

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD 11



MISSION 1.5 We're on a mission to grow.

MISSION 1.5 – What you Need to Know to Grow!
Michigan Lions are committed to supporting Mission 1.5

MISSION 1.5 launched on July 11, 2023, at the International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts and will continue through June 30, 2027. MISSION 1.5 results will be calculated on July 1, 2027.

What are the goals and objectives of MISSION 1.5?
Lions International will reach 1.5 million Lion members around the world on July 1, 2027.

MISSION 1.5 has several objectives:

- All CAs achieve positive net growth on July 1, 2027.
- All districts add new clubs.
- All clubs induct new members during MISSION 1.5.
- Districts incorporate strategies to attract a more diverse membership, including women and young Lions.

Why MISSION 1.5?

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

What are the Benefits of MISSION 1.5?

- Increased capacity to serve
- Greater diversity and inclusion
- Increased advocacy for change, locally and globally
- Increased member benefits
- Stronger at every level of Lions

What is the role of the Global Action Team (GAT) for MISSION 1.5?

GAT constitutional area leaders and area leaders' responsibilities include the following:

- Charter a club and sponsor new members
- Train districts and clubs on MISSION 1.5
- Track the success of their districts
- Provide resources and support
- Be held accountable for achieving MISSION 1.5 targets

Why are MISSION 1.5 targets being provided instead of each district selecting their own membership targets?

To achieve 1.5 million members on July 1, 2027, district targets are provided to ensure positive membership growth in all constitutional areas.

How is the district goals process being affected by MISSION 1.5?

For the duration of MISSION 1.5, membership targets for club extension, new member recruitment and net gain will be established in collaboration with Executive Officers and the Membership Development Committee. These targets will be communicated to FVDGs each year as part of the district goals process.

For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING Events:

International Childhood Cancer Day
February 15, 2024

Lions Michigan Forum
February 23 -24
Changing the World, Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

VDG Training Session
February 23 -24
Changing the World, Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

4th Council of Governors Meeting
February 24-25 Sat - Sun
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

February 27 - 29 - St. Charles IL
FVDG's/DGE's Gathering, in-person discussions & activities from Lion Leaders and international mingling

March 1
46th Annual Lions Day -United Nations New York City New York

March 8 - 9
District C2 Convention
Comstock Inn Owosso

March 22-23
District B2 Convention
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo



March 31
Easter

April
Leo Club Awareness Month
Family & Friends Month
Environmental Awareness Month



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



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Take advantage of all MISSION 1.5 related materials on LCI's website.
<https://www.lionsclubs.org>

"READ ALL ABOUT IT"



Melbourne 2024
106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Lions International 106th Convention: Destination Melbourne, Australia! June 21-25

New this year: More flexible hotel reservations allowing all Lions and Leos to book their stay at any of the participating hotels. Get the lowest rates available and choose from any of the conveniently location hotel partners. A full list of participating hotels can be found here:

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/hotel-travel/hotels/>

find more information on Melbourne on page 7

Lots to check out in this months Lion Pride Edition!

> DIRECTORS CORNER NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE

Wendy Burns, Executive Director



I am a big fan of football...primarily when it comes to the Super Bowl. Maybe it's the High School cheerleader in me going back to the excitement of the homecoming game and playoffs, or the mom who watched her sons play. Either way I do love a good game with plenty of forbidden snacks and interesting commercials!

It amazes me when I watch athletes in action, whether it be a football game, Olympic games, movies about athletes, or even brave volunteers participating in the Lions Bear Lake Camp Polar Plunge – how do they do it? What gives them the drive and determination? Is it the gold medal? The thought of being number 1 in their class? Or is it the personal joy of raising money for a cause they are passionate about?

Turns out the reason these high achievers are so successful is quite simple. They set clear and specific goals, have a vision of what they want to achieve, and create a roadmap to get there. To me, this sounds very similar to the plan to accomplish Mission 1.5.

The goal has been set: 1.5 million Lions worldwide by 2027. The purpose: To better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.

How will we do it? Will our inner, competitive athlete show up and challenge us to do more? I believe we have the home-team advantage due to likeminded Lions who are focused on the same goal: increase membership, strengthen our clubs, and provide more service.

Lions, set your goals, embrace the challenges, and savor the satisfaction that comes with achieving 1.5 million Lions by 2027!

And - congratulations to the brave Polar Plungers. You really are in your own class of athletes!

Yours in Service-
Lion Wendy Burns
Executive Director

DG Annette!



Leo Shellby!



Polar Plungers!



A1 Plungers!



DG Hamilton



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VDG Bea Furman

LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

2023-2024 Lions of Michigan State Committees



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There are many ways to serve the membership of MD 11. Participating as a State Chairperson or District Representative on one of our many State Committees is just one of several opportunities. Thank you to the many Lions who have volunteered to serve our membership in this capacity!

2023-2024 Lions of Michigan State Committees

- Lions All State Band -Chair, Tom MacNaughton
- Lions Bear Lake Camp-Chair, Jack Patton
- Childhood Cancer-Chair, Darlene Anderson
- Constitution and By-Laws-Chair, Dick DeLong
- Diabetes-Chair, Roger Blackwell
- District Editors Advisory-Chair, Bob Tetzlaff
- Global Leadership Team-Chair, Traci Tribbley
- Global Membership Team-Chair, Shawn Blaszczyk
- Global Service Team-Chair, Terri Huffman
- Hearing-Chair, Bev Bodum
- Hunger-Chair, Lloyd Foster
- Information Technology-Chair, Ray Robins
- Lions Clubs International Convention-Chair, Wendy Burns
- Lions Clubs International Foundation-Chair, Harold Stephens/Justin Faber
- Leader Dogs for the Blind-Chair, Frank Cunningham
- Leo Clubs-Chair, Larry Wegrzyn
- Lions Michigan Forum-Chair, Jim Leach, Jr.
- Lions Quest-Chair, Stan Masters
- MD 11 Lions Convention-Co Chairs, Brenda & Dave Hacker
- Michigan Eversight-Chair, Kurt Stromlund
- Public Relations/Social Media-Chair, Doug Klein
- Reading Action Plan-Chair, Don Spinks
- Sight Conservation/White Cane-Chair, Roger Bosse
- Youth Exchange-Chair, Elvie Marfil

Some of the state chair terms will expire on 6-30-2024. Anyone interested in serving during the 2024-2025 Lions year is asked to submit a request in writing to:

Executive Director Wendy Burns, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, 48911

or email your letter of interest to:
wburns@lionsofmi.com

Please submit no later than April 20, 2024

Spotlight
GST MD11 CHAIR
 PDG Terri Huffman



Working on behalf of others is the ultimate goal of purposeful service. We do this through our service with the Lions. Each Lion is a BUSY BEE. In all our capacities as volunteers we are busy planning and doing. The results are the benefits our communities reap through our service and contributions. Tracking our service projects and service hours is important because it is the true reflection of what



we as Lions are contributing to our communities. These figures are used to promote our organization as the largest service provider in the world. CLUB PRESIDENTS please report your service! You can document it on MyLCI or report it to your District Governor. Work together to get your District to 100% reporting!

GST MD11 Chair PDG Terri Huffman

Spotlight
District Governor
 DG Lula Gardfrey MD11 - 11A1



**TOOLS SHARED
 PROVIDE MANY
 OPPORTUNITIES**

LCI has many tools to aid the districts. These tools provide opportunities for us to change directions – a negative slope to a positive incline. A difference in achieving zero goals to achieving more than expected.

With that being said, let's explore the concept:

Partnering through Mentorship.

There may be several clubs within our District that are doing quite well. A beacon shining brightly through the district. Then there are those clubs that are struggling to keep afloat. What if we match a beacon club with a struggling club. This interaction between the two clubs can help to uplift and stabilize one club and give a sense of pride to the other club.

Through this association the struggling club has access to new knowledge and experience. They have a partner who understands, gives guidance, and encourages the club to manage their affairs.

(Isn't that what life is all about? Isn't that Lionism?)

A successful mentorship is where you do those things necessary to make you ready. You allow the other person/club to make choices. Through this process you learn the challenges and concerns of the other party.

Partnering through Mentorship allows you to take mini steps, review both outcomes, modify procedures, and regroup. With the assistance given and accepted, you can become part of the solution and not the problem.

- As you know, Individual clubs achieve individual goals.**
- A Group expands the achievement greatly.**
- A District achieves the ultimate reward,**
- The unity of achieving a goal with fellow Lions**
- Who are in agreement with the cause.**

DG Lula Gardfrey

**SA DODGE DISTINGUISHED
 SERVICE AWARD**



**Congratulations to the
 2023-2024 S.A. Dodge
 recipients!**



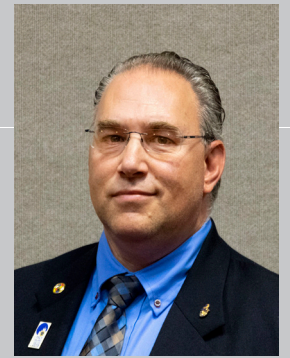
**S.A. Dodge
 Distinguished Service Award**

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

PDG Wes Wagester, District 11 D2
PDG Pam Schroeder, District 11 E1



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



Greetings Fellow Lions!

It's hard to believe that the Lions year is more than half over. This is the best time to reflect, re-examine, make any necessary changes, either within your club or within your District.

Pull out your goals. Ask yourselves, are we on target? Do we need to adjust our strategy in order to accomplish our goals or do we need to modify our goals? Have we missed or forgotten anything?

What adjustments do we need to make in order to ensure our year is not only successful but the best year ever?

As long as we are reflecting on how we are doing currently, we should also look towards the future. Have we lined up our next leaders? Have our future officers been approached to be included in the next Cabinet? Are they being properly trained and groomed to take over.

It is also a great time to ask have we done a community needs assessment recently? Are our fundraisers still going strong in order to meet our community's needs or are they slowing down and starting to fizzle; is it time for some fresh or new ideas. Have we invited neighboring clubs to share ideas or team up on some new activity. Should you contact your Cabinet officers for assistance or advice.

Perhaps membership is a little light. In order to meet those fundraising goals, weigh in on whether you have enough active members to carry out successful fundraisers? Has everyone in the club added one new member so far this year? Do you want to contact Lions International and request a Membership Consultant to come out and assist in membership recruitment at no cost? Have you contacted your District Governor regarding recommending another club to team up with to complete a service project or terrific fundraiser? I hear the VDGs, Region and Zone Chairs are pretty helpful too.

Since this is the time for reflection, have you asked yourself if you want to be a Cabinet Officer in the near future. First Vice District Governors are looking for the best Lions to represent the District as a Vice or Region and Zone Chairs for next year. Call up your District Governor or 1st Vice and ask what it takes to become a Cabinet Member. Training doesn't take long and it doesn't cost anything either. Having a full set of District Officers is like having enough members on a committee, it spreads the load and makes it easier to get the job done.

Lastly, re-examine if your club is keeping an eye on its District and State projects. Have you invited any projects to come to your club for a presentation? Have you independently or as a club been on a field trip to any of the projects such as Bear Lake Camp, Leader Dog or Eversight, among others. Eversight even has real eyeballs in their fridge. If you haven't already, go see what they do firsthand.

Good Luck on a great strong finish for this year.
 Support your District Governor and the Global Action Team!

Lions Changing the World!
Council Chair John Daoud



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

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

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

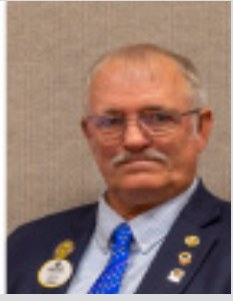
Recommended Qualifications:

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

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

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

> READING ACTION PROGRAM NEWS



READING!

by PDG Donald Spinks

RAP Chair

One Dad's Reading Resolutions for the New Year

Here is a story that I found on reading to your child which deals with your New Years Resolution.

When it comes time to make my New Year's resolutions, I typically always have a few that relate to reading. "This year, I'm going to join a book club... read a book a week... finally get through The Corrections." But, if I'm being honest, the most important reading I do every year is the reading I share with my daughter, so perhaps my reading resolutions should reflect that.

Because, in the back of my mind, it always feels like there are books I should've read her, nights I shouldn't have skipped our bedtime story, or ways I could've encouraged her reading more. As such, here's my attempt at making a parent's list of reading resolutions for the New Year. Let's see how many I can keep...

I resolve... to stop getting sad every time I see the box of board books in our basement that my daughter "outgrew."

I resolve... that if my kid comes home, raving about a book she read at school, to seek that book out and read it myself, if only so we can have long, rambling conversations about it.

I resolve... to never, ever take Where the Wild Things Are or Sylvester and the Magic Pebble off my daughter's bookshelf.

I resolve... to stop saying "Do you want to watch a video?" rather than reading a story on nights when I'm tired.

I resolve... to finally learn how to pronounce Jon Scieszka, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, and Yuyi Morales.

I resolve... to accept that there are certain children's literature classics that my kid will never enjoy. And that's okay.

I resolve... to not openly criticize books that my kid really, really loves. Because, while I might be sick of reading about tornadoes or think that the princess fairy book she got at the book fair doesn't qualify as high literature, no good comes from a parent rolling their eyes and implying that their child's choices are dumb. I resolve... to find positive, constructive ways to make my kid want to read about something, ANYTHING other than tornadoes or princess fairies. Because, COME ON...

I resolve... to stop subtly trying to influence my kid's decisions when we read a Choose Your Own Adventure book together.

I resolve... to exploit inter-library loan like it's going out of style this year.

I resolve... to keep not letting my kid watch any Harry Potter movie until she's read the book first, because her sheer level of outrage when S.P.E.W. wasn't even mentioned in the Goblet of Fire movie was a delight to behold.

I resolve... to not take library books on family vacations this year. I know I said that last year, but this year I really mean it.

I resolve... to encourage my daughter to read out loud to me more often, because it still amazes me that the little baby I used to hold can read a whole book on her own.

I resolve... to let my daughter read what she wants to read, but never, ever stop working to convince her to read the books I think she should read.

Polar Plungers!

DG Annette!



Leo Shellby!



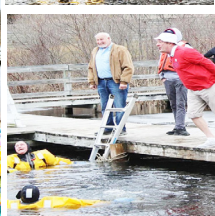
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VDG Bea Furman



by PDG Dave Wineman



Dave's Corner!
PDG Dave Wineman

Some of us just love the winter. The white glistening snow with the sunshine making diamonds from the crystals where no two are identical. The cold crisp air. Sitting all warm inside at night watching snow accumulate on the trees and watching it blow in the distant light across the way. It just gives way to a freshness. A new beginning. It even brings light to the darkness.

Comfort! The boaters know that the gorgeous white stuff fills the lakes. Go to the beach? Trillions and trillions of snowflakes make that possible. So much benefit. So much long-lasting beauty.

Then of course morning comes and with it in the blink of an eye, all that fluffy white stuff has to be shoveled for a path to the mailbox and to make way for the car. The cold bites at us. The wind howls with disdain. How unfair. Why me? There must be a better way! I hate this stuff!

Any (all) of that sound familiar at one time or another? Let's replace the word snow with membership. It is surprising how much that word multiplies itself into fighting words with so many Lions! On the surface it is the new fallen snow. We all love it. We compliment it. We admire it. However, when morning comes so many treat it as that dreaded abominable white stuff. Most speakers will tell you, the least welcome word in a room of Lions is that dreaded "M" word. And yet... Somehow, we want to celebrate all the successes that it brings.

Many would agree that membership is a great thing. We love it. We like the great things that it brings. Unlike the snow it is not our friend and foe. Membership is our friend. It allows us to accomplish things as a group. (After all, we all are members!) Some might say, yeah but what about the pain it takes to get new members. Be it fear to attempt to get a new member or some other (great or poor) reason there is nothing bad about membership! Yeah but...

At this point let me quote Anne Frank... How wonderful it is that no one has to wait, but can start right now to gradually change the world!

In our organization that takes MEMBERS!

That's us Lions! As Lions, we change the world one bit at a time. Just like the snowflakes. Unlike the snowflakes one Lion can make a difference. Each of us possesses that ability. Unlocking that ability and making that difference is the key hidden in our hearts. Only we as individuals can unlock it. Once unlocked we can give it to one or many. The secret lies within.

Let's draw this directly back to Lions and you – the person in the mirror. There is nothing wrong with membership in Lions. It gives us the ability to do much. The starting number just needs to be one! We should be able to talk about it. Of course, there was a rebuttal not too long ago at one of my talks. "Yeah, but we don't have to talk about it all the time." That has frequently been tough to respond to. Until that evening. The person was right. We shouldn't be talking about it at all! We should be doing it!

Put on your thinking caps. Get past any lingering pride. Ask the person next door, or down the street. Better yet show that person what being a Lion is all about. Stop talking about it. Talk about Lions to others as the gift that it is. The opportunity to give unselfishly to others. How many people admire others that are unselfish? Then ask them if they would like to give it a go. Ask the outcast that can give but has no venue to give. Virtually every one of us can name an aha moment. But, can we give the opportunity to someone else? We all want to say yes. Just like shoveling snow though, saying doesn't make it happen. Doing does!

Michigan has an opportunity – right now! Stop talking about membership. Start doing it. Or to repeat an old quote, talk about it, use words if necessary. Help others find the keys to their hearts. Most of us can tell stories about the warmth we have discovered and given through Lions. The friendships we have built. The differences we made. The smiles we have given. All this is done by individuals. All catalyzed by our organization, Lions International. Membership is important. If you prefer, stop talking about it. Never stop building it. We are at a turning point. Are you going to make just a little difference?

Let me leave you with these words. I wish they were my own.

I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.
--Helen Keller

Cheers!
PDG Dave Wineman
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YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil. State Chairperson



Multiple District 11 is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for a month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 – August 22, 2024.

Host families need not be Lion members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults comes with spending money, and additional activities will be at your discretion. If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact: State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email epmarfil5@gmail.com

The following District will be hosting 4 students:

COUNTRY	HOST CLUB	DISTRICT	HOST FAMILY
BRAZIL -Female	BUCHANAN LIONS	11-B2	ALICE KRING
BELGIUM - Female	MATTAWAN LIONS	11-B2	JANET WARTMAN
POLAND- Female	MATTAWAN LIONS	11-B2	JANET WARTMAN
MONGOLIA- Male	PORTAGE LIONS	11-B2	ED/NOEMI KUDZIA
FRANCE – MALE	ASHLEY LIONS	11-C2	PDG BRENT BERACY
BULGARIA – MALE	ASHLEY LIONS	11-C2	PDG BRENT BERACY

Student going abroad:

COUNTRY	SPONSOR CLUB	DISTRICT	DONATION
NETHERLANDS-Female	PAW PAW LIONS CLUB	11-B2	\$500

Multiple District 11 need host family for the following students:

COUNTRY	GENDER
AUSTRIA	MALE
CROATIA	MALE
BELGIUM	MALE
FRANCE	MALE
ITALY	1 - FEMALE
MONGOLIA	MALE
SPAIN	1- FEMALE
	1 MALE
	1 MALE

SAVE THE DATE! DISTRICT CONVENTIONS 2024



A1 April 19-21, 2024
Lion Lula Gardfrey - Detroit, MI - PID Deb Weavering

A2 April 12-14, 2024
Lion Kelly Unruh - Grand Rapids, MI - PID Tom Gordon

B1 April 6 2024
Lion Annette Hemeryck - Jackson, MI - ID Marie Cuning

B2 March 22-23, 2024
Lion Amy Thackston - Kalamazoo, MI - ID Joanne Ogden

C1 10-May-24
Lion Mike O'Lonergan - LST Muskegon - PID Jenny Ware

C2 March 8-9, 2024
Lion Ted Hamilton - Owosso, MI - ID Lee Vrieze

D1 April 5-7, 2024
Lion Bill Bauder - Cadillac, MI - ID Edwin Guy Hollander

D2 April 5-7, 2024
Lion Jim White - Port Huron, MI - PID Shea Nickell

E1 April 19-20, 2024
Lion Jim Patterson - Mt. Pleasant, MI - PID Bob Block

E2 April 19-20, 2024
Lion Steven Murch - Alpena, MI - ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SD10 April 19-21, 2024
Lion Dan Perkins - Ishpeming, MI - PID Dianne Pitts

MD11 May 16-18, 2024
CC John Daoud - Grand Rapids, MI - PIP Sid Scruggs III

White Cane Supplies

Popular Picks: For photos of items visit our website at www.lionsofmi.com

Certificate of Appreciation
Recognize businesses and individuals who support your White Cane Drive.
60¢/each

String Tags
Blue tag with cane on front. White Cane Law printed on back.
\$60.00/1000



Bib Apron
Over-the-shoulder apron made of heavy duck. Durable and good for all your Lions projects.
\$14.00/each

White Cane Placemats
Very colorful and great for public relations! (measures 10"x13")
\$21.00/500



Waist Apron
Cloth apron with two large pockets for collecting money and holding white cane supplies.
\$8.00/each

Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Boxes
White fiberboard collection boxes include stickers on three sides. Small box measures 9x9x14 1/2, large box measures 14x14x30.
\$6.50/each (small)
\$8.50/each (large)

Extra Eyeglass Collection Box Stickers
Each set consists of two large stickers promoting used eyeglass and hearing aid collection and one small sticker with club contact information.
\$3.00/each (set of 3)



CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR OTHER GREAT ITEMS!

White Cane Leader Patch
Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.
\$3.00/each

White Cane Leader Pin
Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.
\$1.50/each



White Cane Law Pamphlet
Tri-fold brochure which features the White Cane Law and Public Accommodations act. It also explains what an individual should do when encountering a blind person.
\$20.00/250

White Cane Bookmarks
Bookmark with White Cane Law printed on back. Great giveaway for libraries.
\$10.00/100



White Cane Stickers
Two-color stickers on a roll. Design features the Lions logo and White Cane traffic symbol. 2 1/2" in diameter.
\$32.00/1000



WHITE CANE ORDER FORM

Lions/Lioness Club Name _____
District _____ Date _____



SHIPPING ADDRESS:		BILLING ADDRESS:	
Name: _____	_____	Name: _____	_____
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City: _____ Zip _____	_____	City: _____ Zip _____	_____
Phone: _____	_____	City: _____ Zip _____	_____

UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	String Tags	1000/box	\$60.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$32.00	
	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$8.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$6.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$1.50	
**You will be billed for shipping and handling fees.	** Shipping and Handling			
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WHITE CANE ORDER FORM

Thank You for supporting the 2024 Michigan Lions Forum

**Many thanks to our speakers at the Forum.
Your participation is what makes this such an
outstanding event.**

Beth Slade, Leader Dogs for the Blind
 Roberta Sexton & Surae Eaton, Demystifying Dementia
 & Brain Health
 Jeff Mayuiers, Zone Chair Training
 Terri Huffman, Lions and Service
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 Carl Webster, Building Healthy Clubs & Keynote
 Address, Autopsy of a Lions Club
 Deborah Davis, Lions of Michigan All State Band
 Traci Tribbley, Lions Bear Lake Camp
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 Doug Klein, Social Media
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FELECIA BRADFORD

When faced with the challenge of losing your job because you've lost your sight, many of us would feel at a loss for how to handle such a life-changing situation. Felecia Bradford is the exception.

Ms. Bradford served as a police officer for the City of Flint from 1985-2008, moving to Flint Community Schools as a school security officer from 2008-2011. As a retired police officer she found this journey of being legally blind difficult to adjust to, but rose above it after attending the Bureau of Services for the Blind Training Center located in Kalamazoo. After being selected as student-of-the-year upon completion of the program, she knew there was more she had to offer.

Of her many ways to contribute, one in particular stands out. Felecia worked with Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley and successfully petitioned for the installation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals in downtown Flint. She also began a braille program in the community and organized a Right to Sight Gala.

Currently serving as the acting secretary of the National Federation of the Blind in Flint, Felecia is a student at Mott Community College in Flint while working full time as a janitor, maintaining a 3.8 GPA. She is working toward a major as a Social Work Technician and without a doubt will be Changing the World with her drive and passion!

CALEB GEIGER

Caleb's story is proof that there is no stopping a determined teenager. At 13½ this healthy, active, teen was diagnosed with optic neuropathy and became legally blind. Devastating news for anyone to receive, for certain, but his determination kicked into high gear, and he decided blindness was not going to get in the way of his dreams.

As a fierce competitor in sports, he focused on competing in academics, learning braille and other assistive equipment, is a member of NHS and National Technical Honor Society, and he successfully maintains a GPA of 3.97.

His passion for sports drove him to research and learn how to continue participating in cross country and track. He now successfully competes by being tethered to a running guide and has qualified for state competitions.

Caleb has learned to use adaptive equipment enabling him to continue hunting. He hopes to use what he has learned to support more hunting opportunities for the visually impaired.

A 2023 graduate of Bad Axe High School, Caleb now attends Northwood University and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in finance. This scholarship will assist in

EXHIBITORS

**Camp Quality
Eversight**

**Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind &
Visually Impaired**

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Lions Bear Lake Camp

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions of Michigan All State Band

Lions of Michigan Foundation

Lions Youth Camps and Exchange

MD 11 Convention

Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind

Reading Action Program

The Ugly Clasp – Handcrafted Jewelry

Winter Camp for the Blind

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

financing his continuing education, and the Lions of Michigan are proud to make a small investment into his bright future.

LUCA SCHWALM

Outlier: a person, thing, or fact that is very different from other people, things, or facts. As the only person in a school of 1,200+ students who is visually impaired, outlier perfectly describes Luca!

An academic standout and a severe visual disability may not always seem compatible but with Luca it's a way of life. Already accepted into several prestigious colleges both in and out of Michigan, Luca credits the exceptional team at Northwestern Education Services in Traverse City for ensuring that every aspect of the learning process was accessible. Larger print textbooks, software, or a proprietary laptop? No problem!

Biomedical Science Instructor Ian McGurn describes Luca as exuding kindness, open-mindedness, compassion, and true academic curiosity. Many have been inspired by Luca through volunteer work at the Traverse City District Library and their advocacy for mental health resources in schools.

Luca plans to obtain a bachelor's in dramatic writing.

NICOLE SMITH

Nicole is a member of the National Federation of the Blind Flint/Genesee Chapter, and actively attends conventions and chapter meetings. She volunteers for NFB as a recruiter and assists with promoting the organization in any way possible.

Formerly a shy person with no "drive", Nicole is now committed to learning as much as she can about braille and current technology for the blind, new legislation, and changes in the American Disabilities Act.

Furthering her education weighed on her heavily, but inspiration came in the way of a visually impaired mentor who was pursuing college, and she was motivated to jump back into college once again. She is currently a student at Mott Community College, is working a full-time job and raising her child.

This scholarship will help ease some of the financial burden and focus on the goal she has set to pursue a career in social work and helping others.



Melbourne 2024

106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Lions International 106th Convention: Destination Melbourne, Australia! June 21-25

New this year: More flexible hotel reservations allowing all Lions and Leos to book their stay at any of the participating hotels. Get the lowest rates available and choose from any of the conveniently location hotel partners. A full list of participating hotels can be found here:

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/hotel-travel/hotels/>

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Registration Open
Parade Office Open
FVDG/DGE Seminar
Exhibit Hall Open
District Governors-Elect Celebration Banquet

Exhibit Hall Open
Elections
MJF Luncheon
Seminars

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Registration Open
Parade of Nations
Exhibit Hall Open
Business Session Present the Candidates for International Director
International Show

MONDAY, JUNE 24

Registration Open
Second Plenary Session
Memorial Service, LCIF Session, Keynote Speaker
Exhibit Hall Open
Elections Seminars
Past International Presidents / Past International Directors / District Governors / Past District Governors Banquet

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Registration Open
Opening Plenary Session
Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony, Nominations for Third Vice President

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Registration Open Elections Closing Plenary Session
Installation of 2024-2025 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony,
Installation of 2024-2025 District Governors
International Officers Meet and Greet



Join us!

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

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



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



Scan to apply!



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

Visit www.lionsmiband.org for complete audition information. Audition music and information is available online. All auditions may be submitted online.

> LIONS CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



Lions Clubs International

Home

- Adjust heat/air conditioning thermostats two degrees to save 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.
- Change heating filters to save 350 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.
- Insulate your home. Have an energy audit.
- Purchase energy-efficient appliances.
- When not in use, turn off electrical appliances.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs to reduce energy consumption 60%.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Reduce the temperature of water heaters by 10 degrees.
- Install water-saving devices in showers and toilets.
- Wash only full loads of laundry.
- Wash clothes in warm or cold water. Use low phosphate laundry detergent.
- Use cloth baby diapers.
- Use cloth dishtowels and napkins instead of paper towels and napkins.
- Plant a vegetable garden.
- Purchase locally grown produce.
- Purchase items in bulk.
- Use reusable string or fabric shopping bags.
- Give excess paint to a friend.
- Pay bills online.

DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENT PROJECT:

- Evaluate community needs.
- Partner with local organizations.
- Determine the best project for the community.
- Review Lions Green Team resources.
- Plan the procedures, materials needed, and a budget.
- Submit the plan to Lions club, district, and/or multiple district leaders for approval.



Once approved, the project chairperson should:

- Obtain municipal permits.
- Place event posters throughout the community.
- Recruit Lion volunteers.
- Provide protective clothing for volunteers.
- Create large Lions signs for the project.
- Invite the media to witness - or participate in - the Lions environment project through press releases.

After the project:

- Provide a certificate of appreciation for participants.
- Update local media on the success of the project.
- Thank all sponsors.
- Submit final report to club, district, multiple district and International Headquarters.

LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

To illustrate the beauty of nature, every Lion (from a club in good standing) can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest. The photo categories are:

- animal life
- plant life
- urban or natural landscape
- weather phenomenon
- a special annual theme



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Lions are Ready

Four of the most implemented Lions environmental projects are:
• Community clean-ups • Tree plantings • Recycling • Education

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP PROJECTS

Community clean-ups are a great way to improve the environment:

- Adopt-a-highway, waterway or park. Maintain its litter-free appearance.
- Clean a waterway; re-stock it with fish.
- Remove graffiti from a public place.
- Improve a playground or athletic field.
- Landscape a public area.
- Check lead levels in school drinking fountains and replace pipes if needed.
- Encourage the use of organic instead of chemical fertilizers.

TREE PLANTING PROJECTS

Trees absorb carbon from the atmosphere, conserve soil and water, provide homes for animals, shade for humans, and are a source of food and medicine.

- Trees can serve as a living memorial of a club anniversary or a member's birthday.
- Some clubs have planted Lions memorial forests.
- Other clubs have sponsored contests. The grand prize was a tree planted in honor of the contest winner.

Tree planting tips from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):

- Dig a hole twice as wide as the root ball. Slightly loosen the root ball.
- Place the tree in the hole.
- Cover the hole with soil. Pat down the soil.
- Water the tree.
- Remove weeds around the tree. Protect the tree from animals.

RECYCLING PROJECTS

Recycle at Lions events. A few Lions recycling projects are:

- Eyeglasses and hearing aids
- Paper, books, magazines, telephone books
- Aluminum, metal keys, metal clothes hangers
- Plastic products
- Motor oil, paint
- Cellular telephones, computers, inkjet cartridges
- Rubber-soled athletic shoes
- Organic matter in a compost pile.

Reuse projects include:

- Clothing drives
- The collection of canes, crutches, wheelchairs and other medical supplies to donate to those in need.

EDUCATION PROJECTS

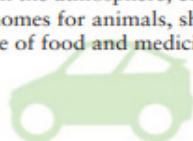
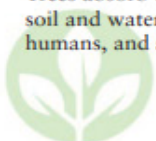
Lions can inform the public about environment issues:

- Sponsor a hybrid car exhibit.
- Sponsor an environment contest.
- Raise funds for an environment project.
- Encourage schools to teach an environment curriculum.
- Sponsor a school-based ecology club.

ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY ACTIONS

Automobiles

- Drive your car 10 miles less per week and save 500 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions per year.
- Keep car tires inflated for fuel efficiency.
- Air conditioning leaks are a major source of chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) release into the atmosphere which causes depletion of the atmospheric ozone.
- Purchase a fuel-efficient or hybrid automobile.





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FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

Scholarship Criteria - Documentation Required

- ◆ Applicant must submit proof of hearing loss, examples: recent audiogram, physician’s verification, or an IEP if you are a high school senior.
- ◆ Applicant must be a resident of Michigan for at least 1 year.
- ◆ Applicant must have current GPA of 2.6 or higher. If you have received a GED please attach a copy of your GED certificate. GPA does not affect eligibility of the award.
- ◆ Applicant must submit documentation of registration into a college, university, or trade school.

Emily Staffen - Scholarship Recipient

- ◆ Applicant must submit 1 letter of recommendation from either a relative, friend, or professional contact.
- ◆ Applicant must submit a photo with your application to be used for publication.
- ◆ Applicant must complete the waiver form and include it with your application.
- ◆ Applicant can use a choice of media to submit their application: essay, videotape presentation, PowerPoint presentation.
- ◆ Completed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2024.
- ◆ Scholarship winners will be notified by June 1, 2024.

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Alternate Contact Information: _____

Name of College/University/Trade School: _____

Major: _____ Minor (if applicable): _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

High School Attended: _____ Current GPA: _____

List Community Service Activities:

ESSAY

Please submit a brief essay (no more than 2 pages) about yourself. We would like to know your academic interests, why you feel you are deserving of this award, how you plan to use the funds if you are awarded a scholarship, some of the challenges you have and currently face, and any additional personal information you would like to share. All or some of your essay may be published and distributed.

Note: There is no age limit for these scholarships. If you have been out of school for over 3 years please tell us in your comments why you are returning to school at this time, and please let us know what you have been doing during your time away from school. If you need additional information, please contact Lions of Michigan Foundation at info@lhcmi.org.

> 104th LIONS CONVENTION

JOIN FELLOW LIONS AT THE 104TH MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION IN GRAND RAPIDS!

MICHIGAN LIONS - CHANGING THE WORLD



2024 MD 11 Lions Convention Michigan Lions: Changing the World!

LCI Guest Speaker Past International President Sid Scruggs
May 16-18, 2024 Sheraton by Marriott, Grand Rapids, MI
Call for reservations today: (866) 610-0198 Code M11 (April 28th deadline to receive discounted price)

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest
 Club Name _____ District _____
 Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
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Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member? _____

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 16, 2024	\$ _____
_____ Thursday Bus Trip Rockford Picnic	\$ _____-0-
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion/Leo	\$ _____
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_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$25.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$16.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$40.00 per person	\$ _____

Entrée Choice: _____ MENU TBD!
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Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

Everyone **MUST** pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless registration fee is paid. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is **May 1, 2024**. No refunds after May 1, 2024. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Sheraton by Marriott, Grand Rapids. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

Mail to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911



Lions Clubs of Michigan SD10 and MD11, Lions International

MICHIGAN LIONS...CHANGING THE WORLD!

The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is please to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships for the 2024 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention May 16-18, 2024 SHERATON by MARRIOTT, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

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Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000

Speaking opportunity during the Saturday Awards Banquet (up to 10 minutes); Advertisement in the Lion Pride publication; advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event; insert included in welcome packet

Gold Sponsor - \$500

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Our highly popular Kick-off Picnic, Hospitality Room or Coffee Break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display; insert included in welcome packet

Heart of a Lion - \$150 Club Special!

Breakout Session or Coffee Break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings booklet; banner on display

All sponsors who commit by April 1, 2024, will be listed on promotional materials, in the Lion Pride publication, on the Lions of Michigan website and Face Book page. Checks should be made out to Lions of Michigan and mailed to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911. Contact wburns@lionsofmi.com or call 517-887-6640 for further details.

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MD11 Convention

MAY 16-18, GRAND RAPIDS SHERATON

Kickoff Picnic

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

6:00 PM

Rotary Jaycee Park, Rockford

HOSTED BY ROCKFORD LIONS CLUB

FOOD PREPARED BY SPARTA LIONS CLUB

\$10 PER PERSON

Hop the bus at the Sheraton **or** meet on-site!



MD-11 CONVENTION

MICHIGAN LIONS...CHANGING THE WORLD!

MAY 16-18, 2024

LIONS PROM NIGHT CELEBRATION

Join us for a friendly competition with other clubs in your district to raise money for the chance to become Lions Prom King or Queen!

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

GRAND RAPIDS SHERATON



Your District Governor will announce the Project and fundraising will begin now through **April 30**.

The deadline for districts to move two candidates forward to the King & Queen's Court will be **April 30**.

Final contestants can fundrais until **7 pm May 17**, crowning w take place Friday evening.

Notify Lions Convention Co-Chairs Dave and Brenda Hacke of nominees by **May 1**.

COME PROM ATTIRE READY!



11 A1

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PID Debra Weaverling to speak at A1 District Convention. Join District A1 Lions and guests at the District Convention April 19-21, 2024. LCI Guest speaker PID Debra Weaverling is from Basehor, Kansas, and will spend the weekend inspiring and motivating Lions! The event will be held at the Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport.



Congratulations to Lion Kim Hooper who has been selected to be Second Vice District Governor and a part of the team with District Governor, Lula Gardfrey and First District Governor La Wanna Lofton - Coleman.



During the Martin Luther King Tribute at the Charles Wright Museum of African American History on Jan. 15, 2024, Detroit Renaissance Lion member Theo Broughton, Cofounder of Hood Research was recognized for her many years of her community service to the residents of Metro-Detroit. (photo of Lions Theo, left, and Tijuana, right. photo by Ron Coleman)

CYBER LIONS CLUB BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Sunday February 25, 2024 Classic Lanes, Rochester Hills. Unlimited bowling, raffle drawings, 50/50 and more! Contact Alka Khindri, 248-495-2398 or Swati Paranjpe 248-310-9685. Money raised will help with humanitarian projects supported by the Cyber Lions Club.



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

Detroit Westtown-Hartford Lions Club attended the Annual Adopt-A-Child Program at Penrickton Center for Blind Children. The club provided plenty of gifts and clothing for their adopted child and spent plenty of time spoiling him and sharing in holiday cheer.

Detroit Renaissance Lions Club together with the Detroit Lions Club hosted a Blind Run 313 3K walk/run in honor of National Blindness Awareness Month, at Detroit's Tolan Park.



2023 GDABVI Holiday Party was a HUGE success! With over 45 guests/clients in attendance there was lots of laughter, great food, beautiful presents to open and music to be shared.



Livonia High Nooners Lions Club members and volunteers sorted and wrapped gifts that Santa Claus gave to the very special children at Cooke School in Northville this holiday season. The Lions have provided gifts for students at Cooke for decades. It's truly a labor of love, and parochial in this labor has motivated many members to join the Lions. The gift is in the giving, and we're happy to do so! The club also delivered gifts to DMC Children's Hospital Snow Pile event. These new toys will be given to pediatric patients at the hospital.



Detroit Renaissance Lions met for an evening performance of Holiday Cabaret at the Detroit Public Theater.



11 A2

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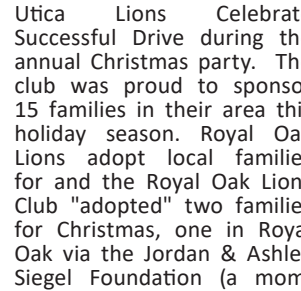
Richmond Lions Club, with assistance from Richmond Middle School students, helped provide non-perishable food items that the Lions will sort out, pack and deliver to those in need. For families with children delivery will include toys assuring that "No child goes without Christmas". Thanks to local businesses purchasing Goodfellow newspaper ads and generous donations.



Armada Lions Club: Rolling Dough for Area Children Members gathered to roll change from the sale of Goodfellow Papers and will donate the money to a good cause.



Ortonville Lions Club members purchased wreaths for the Great Lakes National Cemetery annually, participates in the distribution of the wreaths, and also the removal of the wreaths in January. "Remember, Honor, Teach". (left to right) Lonnie Dew, President Stan Hughes, Dave Rheaume, and Roy Langolf placing a wreath at the grave site of a fellow OLC member at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly during the annual Wreaths Across America Wreath Day



Utica Lions Celebrate Successful Drive during the annual Christmas party. The club was proud to sponsor 15 families in their area this holiday season. Royal Oak Lions adopt local families for and the Royal Oak Lions Club "adopted" two families for Christmas, one in Royal Oak via the Jordan & Ashley Siegel Foundation (a mom, two sons and a daughter) and one in Berkley via Berkley Huntington Woods Youth Assistance / BHWYA (a mom, three sons and a daughter). Our members and a "friend of the Royal Oak Lions" personally donated the items requested by the families.



Sterling Heights Lionesses Lions Club Branch hosts a bimonthly Tea & Strumpets fundraiser. Our lunch/tea event had a mini festival of tables, a catered lunch, raffles and a Pretty Christmas Shirt contest. This event is always very well attended. Our next Tea & Strumpets will be a Mardi Gras theme on February 20th at noon.

Royal Oak Lions Club received a proclamation from the City of Royal Oak commemorating the 95th Anniversary of our club.

Let's Party at the Hardrock! District A2 Convention will be held April 12-14 at the DoubleTree Hilton, Grand Rapids. Make your hotel reservations and register for this event of the year, today! PID Tom Gordon is the LCI guest speaker.

Roseville Lions Club will hold a STEAK-OUT fundraising dinner on Saturday, March 9. Door prizes, raffles and all-you-can-eat!



> REGION NEWS



11 B1

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Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund: Cindy Olmstead, President/CEO of the Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund. It is located at the G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility in Jackson and the Women's Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti, preparing braille materials to schools and individuals all over the United States, Canada and Mexico. Incarcerated men and women who are trained in braille transcribing can pursue a similar career upon release. It can take many years to complete the training to be certified. The Lions of District 11-B1 and 11-C2 were instrumental in helping this program get started in 1962. It is now self-supporting from the sale of braille materials (mainly textbooks) and donations and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club invite you to hear Lion Donna Wicker share a presentation on her Lions Vision Mission with Gary Anderson and the Grand Rapids Lions to Suriname, on the north coast of South America in early February. Tuesday February 27 at 5:10pm via Zoom. Contact Lion Donna for details.



Ann Arbor Host Lions Club collected and donated warm winter clothing to 20 homeless men of the Delonis Center who are staying at the First Presbyterian Church's nighttime overflow shelter. The club donated 20 neck scarves, 24 beanie hats, 24 pairs of heavy socks, 15 waterproof ski gloves, 48 chapsticks, and 10 double pack hand warmers. This project was the club's January project. In February, the club will collect and donate additional supplies of the same warm winter items to the First Congregational Church's daytime warming shelter. This shelter will serve a different group of homeless people who will have a need for these items.



BC Cereal City Lions members and guests work hard all year serving the community.



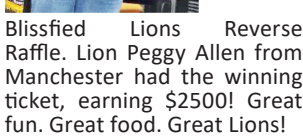
"Evening With Santa" was held by the Adrian Breakfast Lions with help from The Adrian Evening Lions, Blissfield Lions, Clinton Lions, and Manchester Lions. Nearly 400 guests were treated to refreshments, activities, games, hayrides, gifts, and Santa. Every child received a book purchased with funds provided by District 11-B-1 or donated books by the Adrian and Tecumseh District Libraries. We wish to thank our many other sponsors, McDonalds of Adrian and Hudson, TLC Credit Union, Lenco Credit Union, the Clinton Lions Club, The Adrian Evening Lions Club, the Community Action Agency, the Lenawee ISD, and the City of Adrian.



Lion Melissa Jacobs looks on as a successful throw is made in the Snowball Toss. Alex rolls a strike in Snowman Bowling resulting in a reward of candy. Thanks to the generosity of District 11-B-1 and the Adrian and Tecumseh District Libraries, there were plenty of books to give out to children. Manchester Lions generously donated toys for lucky raffle winners. Coloring Christmas drawings is always a popular activity. Many guests took the hayride through the park to see the holiday lights. Santa listens to the Christmas wishes of two of the many children attending.



Lions from Clinton, Adrian Breakfast, and Ann Arbor Evening attended the Blissfield Lions Reverse Raffle. Lion Peggy Allen from Manchester had the winning ticket, earning \$2500! Great fun. Great food. Great Lions!



Michigan Center Lions Club supplied 70 local families with food and gifts over the holidays. The club also generously donated \$3000.00 to Lions Bear Lake Camp.



Battle Creek Cereal City Lions supports a local charity shop, Charitable Union, who provides free donated goods to community members. The club recently donated: 6 warm coats, 12 scarves, 12 neck warmers, 2 blankets, 42 hats, 22 hat/glove sets, 66 pairs of gloves, 54 pairs of socks.

Bedford Area Lions Club continues its Soup and Salad Fundraising Program each. There is no direct charge, but they have a collection box for donations. It's open to everyone and is a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun for a great cause. Dinner is served from 5pm-7pm on Thursdays. Upcoming dinner dates are March 21st, April 18th. Bedford Lions are collecting blankets, both new and gently used, for the homeless community. If you have any that you would like to donate, you can drop them at the Lions building in Bedford or contact any members of Bedford Area Lions Club for pick-up. With your help, Bedford hopes to make these cold days a little more tolerable for those in the community who are often forgotten.

Clinton Lions Club Congratulates Josslyn of Clinton Middle School for her second place finish in the District Peace Poster Contest. Great job! Award presented by Lion Gregg Brindamour



DG Annette Hemeryck took the plunge again this year for a good cause: Lions Bear Lake Camp!



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Dexter Lions Club replaced the old community sign with a beautiful new, welcoming sign at the edge of town. The Dexter Lions and the Dexter Community Schools shared the cost of having a new sign made.



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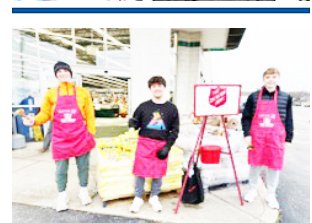
The Edwardsburg Lions Club was very excited to have Amy Anderson rejoin the Club! Amy was queen of the games for the Christmas party as she had fun Christmas Bingo, the quarter challenge of heads or tails and planned the gift exchange game done by a deck of cards. Everyone had such a great time as Amy can make any game a fun time for young at heart!



Buchanan-Galien LEO Club provided caroling for the local senior center and neighboring community. This is the fourth year the LEOs have caroled for our community seniors. The LEO club went shopping recently for their fourth annual Adopt a Family for Christmas.



The LEO club went shopping recently for their fourth annual Adopt a Family for Christmas. They helped guests pick out presents for their families at Redburn Area Ministries(RAM) today! This is their fourth year helping at this event



The Mattawan LEO Club lead a Salvation Army drive this December and rang in \$2190.84.



The Coloma Lions Club President Peter Becker is shown presenting a \$500.00 check from the Coloma Lions Club to Carol Sternaman, Director of Hope Resources in Coloma to assist in supporting their efforts assisting many families in the community over the Holiday Season. Looking on is District 11-B-2 District Governor Amy Thackston who was visiting The Coloma Lions Club. Rather than picking a single family The Coloma Lions Club a few years ago felt it would better serve our Community by adding to the ability of the local food bank to serve a larger number of families.



Kal Haven Lions held their annual kids Christmas Party at the Gobles Methodist Church. Lions are shown with toys generously donated by members of our local communities. Each family was entered into a free turkey raffle with 8 turkeys were awarded. Each child was given a stuffed animal, a choice of a new toy and a visit with Santa.



Lincoln Township, the Lakeshore Lions Club and other community members banded together to raise more than \$16,000 for the Lincoln Township Police Department to buy a utility task vehicle. Bansen said the 2023 Defender MAX HD7 UTV will be useful for security and helpful during special use parking events due to its compact size.

The plan to raise funds for the police department started about a year ago when the Lions Club reached out to the police department.



The Project KidSight Team exceeded last year's total of 12,535 which is amazing as we surpassed that total in four months. Our total as of December 13th, 2023 is 15,238 students screened with 1,494 students being referred. The number we are most proud of is how many students our SPOT camera found as a referral because of an abnormality. These are the kids that we want to get to an eye care professional to get help if needed so they can see better. It will impact their life if they get the care they need as soon as possible.

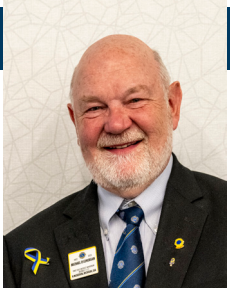


Lion Cub Zoey reads to a local Senior home every Wednesday. Lion Nila is responsible for the South Haven Santa Letter Project. Lions Amy, Blake, and Cub Zoey helped her respond to over 2,200 letters this year. Lion Nila also started a collection of blankets for local Senior homes each year. Lion Cub Zoey helped hand them out and looks forward to giving some to the Seniors she reads to soon.



Annual Christmas Concert this year was performed by the St. Joseph High School Orchestra, directed by Burke Lokey, and accompanied by Ms. Rachel Cabanilla. Earlier this year Director Lokey Burke had been named Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Chapter of the American String Teacher Association (MASTA). The orchestra treated us to a festive classical selection of music which included two guest Lion musicians accompanying the orchestra on "Sleigh Ride": Lion Lundgren on bells and Lion Nordberg on wood blocks. Outstanding, plucky, and fun performance by all. Lion President Gordy thanked the orchestra by presenting them with a donation from the Lions.





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Allegan Lions Club held a fundraiser to benefit the Club's service projects and the Allegan Griswold Auditorium maintenance fund by presenting the Jeff Daniel's Comedy "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at the Allegan Griswold Auditorium

PDG Paul Hodge was Jimmer Nagominee, Lion Christopher Hodge was Reuben Soady, Lion Vicki Hodge was producer/director, David Hodge was Albert Soady, Parker Johnson was Remnar Soad, Jesse Dye was Ranger Tom, Melissa Hodge was Wolf Moon Dance



DISTRICT 11C1 PROJECTS NIGHT was held at the Rockford Sportsman's Club in Rockford MI, With a new twist and format in place - Imagine "Speed Dating" With eight projects set up around the room at separate tables surrounded by chairs allowing everyone to be able to pick the projects they wanted to hear and learn about, after about 7 minutes a whistle would sound and the Lions would move to the next project. Every attendee had a Speed pass card and received a stamp from the project presenter when they visited their table. There was a drawing for door prizes for those with six stamps on their cards.

A delicious dinner and dessert were served, with a silent auction and raffles. It was a fun, interactive and informative evening with a great turnout! Fun times and great fellowship!



Ravenna Lions Club held their annual Fruit/Coop Steak Fry and raffle this fall. Now famous for their outstanding cookouts, it's no surprise there Lions from several clubs in the district They served up a delicious dinner with steak, potato, salad, vegetable, roll and dessert and DG Michael inducted two new members!



Fruitport Lions Club held their annual Fish Fry in the fall, which was another great turn out with several Lions clubs from District 11C1 in attendance.

The club celebrated their milestone 75th Anniversary celebration at the Star Light Room in Fruitport. With social hour, silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and dinner which was catered by the Ravenna Lions Club. Congratulations Fruitport Lions!

It wouldn't be the holidays without the 18th Annual Old Fashioned Christmas event at Pomona Park, which is a free event for the community featuring hay rides, lighted Christmas tree displays, food, beverage, live holiday music and special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Claus!



Lakewood Lions Club has assisted Manna's Market for 10 years, providing winter clothing. To date, 1300 coats and 470 pairs of boots have been donated. Manna's commitment and generosity to their local communities is made possible by generous donations. They continue to make a positive impact in the lives of many.



Muskegon Host Lions Club held their "Summer Camp for the Blind Adults" last August. Campers enjoyed boat rides, hikes through the woods, archery, crafts, and bingo at Camp Pioneer Trails in Montague MI. The club continues to stay active with White Cane Day, held at the farmer's market, placing flags along Seaway Drive during Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July and Labor Day, and of course - serving pancakes. 300 were served at the United Way Day of Caring event.



Rockford Lions Club rebuilt this float last summer and has been putting it to good use with it being in three parades in the last few months! Most recent was the Santa parade in Rockford. Before that, it was in the Sparta Lions nighttime lighted parade. The float loves showing up in parades around our district and promoting lionism! Reach out to the Rockford Lions if you'd like to see if it is available for your event.

Contact PDG Ron Riebschleger at ronrieb@gmail.com for availability.

And what would National Chili Day be without the Rockford Lions Club Chili Cook-Off? Not the same! 2-22-24!



Lion Lana O'Lonegan has her eye on the prize! Lion Zone Chair Lana O'Lonegan won the Super Bowl Winter Triathlon in Muskegon. Shooting, Speed Skating, Lugging, and skiing were her events. Congratulations!



Triathlon winner Lion Lana receives the winning trophy.



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Laingsburg Lions served 152 free meals for the community on a cold and icy night in January. It was a packed house at the American Legion. Our next spaghetti dinner will be February 20th from 5-7pm at the Legion.



Lions Lew Deisler, Phil Hamilton, Ted Hamilton DG Durand Lions President Lew Deisler and DG Ted Hamilton induct Lion Phil Hamilton into the Club



Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Lion Eileen Delaney is the R322 Zone Chair (Holt, MSU, Mason) and she updated members on the activities of other Lions Clubs in the Zone. However, since she brought along her current "puppy in training," she mostly talked about her District Chair duties for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Club members asked questions throughout her presentation, making for an interesting, interactive, and informative presentation. She is also involved with Youth Exchange, and she spoke about how that program now has a week-long summer program at Bear Lake Camp. At the conclusion of her talk, President Chris Buck presented Lion Eileen Delaney with a "Mason Lions" coffee mug as a thank-you gift



Christmas Celebration: A small group of St. Johns Lions Club members gathered on December 14 at Main Street Café to celebrate the season. Several members were absent due to illness and previous commitments. Those who attended brought food and other items to donate to the Beacon of Hope food pantry. Thank you for your support.



Elsie Lions Club 30th Annual Wild Game Dinner was recently held and featured the highly popular gun raffle.



A special thanks to Bretton Woods Lions Club for their warm hat/glove donations and to Michigan Lions District 11C2, Zone 4 clubs of Bancroft Lions & Delta DeWitt Ledges Lioness Lions for their busy hands assembling holiday stockings of personal needs & a bit of fun. Recipients who benefit this year are the Davies Project, the Small Children's Clothes Closet hosted by Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ and EVE (Ending Violent Encounters).



Lion George Walter introduced Mrs Audry Fabus who gave the den a history and updates of the DeWitt Community Christmas Basket Program. She has been part of the effort for 47 years that was started by the DeWitt Host Lions Club and worked from the basement of one of the members delivering groceries and children clothes and toys. Over the years they have worked from various locations and now use the DeWitt City Fire Station. Schools have food drives and "Stuff a bus" to collect items. Names of families to be SERVED are collected from school counselors and limited to Clinton County residents. There have been 15 - 20 families helped in the past few years. She said many of the "delivery Santas" were from the Lions Club. Delivery will be December 14, 2024. Excess collected food is given to local church food banks.

The Bretton Woods Lions Club will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary next month on February 22nd. The Charlotte and Grand Ledge Lions clubs sponsored us on February 23, 1954. All Lions and spouses are invited to join us at the One North Restaurant at 5001 W. Saginaw in Lansing at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 per person with your choice from six dinner options. Dinner salads are extra, and alcoholic drinks can be purchased from any waitress inside our private dining room. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. Please send reservations to Lion President Bernie Schneider at 517 323-9419 or Bschneider733@gmail.com by February 10th. You can mail your check in or pay at the door. His address is 733 Lincoln Court, Lansing MI 48917. We hope many of you will be able to come and help us celebrate this big event.



Vermontville Lion Brenda Hoard presents their January Veteran of The Month Award to Vermontville Army veteran Bob Starring.



Bancroft Lioness Lions Club adopted a family in need at Christmas. We donated towards the District Stocking Stuffing project. We are a sponsor for the Lions Bear Lake Polar Plunge, we added a new member in December and January. We changed our meeting place to the Bancroft Community Hall on Warren St. Newest members Chuck Matthew's, Tina Perry and Alexandria Smith



Lions Rick Howlett, Gordie Kunzelman, Becky Hamilton and DG Ted Hamilton

The Stockbridge Lions welcomed the cold of winter with a hot auction dinner meeting honored by DG Ted and Becky Hamilton in attendance. The club raised very close to \$5,000.00 in donations for Stockbridge Community Outreach and its Adopt a Family holiday program. Our very special MC auctioneer, Gordie Kunzelman, made certain the monies left everyone's pockets with smiles on their faces, and a dedicated group of Lion shoppers bought and wrapped pile upon pile of wish list gifts to make a Merry Christmas possible for many in the community.



Durand Lions DG Ted Hamilton, PDG Tracy Temple, and PDG Lloyd Kilbreath recently assisted a Durand resident with our temporary wheelchair ramp.



The Vermontville Lions Club recently honored Vermontville residents Philip Byington (U.S. Army Air Corp honorable discharge 1949) and Bob Gardner (U.S. Navy honorable discharge 1959) as their Lions Club Veterans of the Month.



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Bay City Lions Club is sponsoring a "Build a Bed" workshop for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This organization works with volunteers to build beds for children who would otherwise go without.

Flushing Lions Club have started to sell Foundation Raffle Tickets at the Local Supermarket and plan to do so the first four months of the year. Our jar with the donations collects about twice what the ticket sales are for January. Sales are currently over 100. We have a group of puppy raisers in the club as well as two Leader Dog Clients. Four presentations were made this month at schools, and for the Scouts trying to obtain additional puppy raisers. The puppies being raised were shown as well as working Leader Dogs.

Kingston Lions Club enjoyed celebrating with Mayville & Caro Lions Clubs at their annual Christmas party. They also held a raffle to win 5 Turkey dinners over the holiday season.

District-wide Food Fight to Benefit SNVC: Saturday, April 20 at the Polish-American Club located in Caro.

Register today for the District 11 D1 Convention!

Flint Lions Auxiliary held a soup, salad and pie supper in February. This delicious fundraiser covers all the basic food groups and offers a great time for all in attendance. Additional pies were offered for sale at just \$10 each.



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USA LIONS CLUB
 Congratulations to Leslie Shenberger, Wayne Volz and Sherrie Clark who received Lions Melvin Jones Fellowship s at a recent USA Lions Club Meeting! Well done and well deserved.



Congratulations Elkton Lions Club on a successful year of humanitarian service to the community. Thank you for the invitation to your Christmas Party! The food was great, but the company was even greater! Elkton is a leader in serving the community and beyond.

Algonac Lions Club will host the 86th Annual Pickerel Tournament and Festival held downtown July 3-7. There's a reason this event has been around for the past 85 years! Parade, car show, beer tent and fireworks are all part of the celebration. Make plans to attend this July and learn firsthand what all the excitement is about!



Port Huron Host Lions Club: Lion Frank - presenting a donation to Harbor House for children from Port Huron Host Lions Club! Thanks all!!! It is important we give the area youth every opportunity to succeed. This is what the Lions are about.



Lions Wayne, Sherrie and Leslie with International Director candidate PDG Lion Dave Wineman and Lion Lindy Wineman



Port Austin Lions Club found a great way to spend a snowy day! The rink is ready! PSA the blue dye may track so wear appropriate clothes. The Lions built this ice rink last year, for the community to enjoy.



HARBOR BEACH LIONS CLUB: From Wyandotte to Minden City, another project is complete. These 4 men met to assemble a ramp to make the outdoors more accessible for one of our local residents.



Memphis Lions Club conducted an auction for the purpose of improving the lions and youth center. The facility is used for boy scouts, senior dinners, little league, and soccer, along with the school's senior class functions. There is need to upgrade storage areas. The Memphis Lions donated several items and received several donations to auction off. This was a very successful auction lion Joe Phillips did an outstanding job with a lot of help from the members.



Marysville Lions present a check to Friends of the Library President, Christine Sass



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PDG Al Roeseler (sitting) and Lion Jason Perkins. Coleman Lions Club completed a KidSight Screening event during the Sanford Santa Express 2023. During the 4-day event spread over 2 weeks they screened a total of 183 children with 11 referrals (6%). Seven members contributed a total of 61.5 hours during this event. After the children were screened, they were able to select a free book to take home with them.



Lions Wendy and Billie Jo delivered gifts to Coleman Elementary School. Coleman Lions Club adopted a family of five, buying gifts for all, including a turkey for Christmas dinner. Two Coleman Girl Scouts and two Lions wrapped the presents! Lion Catrina, dressed in a Lion costume, rode in the back of a white convertible in the Coleman Christmas Parade



Weidman Lions Club recently participated in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest with the sixth grade class from Beal City's St. Joseph the Worker School. Picture features, from left, Bernie Baldwin from the Lions Club, Amanda Brickner (the winner), Holly Gottleber (runner up), and their teacher Jason Lipton.



PCC Jeff and PDG Sheryl Schafer made a trip to Southeastern Guide Dog located in Palmetto, Florida to return their 12th guide dog puppy (Tina, yellow Lab) and to pick up their 13th puppy (Captain, Golden/Lab mix). Pictured are photos of Tina being returned during the Freshman Orientation and Captain being picked up in front of their Puppy Development building.

DG Jim Patterson presented the Club Excellence Award (banner patch and pin) to the Coleman Lions Club President Ann Roeseler during the District 11E1 Cabinet meeting held at the Coleman Lions Club House on January 27. The award is given to clubs for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, Baldwin Lions Club contributed \$175 to Hollister Senior Center to sponsor an 8'X4'X36" raised flower bed. Our name plate will be on the side of it. The club also donated \$150 to each of 4 All State Band Students from our District. The funds to make these donations came from our recent chocolate sales during the holidays.



Luther Lions Club: Mark your calendars for our St. Patrick's Day Social, open to our Community and all District Lions. Its Saturday, March 16th. Doors open at 5 pm with the coffee on! Dinner begins at 5:45 pm and the Entertainment begins at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per person at the door. 50/50 Raffle and a raffle to try and win an Irish filled basket of goodies! BYOB. Our Entertainment will be the Northern Lights Irish Dance Academy. They will put on a dance performance and after we will be asked to come up and try our legs out as they teach us an Irish Folk dance! Hope to see you then.



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The Alpena Lions Club welcomed new member Brian Schumaker at the first meeting of 2024 on Tuesday. Brian brings many years of experience and dedication in serving the community. His years with MyMichigan Medical Center and his current position as Construction Superintendent for Habitat for Humanity of Northeast Michigan will benefit the Alpena Lions Club as he assumes his role as a dedicated and valued member.



King Lion Bruce Waters presents a check Lewiston Fire Chief Doug Baum in memory of Lion Roger Cohoe to help offset cost of our new rescue vehicle.

The Boyne Valley Lions lost an eminent member, Lion Rex Judkins in January, shortly after the December passing of another esteemed member, Lion Ronald Grunch. Your fellow District 11-E2 clubs send our sympathies to the Boyne Valley club for their double losses in such a short period.



Congratulations to Oscoda Lion Tony Priebe who received a Melvin Jones fellowship.



Speaker Anastasia Moser from the Boyne City Preschool gave Lions information about this educational program in their community. She also shared several pictures of the children who go to this school, and the teachers who make it work there.



Hillman Lions club was the beneficiary of the NJHS service of Abigail Oswald. Abigail organized a food drive from January 8-12 at the Hillman Elementary School. There was a competition between classes to bring in the most food with winner selected from grades K-2 and one from grades 3-5. The winning classes will be awarded a pizza party. The food drive brought in 684 items, which will be divided between the bi-monthly mobile food pantries at Patchwood Plaza and the new food pantry at the High School. The winning class in the K-2 group was Mrs. Oswald's 2nd grade class who brought in 338 items, and the winning 305 class was Mrs. Post's 5th grade class who brought in 125 items. The funds for the pizza party were raised by Abigail collecting cans and bottles. The Hillman Lions Club is providing desserts for the students.



Hart Lions Club celebrated the Christmas season with a party in December with 47 Lions and guests attending. 35 of our summer volunteers from our Bratwurst Stand at the Oceana County Fair joined us, and the John Merchant Band played music during the dinner which was catered by Kristy's Pour House.

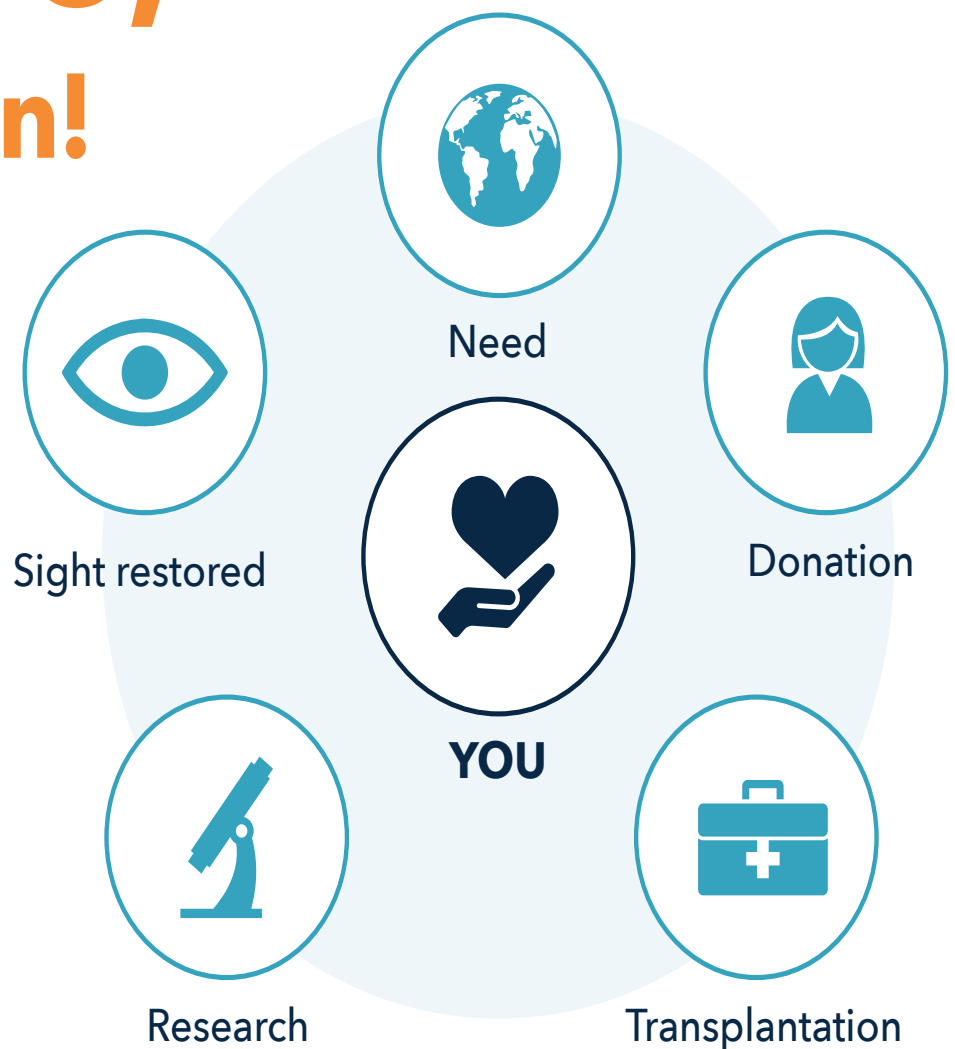


Midland Lions Club new member Lion Will Greeley shared his recent experience attending the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. He contacted the Pasadena Lions Club and asked them it was possible to get a behind-the-scenes look at their float, and they invited Lion Will and his wife to volunteer and help decorate their float.



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