our mission to serve through our Club, District, and State Projects. We all have that special project or two that is near and dear to our hearts whether it's the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Bear Lake Camp, Leader Dogs, Eversight, the All-State Band or another project. Each new Lion brings a new set of hands and fresh ideas that helps in the success of our projects – it might be a fundraiser, it might be giving out food at a food pantry, or it might be a new project your club hasn't even thought of yet. If your club is looking for project ideas, you might want to contact your Global Service Team Leader (GST) to get on board with MD11's HOPE TO WALK project, meal packaging for Kids Coalition Against Hunger, the Hope to Walk project, or you can discuss other suggestions. Whatever service project your club participates in, remember to report it on LCI's website so that your District can get 100% participation.

Also, remember the Michigan Lions Forum is quickly approaching. Sign up to attend this February and bring some of those new Lions and attend a few of the 16 breakout sessions with experienced speakers and participate along with other 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

Support your District Governor and the Global Action Team!

Lions Changing the World!
CC John



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> YOUTH CAMP / EXCHANGE NEWS 2023

YOUTH CAMPS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM OUTGOING YOUNG ADULT AMBASSADORS**Selection of a Lions Young Adult Ambassador**

The appropriate selection of a young adult to represent a Lions Club, community, state, and America is of paramount importance. The choice should be a young adult who, it is believed, will make a good "ambassador" both in words and actions. Both areas of character are a reflection of the USA and are of equal importance. Academics are a factor in the selection process, but other areas of a person's character also demonstrate qualities of strength that make a good ambassador. These could be sports, music, leadership, technology, and the like. A young person with good character is what the Lions seek. A request to travel has never been denied if a young adult has interest. Young adult ambassadors that have not traveled with YCE previously will fill the slots for a country before a young adult ambassador that has traveled with YCE.

Lions believe that every opportunity should be extended to a young adult to expand his/her knowledge, international understanding, and education in cultural diversity. People of the world need to appreciate and understand one another. This can be done through exposure to the culture, through an immersion in the life of a family. As the world becomes smaller through technology, it is imperative that young adults have the opportunity to experience international cultural diversity in order to nurture an improved relationship with America's international neighbors. We do this with the International Lions Youth Exchange Program!

Thank for your involvement

Lion Elvie Marfil, State LYE Chairperson, epmarfil5@gmail.com, 818-800-1080

Time Line

September/October/November: District Chairs and committee members promote the program, focusing on and making personal contact with LEO Clubs and/or high schools in their District. Upon a young adult's commitment, the District Chairperson sends the initial application to the State Chairperson, Lion Elvie Marfil. A formal recognition of the young adult's acceptance into the Lions Club Youth Exchange Program will be sent from the state chairperson to both the District Chairperson and the young adult.



December 15 or before: The signed Application, Indemnity Form, and Compulsory Items must be received by State

Chairperson Lion Elvie Marfil, epmarfil5@gmail.com. Some exceptions may apply with permission however, it must go through the District Chair to the State Chair. Signatures are needed at each level.

Upon Commitment until March 30 the LYE (Lions Youth Exchange) young adult's responsibilities include:

- Contact clubs via a phone call, letter or email correspondence to obtain donations for travel expenses. Make arrangements to meet with the club personally. A list of clubs and pertinent information is furnished by the District Chairperson. Many clubs will not donate unless there is face-to-face contact. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Contact family and friends to solicit funds for travel expenses.
- Create, schedule, and execute fundraisers to raise money for the LYE experience.
- Attend the Fall District/Regional Lions Conference (usually in October) to make the LYE visible to the clubs. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Obtain a passport and/or visa.

March 30: All funds should be gathered for travel expenses and submitted to State Chairperson Lion Elvie Marfil. February 28 is the deadline for all trip donations from the clubs.

March/April/May/June: Host families are found and flight tickets are purchased. Contact between the host country and the state LYE chairperson is not always immediate. Flight tickets cannot be purchased until a host family is found. Please stick closely to this timeline.

May: Youth and family must attend a mandatory meeting in Lansing for LYE parents/guardians, district LYE chairperson, and/or committee member. The LYE young adult will receive a backpack, shirts, pins, banners, flight tickets, insurance information, and general information about airports, security, filling out immigration forms, etc.

IMPORTANT: Any young adult not making the timeline as listed above will be dropped from that year's program, unless cleared by the District Chair and State Chair. This is a very time-consuming process for all involved, and it requires all involved to closely follow the deadlines.

Thank for your involvement

Lion Elvie Marfil, State LYE Chairperson, epmarfil5@gmail.com, 818-800-1080

Suggestions for LYE Fundraising

Create a display board, short 5-10 minute video, PowerPoint, or oral presentation about yourself and your desire to travel abroad. This can also be used when visiting a foreign country's Lions Club during your stay overseas.

Include these points and others as seen fit for your presentation:

- Name and family members
- Where you live
- Your involvement in sports, clubs, music, activities
- Other involvement, whether academic or community-based
- Places you have visited in the past
- Why do you want to visit another country? What will you take from the experience? As an Ambassador for the American Lions Clubs and America,

how will you relate to the people of a foreign country? Will you be open to new experiences? Will you taste new foods? Will you practice your foreign language skills?

1. Contact clubs via a phone call, letter, or email correspondence to obtain donations for travel expenses. A copy of the PowerPoint or video could be sent to the clubs in lieu of a formal visit when letting the club know of the intent to travel with LYEP.

2. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Make arrangements to meet with the club personally. A list of clubs and pertinent information is furnished by the District Chairperson. Many clubs will not donate unless there is face-to-face contact. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult. Present your short program to the clubs. They understand that you may be nervous. If timing or distance from a meeting is a problem, send your PowerPoint or a DVD of your video for them to present at a meeting. Follow up with a phone call to be certain that it was received; ask if there are any questions. Write a thank-you note for viewing your presentation at their meeting shortly after the meeting date. Do not wait for any funds to arrive; the clubs look for effort and gratitude.

3. Contact friends and family members. Email and/or Facebook are a good way to get the word out to distant family members. Send your PowerPoint or Video presentation. This demonstrates that you have exerted some effort in exchange for their monetary donation. It demonstrates responsibility and adult behavior.

4. Contact your church (if applicable) and ask to have a bake sale or car wash after Sunday Service.

5. Conduct a community car wash or bake sale. This could occur at a community function, library, or outside a local business.

6. Run, walk, or bike ride in an event. Gather pledges before the event occurs.

Thank for your involvement

Lion Elvie Marfil, State LYE Chairperson, epmarfil5@gmail.com, 818-800-1080

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.

Deadline for outgoing students application form: March 30, 2024

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

How to Apply

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

Deadline for host families application form: April 30, 2024

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

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by PDG Dave Wineman

Dave's Corner!
PDG Dave Wineman

I'm Thankful For...

By the time you are able to read this, Thanksgiving will be in the bag and Christmas well on its way. (More accurately, if you shop in any of the big box stores, Christmas started before Halloween this year! That seems to be a tradition of its own now!) At our home Thanksgiving still gets a prominent spot in the lineup. One of the favorite times is sitting around a nice table and each telling what they are thankful for. So, at our Lions table what are we thankful for? Here are some suggestions. Feel free to add yours to the Lions of Michigan Facebook page. Just post it and see how many likes you get.

I'm thankful for...

Our state Executive Director. Lion Wendy has saved my grits countless times. She works hard to organize a group of Lions on a statewide basis.

All those that organize the Winter Forum. Each year a tremendous effort is put into making this an informative and FUN event. This year Lion Carl Webster is going to present among others. At the USA Canada Forum Lion Carl did a presentation titled "An Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club", why Lions clubs die. (Sure, the title might bring caution, but it sure was informative at the Forum!) He was fantastic!

All our state projects. Leader Dogs, Lions Bear Lake Camp, Lions All State Band, Eversight and the Lions of Michigan Foundation. If the only reason to be a Lion was to support just one of these organizations, it would be worthwhile.

The work that LCIF has done around our state and the globe. It is OUR organization that makes a huge impact.

That bouncy 6 year old boy with a ball cap that our KidSight program brought a positive life changing moment to. That image is still haunting in the most positive way.

The countless and often nameless Lions that encourage others to join our organization. Especially, those that invite friends from their community to join in the service that we do as Lions.

Our club and district leaders who take the time to lead by working with Lions to build SMART goals which focus on helping and building others in our community. Those leaders who have rarely ever said, "No Report".

All the Lions before us that built this organization and trusted us to continue to build it.

My local USA Lions Club for the numerous friendships and kindness they have shown both myself and our community. The local club is the reason Lions has such a good name in town.

Melvin Jones for having the vision and the tenacity to build our organization and to encourage others to make that effort as well.

The peace-making efforts our organization brings through simple, yet effective programs such as the Peach Poster contest.

How our organization can take simple words such as #Kindness Matters and turn it into happiness matters too.

And, perhaps, the most important, YOU, the Lion that is the foundation of our organization. You are the one that brings the best of us to our communities. You are the one that builds our tomorrows. You bring HOPE (Helping Others through Positive Encouragement), the Thanksgiving feast for all our souls.

We Serve (Cheerfully!)

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> LIONS FORUM 24 NEWS

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



FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER, LION CARL WEBSTER, TENNESSEE

"AN AUTOPSY OF A DECEASED LIONS CLUB"



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.

MICHIGAN LIONS - CHANGING THE WORLD...

And location for the Lions Michigan Forum!

We've made the move to Kalamazoo! This year's Forum will take place at the Delta Marriott Hotel. Join us Friday, February 23 for the large, group service project where you'll learn how to make blankets as well as receive hands-on training in reporting service to LCI.

Saturday, February 24 will be a day of learning with 16 breakout sessions to choose from. Listen to the amazing accomplishments of our White Cane Scholarship recipients at the luncheon, and hear from VDG Carl Webster of Tennessee, as he challenges us to keep our clubs alive and members engaged.

Rooms will go quickly, so reserve yours now! When reserving call Marriott Reservations at 1-888-236-2427 use code MCG, or the call direct line to the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo 269-375-6000 and provide reservation code MCG.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

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.



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Projects	Misc	Personal & Club Growth	GAT
Leader Dogs for the Blind	Understanding Dementia – Bert Sexton	Zone Chair Training Jeff Mayuiers	GST Terri Huffman
Eversight Alex Teska	Lion Traditions Julie Mayuiers	Build Healthy Clubs- Carl Webster	Hope to Walk
Bear Lake Camp: Volunteering can make a difference	Childhood Cancer	Servant Leadership Brent Beracy	GMT
LMF: Diabetic Vision Screen Confirmed	Michigan Forestry Michael O'Lonergan	Social Media Doug Klein	All-State Band Deborah Davis



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FEBRUARY 23-24, 2024



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A LEADERSHIP TRADITION CONTINUES – PID Jenny Ware



For over a century, the Lions of Michigan have been dedicated to mentoring and helping Lions grow in their Leadership roles at the club, district, and multiple district levels. In 1999 the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute (RLLI) was formed to help increase and enhance the leadership skills of the Lions of the state. This tradition was again highlighted at the Leadership Institute held November 4-6, 2023, at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, MI. 29 Lions representing 9 of the 11 districts Michigan, came together to participate in the learning process and experience the concepts of leadership skills. These great Lions were very energetic, interactive, and ready to take back their increased knowledge of leadership skills to their clubs.

Also being held for the first time in Michigan since 2007 was the Faculty Development Institute (FDI) held November 3-6. There were 19 attendees from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ontario, Canada! This international institute taught the attendees fundamental training delivery skills and allowed them to practice facilitating in a classroom environment. They are excited to take their sharpened skills back to their districts and multiple districts to help with training.

Along with a lot of hard work, the Lions also had a lot of fun. They were able to raise over \$1,200 for the Lions International Foundation! Due to exceeding the goal of \$1,000 set by PID Gary Anderson, PDG Brent Beracy and Lion Nicole Brzak, the three of them jumped into Higgins Lake!

Thank you to Lions Gary, Brent, and Nicole!!! You are Awesome!!!!

The institute would not be possible without the grrreat facilitators for the Institute that dedicate their time, energy, and excellence! A big thank you to PCC Jodi Burmester from Wisconsin and Lion Jama Wahl from Illinois who facilitated the FDI!! Also, a big thank you to our own PID Gary Anderson, PID Jenny Ware, PCC Brian Shepard, PDG Karen Routson, PDG Rock Wood and Lion James Boomer who facilitated the Leadership Institute! This group of fine facilitators was able to have a grrreat learning weekend due to the assistance of Lion Cheryl Anderson who kept the weekend organized and kept the snacks filled!!

The Institute Planning Committee would like to again highlight and thank PCC Paul Hemeryck for his many years of dedication as the only founding member of the Institute that continues to be a driving force and major part of the institute! We would also like to thank PDG Karen! After many years of facilitating, she is retiring as a facilitator. Best wishes Lion Karen!

Happy Thanksgiving to All!
PID Jenny Ware, Chair

FOOD FOR THOUGHT! - FROM ONE LION TO ANOTHER DG Lula Gardfrey MD 11 A-1



- Value our family and friends. They are the most important people in your life.
- Be humble and compassionate. Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their social status or background.
- Work hard and be persistent. Don't be afraid to set ambitious goals and work hard to achieve them.
- Be honest and ethical. Always do the right thing, even when it's difficult.
- Give back to your community. Use your time and resources to help others.
- Be grateful for what you have. Don't take your blessings for granted.
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OCTOBER 2023

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STEVE SHERER, GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

I am truly honored to be General Chair for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 5-7, 2024. We are off to a great start due to the foundation that was set in Reno, Nevada, last month.

Thank you to our General Chair Lion Jama Wahl, Host Committee Chair Linda Wagner-Griffin, and their committees for a great Forum in Reno. There were outstanding seminars and dynamic speakers. Nearly all who attended had a great time. The fellowship and exchanging of ideas that takes place at the Forum are the greatest reasons for attending, and Reno was no exception.

We have put together a great committee and there is no time to rest. We have made our initial trip to Louisville and the planning has already begun to put on a quality event next September. The Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) is a great facility and will house all the Forum events, except for the delegation breakfasts. The education team is already putting together the list of seminars to be presented. We have great speakers and events planned and will outline them in future newsletters.

The headquarters hotel is the Galt House, which

is the only hotel with a river view in Louisville. It is within walking distance of the convention center, and you can use the enclosed walkway on the second floor. The only street to cross is to enter the KICC. In fact, all five hotels under contract for the event are within walking distance and shuttle transportation should not be necessary.

Please keep up to date on all info about the Forum at our website www.lionsforum.org. Registration is also now open on the website.

We promise to put on an outstanding Forum and look forward to your being in Louisville next September, where we, like the racehorses at Churchill Downs, will SET THE PACE to leadership and service.



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> WHITE CANE WEEK

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Lions University

Year-Round Training Provided by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



As a Lions Club leader, you understand that building strong communities through volunteer service is our objective. The Lions University program is about making sure that you have the skills and resources to meet this objective. Through three-degree programs, Lions Leaders will enhance their knowledge and skill to better serve their community. Lions University is a FREE course offered by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. To find out more, go to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum info page at www.lionsclubs.org.

To complete each program, Lions must complete 10 required courses, at least 5 elective classes, and complete specific leadership experiences. To complete a course, the Lion takes part in an hour-long training session. These sessions are offered online on this website, through periodic webinars that are posted on this website, and through live sessions led in Districts and Multiple Districts.

Once the training session is completed, the Lion takes a simple online test to confirm their learning. Upon completion, the Lion is awarded a certificate of course completion. Lions are welcome to complete the courses that interest them in any of the programs, and in any order they wish. Credit is given toward the program that the class is under.

- **Bachelor's Program:** This program allows Lions to develop the skills necessary to lead a vital Lions Club. Courses are directed to the skills needed to be a great club leader. www.lionsuniversity.org to learn more.

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- **Doctorate Program:** This program focuses on skills needed to be a training facilitator for adult volunteers. In effect, Lions who have completed the Doctorate Program are prepared to be great trainers of other Lions.

WHITE CANE WEEK IN MICHIGAN APRIL 26-MAY 5 2024



2024 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Four \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office
Attn: Scholarship Committee
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640
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Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15th annually.
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	()
Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email Address					
Date of Birth		* Degree of visual acuity			
<small>* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.</small>					
How did you hear about the scholarship?					

Education Information

High School you attended					
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?					
Have you been accepted?					
What do you plan to study?					
What are your personal and educational goals?					
How will the scholarship funds be used? (Check all that apply)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____					

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.						
Special honors and awards						
Special talents and training						
Applicant's Signature					Date	



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The recent cabinet meeting led by District Governor Lula was a great success! Several of the projects that we support came out and shared information on all of the wonderful things that they do and how we support them! The Bedford Lions club and First Presbyterian church's hospitality, service and food was second to none!



PDG Roshni Patel and VDG La Wonna Lofton-Coleman celebrate Penrickton. Penrickton Center for blind children held their annual fundraising dinner in Dearborn. In attendance were Lions, Kiwnians, rotarians and residents. Thank you Penrickton for the wonderful dinner and event.



Livonia High Nooners Lions Club went on a road trip to Redford Interfaith Relief for our October Program Dinner. Executive Director Angela Wolf took us on a tour and told us of the incredible work they do providing referral services, food, clothing, outreach, and raising public awareness of the critical needs of struggling families in Redford. The pantry provides fresh produce, frozen meat and other proteins, canned vegetables & fruits, bread & bakery items, cereals, refrigerator items and other staples, as well as hygiene products, personal care items, and cleaning supplies.



Livonia High Nooners Lions Club helped make a difference, serving at the recent Kids Coalition Against Hunger meal-packing event. 175 citizens from Livonia and surrounding communities gathered at the St. Edith Catholic Church Hall to pack and distribute meals to the hungry. In just a few hours, these volunteers packed 50,000 meals! 33,000 of these meals were subsequently delivered to area food pantries and soup kitchens located in Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, and Westland. This event was co-sponsored by Thrivent Financial, Kids Coalition Against Hunger, St. Ediths, and your Livonia Community Service Clubs. Financial Sponsors included Masco Corporation, Alpha USA, Thrivent Financial, Financial Investment Planners, Elite Realty, Livonia Family Dental, Community Choice Credit Union, Vibe Credit Union, Livonia Goodfellows, Livonia Rotary Clubs, and the Livonia High Nooners Lions Club.



The 20th Anniversary of the Image Perception and Diversity conference coordinated by Dearborn Lion Siham Jaafar at the Ford Community Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. District 11-A1 Lions DG Lula Gardfrey, PDG Roshni Patel, GMT Harriet Robinson, GET Member DR. Daniel Rathbun and GET coordinator met many attendees and told them how to become a Lion so they can help serve our community and the globe.



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Pictured: Members of the 1965 Richmond Club Members with special guest, Lion Santa

The Richmond Lions Club Goodfellows Program began in October 1943 when charter member Don Jose stood before the club and made the request to begin a Goodfellows program. A committee made up of Don Jose, Scott Burke and Ben Duengel got right to work and the first Edition of the Richmond Lions Goodfellow Newspaper was on the streets Dec. 18, 1943. To this day the club looks forward to their annual Goodfellow Newspaper sales.

Richmond Lions Club President Susan Eisenhardt received a surprise call from Weeks Meat Market offering 300 frozen turkeys to the club for assisting needy families in the area. She called a special board meeting and the club notified local food banks, etc. to quickly prepare for the distribution. Thanks to the Weeks family area families will be treated to a great holiday!



Fraser Lions Welcome New Member Lion Kayla Porvaznick. PCC Lion Frank Cunningham installing New Fraser Lion Kayla Porvaznick Sponsored by Fraser Lion President Veronica Buege.

New Baltimore Lions club will be holding a GIVING TREE for two local families this year. Donations will go towards the purchase of gifts and provided to the families in early December.



Checkout the beautiful New Baltimore Lions Club stage! They tried it out at a recent event that the Selfridge-Chesterfield Lions participated in during the North Gratiot Cruise.



Selfridge-Chesterfield Lions Club members held a bake sale fundraiser during the North Gratiot Cruise.

Rochester Hills Lions Club participated in the 36th Annual Airport Open House & Air Show by holding a Project Kidsight Vision Screening for children 6 months and older.

Romeo Lions will light the Christmas tree, listen to holiday music, enjoy treats and roast Chestnuts over an open fire during this annual event, all compliments of the Romeo Lions. They'll even help write & mail letters to the North Pole, all while visiting with SANTA!

> REGION NEWS



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Cereal City Lions and KidSight International visited the Battle Creek Model Railroad Club's 1st Annual Train Show and Swap Meet on Saturday September 16. It was a beautiful day and 13 kids and two adults had their eyes screened for abnormalities.



Cereal City Lions worked on their final Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of the year, 2 miles of Dickman Road! Thanks to Cereal City Lions Club members Jane Cook, Mike Guzak, Darrick Dean, Roger Bosse, and Dorothy Bosse for helping! Think globally, act locally!



North Jackson Lions held Candy Days at Polly's on Parnall in late September. Representing the club were Bob Sray, Tm Murine, Kim, Steve, Becky and Jean, Ron and Jenni, Becky and Jean, Gary and Steve.

Bedford Area Lions Club recently hosted Dr. Dolores Kowalski and R. G. Barnum, Director of the Special Needs Vision Clinic in Saginaw and Past District Governor. They came down to pick up the used/donated glasses that had been sorted the day before by the R321 Lions and make a presentation about the Special Needs Clinic.



Bedford Area Lions and the Cereal City Lions partnered up for the Bedford Fall Festival. 31 children had their eyes screened through KidSight and the Bedford Area Lions talked with lots of folks about the great things Lions do for the community. Here are a few pictures from this wonderful community event.



Kids beam with joy during the annual Napoleon Lions Punt, Pass and Kick event.



Blissfield Lions Club: Blissfield Schools publishes a school supplies list for each grade level K-8th grade. The club provided over 80 backpacks, filled with school supplies that they purchased and put together as a service project. Nice work! Work stations were set up for assembling backpacks.

Clear Lake Virtual Lions have taken on a project that was originally part of the club's Marketing and Communications chair Lion Jesse Bolinger's bucket list and now it can be so much more. As a result of a personal connection Jesse made in college, the decision has been made to build a school in Nepal. The process is just getting started! Through careful research Jesse has learned that this project could be awarded a matching grant through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The goal is to raise \$75,000 from Lions and Lions Clubs to apply for this grant.

Through a partnership with buildOn, a nonprofit that builds schools in developing countries, a giving page specific to Lions has been set up to help track giving. The buildOn fundraising page is <https://act.buildon.org/fundraiser/4758339>

Quest South East Jackson Lions held their 3rd Annual Family Fun Day in October, providing games, food and fun for kids in the area.

Clinton Lions held pumpkin bowling at the Clinton Fall Festival. Kids, families, and adults all took turns playing. They talked to festival-goers about Lions and Project KidSight at their tent.



Jackson Cascades Lions Club conducts annual Lions Mints Fundraiser sales to assist in our overall fundraising efforts so they may help people and organizations in the local community. Learn more about the Mint Program on the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation website: <https://www.lmsf.net/index.php/fundraising-events/lion-mints-program>



PDG Kelly Lubbe presented President Diane Schweda, Jackson Eyeopeners, with the Governor's Club Award of Merit at the Fall Conference.

Michigan Center Lioness Lions are giving away \$100.00 a month to a teacher in K-12 from Michigan Center and East Jackson to help the teachers with their out-of-pocket expenses.

PCC Barry Allen of the Manchester Lions Club presents a \$1000 check to Carol Wotring, Executive Director of the Community Resource Center (CRC) for the Weekend Kids Meals Program. CRC offers weekend meal kits for Manchester Community School students who are facing food insecurity when not in school. These healthy meal kits contain 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 snacks that students consume on the weekend. The Manchester Community Schools (MCS) social worker identifies the child in need and distributes the kits. CRC volunteers pack the meal kits.



President Dick Colony presents Eversight's A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship award to VDG Bea Furman.

Napoleon Lions 70th Anniversary celebration: PID Esther LaMothe presented Bonnie Curry and Frank Ivy with International President's Certificates of Appreciation from LCI President Dr Patti Hill.



PID Esther presented the Napoleon Lions club with Dr. Patti Hill's banner. It was accepted on behalf of the club by Lion Jo Ivy. Along with the well-deserved awards, PID Esther gave them her glow worm pin.

Napoleon Lions provide many service throughout the community, including Feed the Hungry free lunch program, Punt Pass and Kick for grades 1 through 6, Stuff the Bus, support for the local food bank and so much more!



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Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions served 100 meals and had the pleasure of having DG Amy Thackston and her family attend the dinner. Proceeds will provide Thanksgiving Dinner to those less fortunate in our area. We are partnering with the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen and the Salvation Army.



Past District Governors and Cabinet Members gathered for a special meeting to vote in favor of our new Vice District Governor Cory Knuth. Congratulations VDG Cory!



The Buchanan-Galien Lions hosted the Axe Throwing Contest at the River Saint Joe 2nd Annual Hop Harvest Festival.



Paw Paw Lions and Leos had an opportunity to serve side by side, assembling treat bags for the club's trick or treat event. The group got together again to hand out the treat bags to nearly 1,000 kids from the Paw Paw area, making this a successful event for everyone involved.



All schools in South Haven had vision screenings with the KidSight team and South Have Black River Lions members in October. Lion Nila Dubas is a regular KidSight team member traveling wherever they need her.

Mattawan Lions Club held a joyous 65th Anniversary Celebration with their Lions and LEO's.

The Buchanan-Galien LEO Club had a very busy October! The LEO Club came out in force on October 25th and 26th to help with packaging for the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club's Nut and Candy biggest fundraiser of the year.



President Jeff Mayuiers inducted new Lion Ken Bickle into the Three Rivers Club. Lion Ken was sponsored by Lion Alice Kielau. Newly inducted Lion Ken is making bluebird houses complete with the Lions logo that the club is using as a fundraiser. Congratulations to Lawrence Lions Club on your 75th Anniversary!



IPDG Julie Mayuiers would like to thank all the Lions in 11-B2 for their support over the years. You are all AWESOME Lions and I am so very proud of each and every one of you. Keep doing what you are doing serving your communities.



Three Rivers Lions Club had the opportunity on September 26th to hear from foreign exchange students living with Lions Karl & Michelle Ritchie during this entire school year. Ari is ethnic Albanian, living in western Macedonia. Amine is from Sousse, Tunisia. Each young man talked about his country's geography, culture, school and home life, and answered questions from the members.



Members of the Three Rivers Lions Clubs went over the top – and over the rainbow – for the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event!



The Golden Brain trophy was recaptured by the St Joseph Lions Club on Oct 19th from the Academic Team of the St Joseph High Bears! This longstanding competition dates back to its founder Lion Larry Wagner who organized the first contest in 1997 between young bears and much older Lions.



Project KidSight Volunteers have done an incredible job of screening 10,893 kids with 1,024 referrals in the past two months! Lions Dave and Tanda Stiffler's leadership has created a strong KidSight program in the district. Thank you to all who make the program a success!



GST Karol Chopp, in recognition of Pediatric Cancer Awareness month, is asking clubs to participate in making Turban hats or Fleece Caps for donation to Bronson's Children's Hospital Oncology floor. Another option is to hold an event to raise money to purchase them or donate the money to the district who will make or purchase caps and turbans.

The twisted turban hat is one of those hats that looks good on everyone – from babies to adults. It can be made in a stretchy or a piece of not so stretchy fabric with a bit of body will do perfectly. For a pattern to make the turbans or hats, Clubs can check out <https://hellosewing.com/diy-twisted-turban-hat/>

All schools in South Haven had vision screenings with the KidSight team and South Have Black River Lions members in October. Lion Nila Dubas is a regular KidSight team member traveling wherever they need her.



Lion Cub Zoey Thackston has used crayon collection bins located at the local library, children's museum, and Bronson Cafeteria. She has also started handing out flyers to recruit more cubs to help with her projects.

St. Joseph Lions hosted speakers Kristen Jones and Becky from Berrien County Suicide Prevention Coalition. They presented information on programs and volunteer opportunities. The staff is highly trained and attends frequent in-service activities to heighten expertise in the area of suicide prevention. The Coalition has developed materials to help assist individuals who may be at suicide risk. Anyone in Berrien County can support the coalition by visiting the website to donate time, money or expertise. The coalition also holds community programs to raise awareness of this issue.

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LAKESWOOD 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



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 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.



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.



Muskegon Northside Lions maintain Veteran's Park on the Causeway. The service banners are up and looking good! The club recently got together to serve up another pancake breakfast - all you can eat for just \$6! How DO they do it?!

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The Bretton Woods Lions Club took part in the Delta Township Trick-or-Treat Trail on October 11th. 850 children were given rolls of Lions mints by Lions Roger Boettcher, Sue Chinault and Dave Grimes

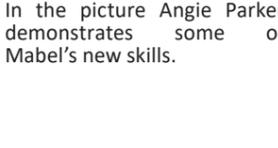


Lansing Capital Lioness Lions Lion Mimi Lalonde, Tail Twister/Guru of Fun-Raising money for our club holds up a purse sold at a recent purse auction.



New Puppy in Training for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Charlotte Lions Club: Angie Parker from Charlotte and her new puppy-in-training "Mabel" attended the October meeting to meet the Charlotte Lions Club members. Angie attended a meeting last year to hear Lion Eileen Delaney talk about Leader Dogs for the Blind and was amazed and inspired to take on the challenge of raising a puppy. Now 13 weeks old, Mabel understands commands such as Sit, Stand, Touch, and Calm, which means settle down on her own rug. Mabel plans to attend future meetings so we can see her progress. In the picture Angie Parker demonstrates some of Mabel's new skills.



Janet Washburn, Greg Davis and Caitlin Lyons The Charlotte Lions donated 75 First Aid Kits utilizing Recycled Eye Glass Cases. Each kit contains approximately 13 items including hand sanitizer, Burn Crème, Hydrocortisone, Anti-sting packet, multiple adhesive compresses, a gauze pad, and several cough drops. Janet Washburn, Greg Davis, and Caitlin Lyons receive the kits this fall.

Ovid Lions Club Carriage Days Food Court The food court and chicken dinner took in \$4,145. Thank you to all who worked to help make it a profitable event. Without the help of family and friends we would not have been able to be successful. Our profit for the event was over \$1500. (\$1000 from the food court and \$1000 from the chicken dinner split with Laingsburg Lions.)



Hartland Lions - Lion Joanna Dresden worked at the recent Kidsight Screening at Garden Gate Montessori with the new camera and printer provided to the Hartland Lions Club with funds provided by Hartland Township. The funds are part of the American Rescue Plan Act. We have done two events and screened 91 kids already



Mr. Goggins & Quincy Page Vermontville Lions Club Student of the month is Quincy Page. Quincy is a 9th grade student at Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Goggins the Principal said that "Quincy is a great kid, polite, respectful and gets good grades" Quincy also participates in Cross Country, Basketball and Track.



DeWitt Lion PDG Jim Kraft presented Past President Lion George Walter with a Ralph Lyman Award for his outstanding leadership to the den.



The Mason Lions Club and Mason Middle School Leo Club were both well represented at the annual Mason CROP Walk for Hunger. They gathered at the Mason First Presbyterian Church with a goal to raise money for Church World Services to provide food aid to those in need, especially in Ukraine. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised stayed within the Mason Community to be shared between the local Meals on Wheels and the Mason Food Bank. The Lions and Leos raised \$245 this year. A member of their "Celebrate Community 2021" partner Kiwanis Club of Mason also contributed \$50.



St. Louis - Alma Lions Club: Our club Treasure Lion Donna Kelley (Center) was presented the A. Charles Weir Fellowship award in October.



St. Johns Lions Club will participate for a second year in the Halloween Trick-or-Treat event in downtown St. Johns, "Event so good It's SCARY". The club will have a table set up in the Rotary pavilion where they will distribute small bags of goodies; over 1,000 children are expected. The event is sponsored by the St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce.



The Delta DeWitt Ledges Lioness Lions Club donated snacks to PRIDE, the Grand Ledge High School tutoring group that meets after school. PRIDE is staffed by teachers who support 30 - 40 students twice weekly.

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That time of year is coming again for Montrose Lion's Club. "Santa Claus", Aka 2nd Vice Governor Gerald Whitney is coming to town. If you've seen Lion Jerry out and about at any point in the last 18 years, you will know he starts wearing a Santa hat shortly after Halloween. 18 years ago, Lion Jerry came up with an idea to fill a need within our small community. The need was to make sure our low-income children and families in our community were taken care of for Christmas.

This all began when Lion Jerry tried to donate his home-made wooden toys to other charitable organizations who collect toys for kids for Christmas. However he wasn't met with the spirit in which he was trying to give, his toys were rejected, because they weren't "new and in the package". Lion Jerry has been a woodworker all his life and has crafted some incredible things kid-sized table and chairs his two children still have after 41 and 35 years! There are several groups, from boy scouts and other community organizations that help Lion Jerry paint toys, build toys, and get things ready. New and gently used toys are collected and sorted. Every year the club looks forward to bringing the Christmas spirit to their community. It was a great turnout for the fall conference, hosted by Chesaning Lions Club.

The Frankenmuth Lions Club is conducting its annual sale of trash bags and corn brooms. This is a major fund-raising effort for our Club, with the proceeds supporting our Club projects. A variety of items may be purchased from any Frankenmuth Lions member or are available for sale at the Frankenmuth Jellystone camp store.
www.frankenmuthlionsclub.com/fundraisers



Flushing Lions were active with several projects this past month. Luminaries were made for the Annual Candle-Walk to be held in December. Area scouts place about 5000 of them on the parade route and the streets of town. Last year the Lions purchased ornaments for the tree in town. We also participated in the Harvest Festival which took place in October. We had a banner day selling out of hot dogs and brats. We also entered the Chili Cook-off which Lion Margaret Goebel prepared from a recipe from the Leader Dog School. We came in third place. We also entered the scarecrow contest and the Best Pie contest.

Mayville Lions had their 9th annual Made in the Thumb Showcase on the 28th. The hall was filled with vendors displaying (and selling) their products. The club will host its community Halloween celebration following the Trick or Treat hour. Refreshments, donuts, and hot dogs are provided for everyone.

Shields Lions Club held its semiannual White Cane Sale, October 27th and 28th at a local 7-eleven in the area. We had very good responses from the community. Pictured below are Madeleen Brewer and Al Vroman collecting donations on a very chilly morning.



Kingston Lions supplied help for a community benefit dinner to support a local cancer victim. A donation was made to Imagination Library. Five members helped with Candy Day Sales and nearly \$200 was collected. The club is also assisting the village with refreshments following the Trick or Treat hour for Halloween.



Linden Lions Club had its White Elephant Auction at Hope Lutheran Church in Linden on October 14. Members and friends from the Gaines club joined us, along with 2VDG Jerry Whitney and Region II Chair Toby Webber. While we missed some of the friends that frequented our event, in the pre-COVID days, we had a good time.

Buena Vista Lions joined with Buena Vista Township for a fun night of Trunk or Treating.



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Ubyly Lions Club held a Cajun Dinner with help from our Lion friends Scott & Jeff from Shreveport LA. Our club was happy with the turnout and hope to do it again. Halloween will be giving out bags of chips in the village park. Always fun to see the kids and adults dressed up. On December 3rd will be doing a Kidsight along with the Ubyly TVO during their annual Breakfast with Santa. Ubyly club president Adrainne Maurer with the volunteer from Shreveport.



Algonac Lions Club hosted the Peace to Piece Quilters at their club. This took place on October 20, 2023. There was a fantastic turn out and a lot of fellowship took place. Lions helping other causes is a great service to the community. You will notice that all the quilters were not females. Had a few fellows at the event.



Several Hadley Lions participated in the "Feed My Starving Children" packing event. Packages of food are put together to send to children all over the world. This is one of the five key service items from LCI.



Marysville Lions Club was the beneficiary of donations from Art Hop - Marysville Art Program last night. Hosted by Megan Simmons -State Farm Agency, Mrs. Sparchu's art students shared their talents. The donations will help our club continue to SERVE!



Elkton Lions Club was able to help the Village of Elkton by purchasing 13 Aluminum Tables for Ackerman Park. The tables were placed in the Elkton Lions Pavilion. The Elkton Lions Club does it again, Serving the community.



All it took was a simple hot-dog dinner to bring the community out in droves for the Metamora Lions and Lioness Halloween party! Free hot-dogs, chicken nuggets, fries, cider, and donuts were all part of the draw. And of course, the club's reputation for their outstanding community parties!



Lion Chris Halkias-Robb and Lion Cathy Harris were awarded the Algonac Art Fair award, under the umbrella of the Algonac Lions Club. The Algonac Lions are grateful, proud, and truly humbled to be selected to carry on this amazing annual tradition! Pictured are Chis Halkias-Robb, Cathy Harris, Susan Reck, Annette Heyza, Maxine Zamborowski, Patricia VanDenBergh and Julie Mytinged. The Algonac Lions sponsored a Halloween celebration at their field. Lions make a safe space for the children to enjoy their holiday.



The Croswell Diabetes Center and the Croswell Lions Club held a 5K/2 mile walk or run on Saturday, October the 7th in Croswell. 39 children and 88 adults participated with ages ranging from 3 years old to a veteran of 81 years old. There was a mixture of 79 runners and 48 walkers throughout the various ages. The winner finished the 5K in 18 minutes and 32.6 seconds.



Minden City Lions Club recently purchased an aluminum handicap accessible ramp for use in our community. This past October Lion Bob Kaufman, Lion Dale Halifax, Lion Cliff Messing and Cliff's Son Tim Messing assembled the ramp at a local resident's home.



Metamora Lioness Lions Club held a scavenger hunt/road rally around the Metamora and Lapeer communities, incorporating the game Monopoly as theme of the event.



Metamora Lions proudly support the Rolland Warner MS Bee Club. With their donation the bee club was able to purchase new suits and equipment as this program continues to grow. This year's harvest was 500 lbs which will be bottled and sold. Kids take care of the bees, harvest the honey, extract the honey, design labels, bottle and sell the honey.



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Governor Jackie Glazier is ready to enjoy her appreciation dinner after a great year serving the Lions of 11 E1. Friends from around the district and beyond turned out to show appreciation for her work the 2nd time around as District Governor! Harrison Lions hosted and served as kitchen crew and served an excellent meal. Stories were shared and gifts presented to Jackie. Many gifts were favorite treats or featured in her favorite color-purple!



Crystal Lions Club did a fundraiser to fix the Noll Memorial Park basketball court. We collected over \$10,000. Our new basketball court, once it was poured, was smoothed out by the company that poured the cement. We put up a new basketball backboard and hoop. Crystal Lion Todd Nemeth was recently awarded a 15 new member pin from District Governor Jim Patterson.

During the month of November, the Midland Lions Club will be collecting Coats for Kids. This is an annual event, and our goal is to beat last year's count of 57 coats! Since our club has participated in this project, we have collected over 400!



Empire Lions Club final pancake breakfast for 2023. There were 222 people in attendance to enjoy breakfast.



Fremont and White Cloud Lions' fifth bi-annual Students in Need of Eyecare (SINE) project was October 24th. Fifteen students each from Fremont, Hesperia, Newaygo and White Cloud schools received a complete optometric and medical eye exam. If glasses were needed, the students would choose their frames and the glasses will be produced by the college. They will be delivered to the students in about two weeks. Several students were discovered to need advanced medical diagnosis and the college will do that as well. This amazing project could not have been completed without the help and support of the Michigan School of Optometry at Ferris State University, The Fremont Area Community Foundation, the City of Fremont, the four schools, and the Fremont and White Cloud Lions. So proud to be a Lion!



Big Rapids Lions received a grant on Oct 12 for eye glasses or hearing aids for those in need.

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PCC Jeff Schafer and his Therapy Dog Molly partnered with the Coleman Area Library with a Pajama Story Time. The community learned about Molly's life and that she was trained to be a Leader Dog for the Blind and now she visits hospitals, nursing homes, libraries, schools and bring joy and smiles to those involved. The library staff read four fun dog books while the children showed Molly some love!

Midland Lions Hosted the Stoppert Award Dinner last month. This year the Coach of the Year was Rich Juday, baseball coach at Dow High since 2017. Their 1st District Championship was in 2019. Dow High was in the 2021 State semi-finals and was 2023 District champs.



Pictured is Coach Rich Juday and presenter Dave Marsh.



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Three new Alpena Lions were inducted into the organization on Tuesday September 12th.

Tim Gapske, Mike Vought and Priscilla Homola were welcomed at the weekly luncheon meeting. Priscilla holds a picture of her Father Orville, her inspiration and a long time Lion Member with the City of Huron, South Dakota.



Alpena Lion Dave Zeller along with 16 fellow Lions greet the public at Walmart and Perch's IGA for a combined 48-hours of mint sales.



What an honor for the Hillman Lions Club to be recognized for their many contributions to the community and beyond!



Volunteers Mike Vought and Pat Rondeau greet and register participants Alpena Lions also found the time to hold a Project KidSight screening, with 84 screenings were performed and 4 referrals made. Special thanks go out to Alpena Lion Steve Garant and volunteer Desiree Miller of Thunder Bay Eye Care. These two individuals performed the screenings and provided their expertise as Doctors of Optometry.



Boyer Valley Lions Club welcomed 3 new members during membership month in October. They also participated in the highway clean-up, keeping the Boyne Valley beautiful for all.



Lewiston Lioness Lions welcomed new members to the club, hosting an impressive Induction Ceremony as seven new members joined this coalition of committed individuals, bonded in service and sharing the vision of a better world. The Lioness Lions mantra and mission is WE SERVE! District Governor Steve Murch led in the induction and swearing in of the new members: Elizabeth Rivard, Pam Nagel, Marti Helzer, Jodi Gordon, Pam Gentges, Susan Cole and Karen Gibson.



A beautiful new sign was a gift donated by the Mackinaw Lions Club to the Village of Mackinaw City. Many community members and Lions turned out for the ribbon cutting ceremony, unveiling the new sign.



Oscoda Lions had a recent visit from Governor Steve Murch. He informed members of his goals and the need for growth in membership and new clubs. DG Murch celebrated with the Oscoda Lions on their milestone 60th Anniversary. The club is grateful to all who have contributed to their success in serving the community of Oscoda Township.



The Central Lake Lions held a successful Golf Outing in memory of PDG Bill Stenback was a great success.



Community members were lined up and ready to enjoy the Mackinaw City Lions Club pancake breakfast. It's also a fun event for the club members!

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November is Eye Donation Month - consider becoming an eye, organ and tissue donor

Eye Donation Month takes place during November. Throughout the month, Eversight will raise awareness about the importance of eye donation, misconceptions about the process and life-changing opportunities that are created when recipients regain their sight through cornea transplants.

This Eye Donation Month, we ask you to consider registering to become an eye, organ and tissue donor. By becoming a donor, you will change lives for the better.



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We also want to hear **YOUR** story. How are you connected to eye, organ and tissue donation? Please share your story with us today.

