

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD 11

2020: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE - ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LIONS OF MI FORUM



For mail returns see ID statement.

It was a packed house with 260 attendees and 27 exhibits on display at the recent Michigan Forum, held at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre. The Global Service Team sponsored a sock drive to benefit area shelters and elementary schools. Without our breakout session speakers, we could not have had a Forum. Thank you to all of our speakers and volunteers for sharing your gifts and talents with us this year.

PID Jenny Ware
PCC Paul Hemeryck
PDG Fran Grabowski
MSGT. Michael Nichols
DG Becky Hamilton
VDG David Anderson
PDG Jeff Mayuiers
Lion Alex Teska
PDG Diane Wehby
PDG Marty Juel
Lion Lula Gardfrey
PDG Craig Bishop
PCC Barry Allen
PDG Evelyn Cooper
Lion Roger Blackwell
PDG Brent Beracy
Lion Bill Bradfield
Kids Kicking Cancer
Lion Mike Dengate
Lion Beth Slade
Lisa Dedden Cooper
PDG Roberta Sexton
PDG Micheal Gibbs
Lion Mikeala Ashburn
Lion Traci Tribley
Lion Deb VanTol
Leo Isabella Dible
Leo Lilly Dible

Thank you to our many Exhibitors who participated in this year's event!

AARP
Lions of Michigan
All State Band
Camp Quality
Lions of Michigan Foundation
Defense Against Diabetes
Lions Youth Exchange
Destination Ann Arbor
Maggie's Wigs4Kids
Eversight
Michigan Pin Traders
Gary Abud, Jr. – Science with Scarlett
National Kidney Foundation

Global Action Team
Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind
Gift of Life Michigan
Paws with a Cause
Kid's Kicking Cancer
Project: Kidsight
Leader Dogs for the Blind
Reading Between the Lions
Lions Bear Lake Camp
School Health Corporation
Lions Club International Foundation
Sightseer Radio Service
Lions MD 11 Foundation
Special Needs Vision Clinic

Congratulations PDG Karen Roustson, Chair, and committee on a highly successful Lions Michigan Forum!

Forum Committee

- 11-A1 Lion Marguerite Bodiford
- 11-A1 PCC Linda Tate
- 11-A2 PDG John Bingham Jr.
- 11-B2 PDG Barb Penny
- 11-B1 PDG Roberta Sexton
- 11-A2 PDG Jack Patton
- 11-A2 PCC Paul Hemeryck
- 11-A2 PCC Bob Jenkins
- 11-B1 PCC Barry Allen
- 11-B1 PCC Peggy Allen
- 11-B2 PDG Barb Penny
- 11-C1 Lion Kristen Kelling
- 11-C2 1VDG Kurt Stromlund
- 11-D1 Lion Joe Gwizdala
- 11-D2 Lion Shawn Wightman
- 11-E1 DG Jackie Glazier
- 11-E2 DG Dave Zeller
- PDG Ray Robins
- MD 11 IT Committee

Photo Credit: PDG Ray Robins

UPCOMING Events:

MARCH 20 - 22

District C2
 Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant

MARCH 20 - 22

District D2
 DoubleTree Riverfront, Bay City

MARCH 27 - 29

District A2
 Doherty Hotel, Clare

MARCH 28

District B2
 Lawton Lions Center, Lawton

MARCH 27-28

District E1
 Park Place Hotel, Traverse City

APRIL 24 - MAY 3

White Cane Week

APRIL 3 - 5

Districts B1/D1
 DoubleTree Hotel, Grand Rapids

MAY 15-16

Convention Picnic Paws
 with a Cause

MAY 14

11 Convention DoubleTree
 Hotel, Holland

MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY

Check our website for
 updates and additional information



www.lionsofmi.com

> PRIDE NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Pride
WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



When an association is fortunate enough to reach a milestone anniversary, whether 10 years or 100 years, it is cause for celebration and reflection, a pause to look back at where we began, how we grew, and where we are headed. Michigan Lions formed their first clubs in Marquette, Grand Rapids and Muskegon in late 1919.



Many more clubs chartered in the following year and remain an active, integral part of their communities 100 years later.

Celebrate with us at the MD 11 Lions Convention in May as we explore 100 Years: How Our Past is Shaping our Future. Educational sessions will be offered on topics such as Hunger: What Lions Can Do; LCIF, The History of Michigan Lions and a session for Leo members.

Going through the archives of past Lions events I come across many wonderful photos and documents. For example, in 1966 there were 2,989! In 2019 we had just over 200. We've come a long way, baby - just not in the right direction when it comes to membership. Join us in beautiful Holland this year, May 14-16 and celebrate our milestone achievement of serving Michigan for 100 years.

We know that our communities are a better place today because of you.

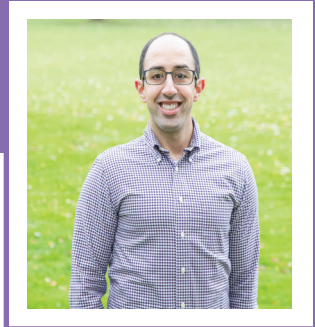
Yours in Service,

Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director



Please note: Updates to the convention are posted on page 4

KEYNOTE SPEAKER GARY ABUD BECOMES "LION" GARY AT THE FORUM



If you missed this year's keynote speaker, you missed both an inspiring and insightful message. Please read more about Lion Gary Abud and his book, *Science with Scarlett* on his website at sagaeducator.com.

"It's been about 25 years since I was first diagnosed with the eye disease Keratoconus (KC), and over the years it has been a big part of my story but, at one time, it was my story.

I can still remember my parents telling me, when I came home from school that day in fifth grade, how my teacher had contacted them to inform them I was squinting to see the board in class. They asked me if I was having trouble seeing the board, but I was oblivious to the fact that anything was blurry at all.

After all, you don't know what you don't know!

Very soon after, I sat in an ophthalmologist's office with a diagnosis that ten-year-old me could barely pronounce. A lot has changed since then. After trying glasses, various contact lenses, and after living half my life with KC, finally, I received the gift of sight through bilateral cornea transplants.

Not only did the surgery correct my vision to 20/20 uncorrected after the transplants, a true miracle that I thank God for regularly, but it gave me a clearer perspective on life itself.



The cornea transplants allowed me to finish college, become an award-winning educator, give a TED Talk, meet President Obama at the White House, as well as start a family. And I wouldn't have ever thought any of those things were in my future before; certainly, I did not think they would be in my story. And then, this year, I published a children's book called *Science With Scarlett: What Color Will It Be?*

The book explores the science of color vision, and it invites readers to follow Scarlett—a precocious young scientist modeled after my kindergarten daughter Laina—and her charming teddy bear assistant, Mr. Bear, who do experiments with the reader. *Science With Scarlett* is written in clever

rhymes and rollicking verse, teaching actual science, and striving to get young thinkers wondering and young wonderers thinking. Readers can purchase *Science With Scarlett* at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, as well as on Kindle or iTunes and support the work of Eversight in the process.

The science of color vision was a natural fit for the topic of the book, being that sight has been so much a part of my own story. That's why we are donating 15% of the book proceeds to Eversight—the organization that makes vision-restoring cornea transplants possible—in order to help restore sight and prevent blindness for others.

So far, we've been able to raise over \$1,000 to donate to Eversight in just our first several months since the book was released!

Looking back, it wasn't the KC that got in my way, it was how I responded to KC—it was my mindset—that did. You see, I used to build my identity around my eyesight when I had KC, and I allowed my circumstances to write my story for me, rather than being the author of it myself. With a new outlook on life, I was able to see past my circumstances and make KC part of my story rather than all of it.

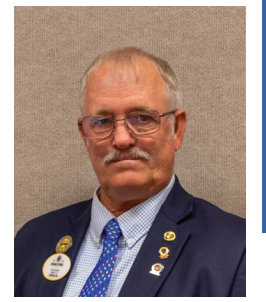
What I learned in all of this is that you can author your life's story—even with a degenerative eye disease like Keratoconus. And I hope that my story can be an encouragement to others that, despite what's been written about you so far, you aren't defined by your circumstances. Instead, you can still focus on what you want your story to be about going forward.

I wish I had realized that earlier, but then again—without having had KC, I wouldn't be where I am today. And while that doesn't make having an eye disease like Keratoconus a good thing in and of itself, it does reveal that even challenging circumstances can be worked together for good."

KEYNOTE SPEAKER LION GARY ABUD



FROM THE PEN OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR DON SPINKS - 11D2



Being a member of your Lions club is a privilege and some sort of identification for you and your community. Therefore, every club's interest, even the ones that are small or large should have continued membership drives all year. Proud members of your club are its best ambassadors, and they will stay by your side during the club's ups and downs. So why not have as many members as possible? Take a look at ten tips that I found on how to break the previous record of members in your club, how to encourage former members to renew the membership, and how to attract new ones:

1. Encourage people to become a member throughout the entire year.

Even though clubs are most active in attracting new members in the first six months of the year, in this case, the Lion year starts in the month of July, they should not be discouraged to attract them in the last few months of the year either. As I mentioned, being a member of a Lions club is a privilege, even if you are a member that helps get things done in the background or on the front lines, all Lions-members are valuable.

2. Give your members a present

A great way to attract new members and encourage old ones to extend their membership in your club is to give them a unique and or memorable gift for becoming a member or retaining them as a member. For example, some of our local clubs give their new members Lions apparel, whether it's a name badge, t-shirt or a jacket. With the gift, each member will have additional motive to stay and feel valued. Besides that, your members will get something material in return for becoming or staying a member, which is always great, especially for attracting new members.

3. Send former members a letter of motivation and payment form

If you have a well-managed database of previous members (if you don't, then THIS should be your priority), you should mail and e-mail them with a motivational letter in which you will explain the importance of renewing their membership. Also, you should try to motivate them to spread the word about your club and membership. Of course, together with motivational letters you should send them a payment form, whether they need to pay monthly, quarterly or annually and all the information on how to renew their membership. Always try to work with your club's ex members and see why they left.

4. A membership stand at your sporting events

During every home game or event in your community, you should have a membership stand on which you can publicize your club. Have club publicity readily available where perspective members can learn about your club and LCI. Have them fill out a membership form. I don't have to mention that the stand should be visible and in the right place.

5. Organizing friendly matches and competitive events with different Lion clubs.

A lot of Lion clubs have members outside their city or neighborhoods. Show your members that you are thinking about them. Organize a friendly match of Euchre or softball with a different club, activate local media and inform everyone from that area that your club is in town and that they have the opportunity to become proud Lion members.

6. Make it easy for your community members to become members of Lions.

Your current, previous and potential members should know all the information about the membership on your club's official channels. Your club's social media sites should always be updated on all activities that your club is doing. Show what you are planning. Have an application on your social media sites. Therefore, make sure that you have clearly indicated sections for members on your website, all of the social media platforms and newsletters.

7. Make Annual Assembly a special event

Lots of clubs have their board of directors meeting in which they talk about numbers, progress and plans for the future. That is what they have to do, and it is a great thing because it encourages transparency in clubs, but lots of members are still not into that kind of content. Why wouldn't you organize a special event exclusive for your club members, which will be connected with the board and the rest of your club? For example, a concert, tournament, exhibition, baseball game etc. It can motivate a lot of people to become a member of your club because they would like to participate in such an event.

8. Thank your members

Every time you talk about the number of members in clubs, you should make a unique visual on membership, inform your club about the number of members in your club and thank them for becoming members. This way everyone (your fans, followers, club administration and district, etc.) knows how big the "army" of your club is.

9. Special meetings with district representatives

It is a great thing to invite your members to meet with your district representatives. That is some sort of exclusiveness that you give to them. Also, it is great to actually see and shake hands with your district representatives. Be sure to continually check your district roster book, it is loaded with information on who you can invite to your club.

10. Activate supporters of your club

There are various businesses in your community that support your club in one way or another. Talk to them and get them to join your club. In return, that business has employees that would join also. See if your community businesses have employee evaluations and check if there is a community involvement section in it. Chances are, if there is community involvement, you just gained another avenue on your membership.

Conclusion

Being a member of your club is a question of people's attitude and commitment. Owning a membership card of your club is an honor and some sort of identification for most loyal supporters of the club.

Members of clubs want only the best for the club (which does not mean that they will not be critical of the Club, especially if it is poorly managed), but often they are the club's best promoters and ambassadors. Therefore, your club should make a great effort to attract members throughout the entire year. Give them some exclusiveness, and they will become even prouder for being a Lion member.

CORONA VIRUS CONCERN

BY PID JENNY WARE



Dear Lions of Michigan,

I know that there is a lot of concern about the Coronavirus and the LCI Convention being held in Singapore at the end of June. I share your concern and have spoken with doctors that I work with regarding their thoughts on the Coronavirus and the Lions of the world hoping to travel to Singapore. Both doctors feel that this is just the

beginning of the spread of the virus. One report shows that it is doubling in case numbers daily!

After talking with them and doing my research, I would like to suggest holding tight for a few more weeks, this is an evolving situation! At this time, the CDC strongly encourages travelers to avoid China- and only China- at this date and time.

Lions Clubs International is taking this current situation seriously and has sent out the information that I have included with this article.

I will continue to share any information with all of you as I receive it from LCI!!!

Any questions, let me know!
PID Jenny Ware
pdg10jen@hotmail.com
906-399-8214

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

Our team at Lions Clubs International and our contacts in Singapore continue to monitor the outbreak of the novel coronavirus that is leading to health and travel concerns around the world. We have received a few inquiries about whether the coronavirus will impact the 2020 International Convention in Singapore. At this time, the spread of the novel coronavirus is not expected to impact travel to the 2020 Lions Club International Convention to Singapore in June.

Here is how we are communicating convention updates to Lions:

- LCIcon website – We will be posting a news item about the coronavirus on the convention blog with a link to the attached FAQ.
- We ask that all questions about convention be directed to convention@lionsclubs.org.

The safety and wellbeing of all Lions, staff and convention attendees are our top priorities. We are confident that Singapore's world-class infrastructure will provide a memorable experience to all visiting Lions. Thank you.

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> LIONS NEWS

DEAR LION LEADER



The 2020 International Convention is currently scheduled to be held in Singapore from June 26-30; however, the association is actively looking at alternative convention locations in the event COVID-19 (coronavirus) spreads or if travel to this region becomes restricted.

We are currently assessing the feasibility of other host cities, including the availability of convention space and

hotels, the cost impact and logistics. We are evaluating alternate locations based on their ability to handle a large-scale convention, recent successful conventions, and established relationships with convention bureaus that would allow us to quickly shift our plans in the most effective and fiscally responsible way possible.

We know you may be receiving questions about convention, so we have developed talking points to help you address any concerns of your members.

Please be sure to download the convention FAQs previously distributed, which provide additional information about convention travel.

The International Board of Directors will make a final decision on the location of convention in early April. We will provide you with any new updates, and we'll remain vigilant over the next several weeks.

We deeply care for the health and safety of all Lions and the Lions that attend the convention each year. Their health, and the health of our communities, will drive any decisions we make.

Please contact our convention team at convention@lionsclubs.org if you have any additional questions, and thank you for your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

LIONS OF MICHIGAN WELCOME PID MARVIN CHAMBERS TO THE MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION



Marvin Chambers, from Fillmore, Saskatchewan, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA, July 4 to July 8, 2011. Past Director Chambers is an agricultural consultant and the mayor of Fillmore. A member of the Fillmore and District Lions Club since 1971, he has held many offices within the association. He also served as a Guiding Lion and convention chairperson, attended

extension workshops and helped start three Lions clubs and a Leo club. In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Chambers is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including positions as president of both the Fillmore's Donor's Choice and the Fillmore Curling Club. Past Director Chambers and his wife, Lion Lynne have five children and five grandchildren.



March 12, 20220

Dear Lions, Leader Dog Chairs, and Ambassadors:

The outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus) is forcing the world to adapt in order to help contain it. Limiting travel and large gatherings of people is key to global containment strategies.

Given the current state of the virus, and the advisories in place around the world, Leader Dogs for the Blind has suspended all non-essential travel for our Lions team. Non-essential travel includes, but is not limited to, Lions events such as multiple district and district conventions, events and meetings. All on-campus events at Leader Dogs for the Blind including puppy training sessions, and Lions and public tours are cancelled/postponed through April 30.

Our gift shop is closed until further notice. Purchases can still be made through our [online gift shop](#).

This also impacts our Leader Dog chairs, ambassadors and puppy raisers (if you are a current puppy raiser, please refer to the email you received from Leader Dogs for the Blind). If you or someone in your household has a medical condition that puts you in the high-risk category, such as a compromised immune system, age, lung condition, etc. and/or you do not feel comfortable attending group events at this time, please attend at your discretion.

Information is available on our website at <https://www.leaderdog.org/coronavirus/>

Thank you for all that you do for Leader Dog and for doing your part to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone associated with our organization!

Together in service,

Lion Sue Daniels

Lion Sue Daniels
President and CEO



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ATTENTION MICHIGAN FORUM ATTENDEES!
Did you wear a men's leather jacket to the Michigan Forum held in Flint February 21-22? Please double check your coat pockets-someone took home the wrong jacket containing car keys. With the beautiful weather we had on Saturday afternoon, it's possible that jacket went in the backseat of a car and maybe it's still there. If found, please contact PDG Harry Johnson immediately at 231-250-5257.

2020 DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

A1	April 24-26	Embassy Suites, Livonia	PID Jerome Thompson
A2	March 27-29	Doherty Hotel, Clare	PID Cindy Gregg
B1/D1	April 3-5	CANCELLED	
B2	March 28	CANCELLED	
C1	May 15-16	DoubleTree, Holland	PID Marvin Chambers
C2	March 20-22	CANCELLED	
D2	March 20-22	POSTPONED	
E1	March 27-28	CANCELLED	
E2	April 24-26	CANCELLED	
SD 10	April 24-26	Kewadin Casino, Sault Ste. Marie	PID Connie LeClerc-Meyer
MD 11	May 14-16	DoubleTree, Holland	PID Marvin Chambers

NEVER MISS A MEETING AGAIN!

For many years Lions have held committee meetings at the state level via Free Teleconference Call, a toll free service used to hold meetings remotely.

Last fall, Information Technology Chair PDG Ray Robins and his IT team implemented ZOOM Video Conferencing, which has become a widely popular method for holding face-to-face video meetings. ZOOM can be accessed through your desktop or your mobile phone, and is very user-friendly.

Both options are available for Lion members to use as a means to effectively continue doing business, without interruption. For more information on use of the teleconference line, contact the state office at 517-887-6640 ext 10. To inquire about ZOOM Video Conferencing, contact your District IT Chair, State IT Chair Ray Robins, or the Lions state office. Stay connected, Lions!

LIONS CONVENTION INFORMATION

CHILDHOOD CANCER

MICHIGAN LIONS CHILDHOOD CANCER TEAM

CO-CHAIR LION LAURA HUNT



Thank you to all the Clubs for your fantastic support so far! Please remember us at your District Convention Parade of Checks. Michigan has a very active Childhood Cancer (CC) Committee made up of representatives from each District and SD10. We have established our priorities of first helping families in our Districts, and then supporting our three ‘focus project.’ Those projects are Maggie’s Wigs 4 Kids, Kids Kicking Cancer, and Camp Quality. Each one provides its services at no cost to the families. We are proud to be actively working with these outstanding organizations. We’ve been sharing projects and ideas all year; here are just some of them happening around the great state of Michigan:

- Several districts are doing a T-shirt fundraiser
- Collecting colorful character pillowcases
- Making cozy blankets
- Providing seat belt covers to protect the child’s medication port from rubbing
- Making bracelets and necklaces for the kids
- Providing goodie bags with things like unscented lotions, toys, coloring and activity books, puzzles, hard candies, hand sanitizer, playing cards, lip balm, etc.
- Providing gas cards to help with transportation costs
- Serving meals at Ronald McDonald Houses
- Raising money for our focus projects and others via creative fundraisers
- Working to bring a brand-new Camp Quality to the Upper Peninsula
- Providing volunteers to our focus projects

- Distributing contact cards so the families know how to find us
- Recruiting salons to cut hair for wigs for Maggie’s Wigs 4 Kids

Your CC Committee members are also visiting clubs, doing break out sessions at District Conventions, coordinating visits from our projects to MI Forums, District Conventions, and MD 11 Convention, and have published a tri-fold brochure to provide information to both Lions Clubs and to the public. We already know of at least one new member drawn in by working on a CC project and look forward to welcoming several more. Ask your Childhood Cancer Committee Chair how you can get involved!

Co-Chair Lion Laura Hunt



Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan
Helping the self-esteem of children



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11 BY LAWS BY THE 2019-2020 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Proposal #1

A resolution by the 2019-2020 Council of Governors - “Therefore be it resolved that recognizing the fact that the membership of MD 11 is declining, resulting in a loss of revenue, an increase in the annual dues in the amount of three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) be requested.

It is therefore resolved that an amendment to the MD By-Laws, Article IV, Section 1 and Section 3 be approved. the proposed amendment shall be:

Amend By-Laws, Article IV, Section to read “The expenses of Multiple District 11 shall be met by an annual per capita tax of thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) and; Amend By-Laws, Article IV, Section 3 to read “Each cabinet secretary and/or treasurer shall forward to the Multiple District treasurer the sum of thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) from the per capita tax in semi annual payments as follows: Six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75) on September 15 and six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75) on February 15.”

Proposal #2

A resolution by the 2019-2020 Council of Governors - “Therefore be it resolved that recognizing the fact that By-Laws Article XI - Committees, Section 5 - Ad Hoc Committees serve at the pleasure of the council of governors for one year unless requested by subsequent councils.

The proposed amendment shall be: Amend By-Laws Article XI, Section 5 - Ad Hoc Committees to read: The council of governors may create ad hoc committees to perform specific tasks. Membership of ad hoc committees may be at the discretion of the council of governors.”

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MAY
14TH**

RSVP on your conference registration form.
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The bus will leave the hotel at 5:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Lion Deb Davis at 616-723-1178

> LIONS MD 11 CONVENTION NEWS

2020 MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION - HOLLAND

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For the 2020
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100 Years: How Our Past is Shaping Our Future
2020 MD 11 Lions Convention
DOUBLETREE HOTEL, HOLLAND, MI MAY 14-16, 2020

HOTEL PHONE (616) 394-0111
GROUP RATE: \$89 PER NIGHT (plus fees & taxes)
REDUCED RATE AVAILABLE THRU APRIL 15, 2020

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 Guest
 Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____
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 Guest
 Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Home: () _____ Office: () _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member? _____

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 14, 2020	\$ _____
_____ Round trip bus to Paws with a Cause @ \$5.00	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness N/C Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$20.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Friday Night Welcome Reception Only (free)	# _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$26.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Entrée Choice: Beef Sirloin _____ Roast Turkey _____	
GF _____ Vegetarian _____	Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Lions of Michigan
Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

1. Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless (excluding Saturday Banquet) registration fee is paid. 2. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 1, 2020. No refunds after May 11, 2020. 3. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the DoubleTree Holland. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15 and from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

COMPLETE FORM & MAIL WITH CHECK TO:
LIONS OF MICHIGAN: 5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911



EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT –MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 15-16, 2020
DoubleTree Hilton, Holland, MI

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 Convention, at the DoubleTree Hilton, Holland, MI. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$80.00 for **Friday and Saturday**; the fee includes a *business card sized ad* in the State Convention booklet. \$50.00 is the fee for a single day and for an additional \$25.00 a *business card size ad* can be included in the State Convention booklet. The charge is fully refundable if, for any reason, the convention is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives.

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

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

2020 MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
DoubleTree Hilton, Holland, MI
May 15-16, 2020

Please reserve a display table for me on: _____ Friday Only (May 15, 2020) \$50.00
 _____ Saturday Only (May 16, 2020) \$50.00
 _____ Friday and Saturday w/ad \$80.00
 _____ Ad Only: \$25.00

Do you require an electrical hook-up? Yes _____ No _____

Exhibitor hours: Friday, May 15: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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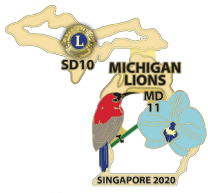
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COVID-19 UPDATES FOR DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

To date, many of the district conventions have made decisions to cancel or postpone their event. With restrictions on crowd size, food and beverage service, and health concerns, holding a convention was not an option for some.

As this unfolds we will all be making adjustments to the way we live and work. We are actively keeping our eye on Michigan's restrictions during the state of emergency, and following CDC guidelines and preparedness plans.

The MD 11 Convention Committee met to discuss plans for the May 14-16 convention in Holland. The decision was made to move forward in the planning for now, and the committee will again review the current restrictions and make a final decision on April 15.

For now, the convention mailing is out and we have already begun to receive registrations. Your decision to attend is personal, and no one will be made to feel forced to attend should we hold the convention in Holland.

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MD 11 CONVENTION DELEGATE FORM

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions International and the Multiple District are entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

The number of delegates your club is entitled to for the MD 11 Convention is determined by your Membership Report as of the end of March - provided it is submitted to Lions International in a timely manner. When you complete your Membership Report for March, you can compute the number of delegates and alternates your club is entitled to and select your representative(s). List their names below on the left side of this form. Also indicate whether each representative listed is a Delegate or an Alternate.

Your delegate(s) must register and obtain a name badge before they can be certified to vote. Then they must sign this form at the convention and receive a delegate sticker from the Certification Desk. All delegates must be REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED by 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020 in order to vote at the convention.
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THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB SECRETARY		THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT CONVENTION SITE
Name	Delegate or Alternate	Signature

I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11.

Lions Club of _____ District _____

President's or Secretary's Signature

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(Valid only at convention and only if President/Secretary of club is not present)

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM. All Lions must register before they can be certified to vote. Please advise your delegates to arrive early. The Certification Desk at the Holland DoubleTree Hotel, Holland, Michigan is open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2020 and from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020
Any Lion who is not in line by 11:30 a.m. Saturday will not be certified as a delegate and will not be allowed to vote. Voting will take place between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020.

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WE SERVE



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

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

The MD 11 Policy Manual states each committee shall have district representation and will appoint a Vice Chairperson of each. All interested Lions are asked to contact your 2020-2021 District Governor, or Lion Wendy Burns, wburns@lionsofmi.com for further information.

2020-2021 Lions of Michigan State Committees

- Lions All State Band
- Lions Bear Lake Camp
- Constitution and By-Laws/Rules
- District Editors Advisory
- Global Leadership Team
- Global Membership Team
- Global Service Team
- Hearing
- Hunger
- Information Technology
- Lions Clubs International Convention
- Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Leo Clubs
- Lions Michigan Forum
- Lions Quest
- MD 11 Lions Convention
- Michigan Eversight
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3 AWARDED THE 2020 WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Gabrielle Allers attends Port Huron Northern High School and will be in the graduating class of 2020. She has been accepted to Central Michigan University this fall and plans to study speech pathology. Her goal is to obtain her Master's degree in Speech Pathology.

Miss Allers attended Lions Bear Lake Camp Leadership Development Program in 2017 & 2018, and was a Junior Counselor at the camp in 2019. Gabrielle credits the camp with influencing her career choice. Her experience at Lions Bear Lake Camp introduced her to children with all types of specialized needs and made her realize her love for not only working with children, but her passion for helping them reach their full potential. Pursuing a degree in speech pathology will allow her to positively impact the lives of many children by teaching language skills to benefit their communication with others.



PDG Ron Papa presents a check to Gabrielle alongside her parents

David Vicory attends Jackson College, studying the field of Social Work. David was born with a combined vision and hearing loss, giving him a complete understanding of what it is like to live with a disability. As a result he is determined to help those in need by expanding his knowledge to better serve his community in the near future as a Social Worker.

Mr. Vicory has always volunteered his time through church, his 4-H Club and school. He has worked the concession stand and ice cream booth at the County Fair, performed yard clean up services through his church and was Class Champion in the 4-H small animal division. David also holds a certificate of recognition through the MSU Extension office and is food safety and OSHA certified. This is a young man who will work hard to obtain his degree in Social Work and apply his many skills in helping others with a disability to overcome the obstacles. This scholarship will assist him with fees related to tuition, books and specialized equipment, such as an F.M. system for hearing aids.



PDG Ron Papa presents a check to David, alongside his parents.

Anna Marvin currently attends Oakland Community College and is working toward her Bachelor's degree in Nutrition. In 2016 Anna began to lose her vision, but it has not stopped her from living her life. She has learned to sew and relearned new methods to continue her hobbies of knitting and jewelry-making. She is able to travel on her own and manage living in her home without the convenience of her vision.

A very determined young woman, Miss Marvin does not allow anything to get in her way. She has a medical condition which causes fainting – which resulted in her being removed from college. With the assistance of an attorney, she got back into school and continued on to make the Dean's list. Other health problems led her on the path to a nutrition degree. She's learned that a healthier lifestyle and nutrition plan have many health benefits, and Anna can't wait to share her knowledge with others. Receiving this scholarship will not only significantly help financially; it will improve the quality of life for the countless people she will be helping in the future.

MIDLAND LIONS AND HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

Midland Lions act to relieve hunger. January was designated as "HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH" by LCI. The Midland LIONS Club has sponsored a Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) for 15 years. Again this year, at the Midland Ice Arena, the Midland Lions along with the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network, hosted a Mobile Food Pantry in late January. The MFP provided a grocery cart full of many essential food items for 258 families. The numbers of families served was up from last year. Families are in need when finances are short due to high energy costs and holiday expenses. Volunteers serving included 11 Midland Lions and 2 spouses. Midland Lions serving included Thayre Talcott,

Al Ducham, Eldon & Mary Dean, Jim Warheit, Ollie Juengel, John & Joanne Clever, Bob Stoney, Dick Ivan, and Mike & Tina Hoy. Volunteers push the carts around to each "station" and loaded them up before taking it outside so each recipient can pick it up. The "stations" included cereals, fruit and frozen meats, potatoes, rice, breads, pastries, canned goods, pastas, etc. A full semi-truck arrived early from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and was unloaded and set up. We were able to start the food distribution earlier than in past years. The Midland Lions paid for the whole truck of food. Thank you LIONS for responding to this need. WE SERVE! Lion Thayre Talcott



2 AWARDED THE 220 WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE



The Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University partnered with the Fremont Lions Club to provide an eye care program for students in the Fremont and Hesperia Public Schools. The program, Students In Need of Eyecare or SINE, was made possible through a unique partnership with the City of Fremont with their agreeing to act as the fiduciary agent. This made the program eligible for a grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation. With a grant of \$22,000 the program was designed to service 60 participants. Students were referred to the SINE program by a teacher, administrator, support staff, or parent/guardian. Since more students were referred than the program could handle, a selection process based on access to, and history of previous eye care, and the severity of potential eye problems occurred. The need was so great that 14 additional students were selected with the university agreeing to absorb the cost of the extra exams. In December 2019, during regular school hours, 74 students were transported to the Ferris State University for a comprehensive eye exam and a tour of the university. Parents were encouraged to attend along with their student. Of the students examined, 5 were advised to seek additional evaluation if their symptoms persist, 23 were recommended for further testing, and 58 were found to be in need of prescription glasses. The glasses were delivered and fitted to the students on Friday, January 10, 2020. It was a day of joy and celebration with excited students seeing the world in a new way.

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GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - May 1, 2021 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Lions of Michigan State Office - Lansing, Michigan

1st Prize: \$1,500.00 - 2nd Prize: \$500.00 - 3rd Prize: \$250.00

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11 A1



DG John Daoud
MONROE • WAYNE
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Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Center conducted a hearing training session recently at U of M Dearborn Campus. PDG Lion Evelyn Cooper, Lion Dr. Fred Shorter and Medical Student Supervisor, Mr. Ryan Miller taught classes. Upon completing the class, Completion Certificates and Lions Hearing Center coffee mugs were given to each participant during a brief ceremony.



Participants are: Lion Jo Ann Gardner, Rawan Darouiche, Heba Hamood and PDG Lion Evelyn Cooper. Second row: Lion Ted Robinson, Lion Dr. Fred Shorter, Lion Bobby J. Swinney, Deborah Garcia (Matrix Coordinator), Darlene Taliaferro, Ms. Arielle Best (Medical Student), Lion Carolyn Dixon (Detroit Mid-City Lions Club President), Ryan Miller (Medical Student Supervisor), David Agemy and Ali Haidous. Not pictured, Muhammad Haidous.



Members of Ecorse/River Rouge Lions Club volunteered at United Methodist Church in Detroit. We were there to prepare lunch for the homeless in the city. Members in their vest, from left to right: Lions Grace Vereen, Loretta Wade, and Sylvia Royals.

The members of Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions prepared and served dinner for 24 people at Ronald McDonald House in Detroit. A delicious dinner of baked chicken breast, green beans, rice, rolls and cookies was served.

Parents stay in the facility so they are close to their children in the hospital. Some children stay with their parents while they are receiving medical treatment at local facilities.

Ronald McDonald House provides an environment of love, kindness and a support system to families during a difficult time in their life.

Lions Clubs interested in preparing a meal should call Ronald McDonald House of Detroit at (313)745-5909, between 9 am and 9pm. Two meals per day, 7 days a week are served, breakfast and dinner or lunch and dinner.



Lions Greyston Holmes, Phyllis Turner and Michelle White.



Julia and Jordan were Lion Helpers

Late December 2019, the Canton Lions Club honored two members with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Robert (Bob) Harris has been a Lions since June of 2004 and is the Canton Lions Club's First Vice President. He also serves as the Lions Club's Foundation Vice President.

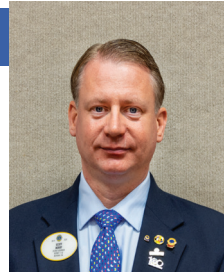
Bob provides a great deal of support in running and organizing the poker events for both the club and foundation. These events require a great deal of effort and have a significant impact on our earnings. In addition to the poker events, Bob is very active in scholarship planning, the donation committee, and in supporting our events. He is a Veteran, who displays a passion for the Leader Dogs for the Blind and the community. Bob is not only one who contributes but also serves as a strong leader who is an inspiration to those around him.



Robert H - from left to right (Roshni Patel - 2nd Vice District Governor, Robert Harris - Vice President of Canton Lions Club and Foundation, Nancy Williams - Canton Lion and Robert Harris' Sponsor, Ron Sullivan - President Canton Lions Club)

Lions Greyston Holmes and Phyllis Turner serving dinner to residents at Ronald McDonald House in Detroit.

11 A2



DG Scott Berry
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Troy Community Lions Jim Quinn, Barb Myhal, Deb Lines and Donna Quinn delivered 17 fleece knotted blankets to the Beaumont Troy Pediatric Cancer Center for kids to use while receiving chemotherapy. 10 club members made the blankets as part of the Troy Community Lions Childhood Cancer project.



The New Baltimore Lions Club recently held their Winterfest, which included a Polar Bear Plunge into the frigid waters of Lake St Clair. Governor Scott Berry is shown here taking a dip in class with his suit on and his top hat in place!

Seven Royal Oak Lions served over 8,000 meals to about 950 hungry Detroit residents in 9 days in January's hunger awareness month.



Pictured are Eric Borecky, Marilyn Bidingler, Bob Westbury, Laura Mastracci and Jim Westbury. Laura's grandson, Colin, is 3rd from right

In December the Eastpointe Lions Club hosted several dozen seniors for dinner, gifts, and a visit from Santa! The dinner and a very joyful evening were held at the Eastpointe Manor, with the club providing bus transportation for the seniors from their apartment building to the hall and back. We enjoyed a great meal, Santa and his elves, Christmas carols, and lots of Christmas cheer.



Pictured: PDG Lion Jim Bone, Past First Lady Lion Kim Bone, Lion Kim Lachapell



Lioness Linda Pierce, Shirley O'Neill, Diane Boley enjoying the holidays thanks to the Eastpointe Lions Club



Santa (Lion Gil Sills) and Ruby Arnold

Lion President Brandie of the Richmond Lions shifted the first February meeting to Starr Craft Brewery when our usual site wasn't available. We were welcomed by the Starr family and enjoyed the tasting and tours. 1st VDG Leo Schafer was on hand and awarded Lion Doug Conner with his Melvin Jones award as well as presented Lion Bob Szalka and Charlene Ostby with service chevrons.

President Brandie and members thanked owner Daryl Starr and his sons for hosting the meeting.



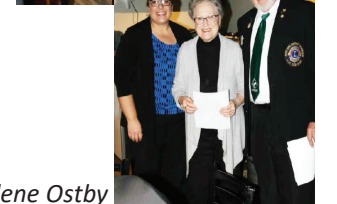
Lion Doug Conner receiving Melvin Jones award



Starr Craft Brewery



Lion Bob Szalka



Lion Charlene Ostby

The Troy Community Lions have contributed a total of \$4000 to establish two "Universal Access areas" at the Troy Public Library to assist children, teens, & adults with low vision. The collection consists, in part, of large print titles, C-Pen readers, and an ezRead Digital Magnifier. Check out the Lions logo on the display above the large print book collection. Awesome!



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> REGION NEWS



11 B1

DG Michael Scott
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Adrian Breakfast Lions will be conducting their annual radio Auction. During the previous 24 year history of the auction we have raised nearly \$303,000 to help citizens and programs in our community. We have provided over \$134,000 in vision care, \$23,500 to scholarships and classroom supplies for the visually impaired, \$26,000 for supporting youth projects, and \$22,500 for the Leader Dog program of Michigan. In addition we support the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Midwest Eye Bank, Michigan Braille Transcribing, Paws with a Cause, the Associated Charities Christmas Toy Collection, Shop with a Cop program, An Evening with Santa program, the Crosswell, and many others.



A few of the items that were auctioned last year, and some of the many volunteers that make the auction possible.



11 B2

DG John Postelli
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Socks collected by 11B2 and distributed at Michigan Forum as part of the Service Project.



L-R: Lions John Kener, GST Marsha Brown, Dave Stiffler, Tanda Stiffler, PCC Don Brown



The Buchanan-Galien Lions hosted the Buchanan Leo Club at their February club meeting.

A limited number of Leo's were unable to attend due to school schedule conflicts and the weather.

The Leo Club has been very busy and will be sponsoring the community Easter Egg Hunt again; this year's event will be held on April 11th.

At the meeting, the Leo Leaders inducted 4 new members and service award certificates and pins were also presented by Leo Advisors Lions Brian Fisher and Alice Kring.



Sturgis Lions - Two new members have joined us, Karen Keyser and Ryanne Wise.



Reworked Camp Leo displays done by St. Joe's Lion Jim Bembenek. GREAT JOB Lion Jim!!!



Sturgis Lions Club enjoyed a festive holiday party at our December meeting featuring a rousing game loosely based on "Family Feud", and a serenade by Sturgis High School Women's Choral Ensemble. Sturgis Leos and their parents were guests. Beautiful, creative table decorations were door prizes.

At our February meeting certificates were presented to our recent students of the month. Recipients from both Sturgis High School and Middle School were honored. They are as follows: December, Jarad Jonson (High School) and Elijah Bates (Middle School); January, Pedro Guzman (High School) and Alayna Taylor (Middle School).

We are looking forward to a "field trip" to the Leader Dog facility in Rochester sometime in April or May to see the new addition and improvements.

CLUB

Happenings:



District B1 • District Editor
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Adrian Breakfast Lions Radio Auction – April 25 from 8:30 am – 4 pm on 95.3 WQTE

District B2 • District Editor: Julie Mayuiers
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District Convention - March 28

Buchanan-Galien Euchre Tournament - March 7

Covert Township Fun Night and St. Patty's Dinner - March 14

Paw Paw Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Eagle Scout – March 21

Edwardsburg Leo Easter Egg Hunt - April 4

Buchanan-Galien Easter Egg Hunt - April 11

Great Eye Glass Challenge Buchanan-Galien - April 18



11 C1

DG Paul Hodge
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Allendale Lions Club held their annual service at Fountainview Assisted Living home in Coopersville and Harbor House Ministries in Jenison. They had Santa and his trusty helper Bentley passing out gifts to the residents and “elves” giving cookies. They also had an A Capella singalong headed by their new member, Lion Lorraine.



GVSU Lions welcome new members. Pictured left to right: Darren Gold, Zach Beitelshees, Amira Dobbs, & Keeqan Strnad.



Lakewood Lions continue to install the Amazon Echo device for clients with limitations; they have completed 15 installs and have 2 more in progress. The benefits to the client and caregiver are numerous and provides them with a new level of independence as is our mission. They are encouraging other organizations to make this a project in their community. Interestingly, the 2 groups that have committed to starting Echo Programs are the North Lions of Jackson Club and the rotary Club of Denver Colorado. The Lakewood Lions will help any club/organization that would like to implement this program within their community. The club always donates the Echo device but still the costs are little and the benefits are significant to both the client and the caregiver.

Alto Lions congratulate to Lion Janet Van Wyck who sponsored a member during the Centennial year. She received the Centennial Membership Award pin recognizing that her sponsored Lion is still a member after three years. The pin was presented by 2nd Vice District Governor Dr. Ron Riebschleger



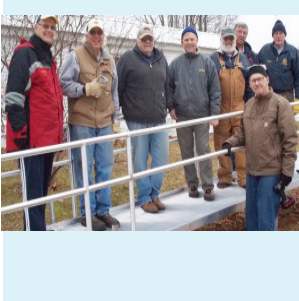
Fruitport Lions kicked off their Lions Literacy Project with Lions Russ Stressman, Heidi Tice, and Bruce Gaultney by reading 78 books to 26 classrooms. Whew! Many thanks to Fruitport Community Schools for the opportunity!



Rockford Lions give congratulations to the peace poster contest winner, Charlotte, from North Rockford Middle School.



Muskegon Northside “Ramp Crew” assembled/built 20 ramps for those in need in 2019! Pictured are just some of our Ramp Crew Lions: Frank Krol, Mike Simerick, Ron Hansen, Jim Larson, Butch Coulier, Kevin Dean, Windy Bradfield, and in front, Denny Loughrige.



11 C2

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Mason Lions Club Wins Special Recognition



State Representative Kara Hope presented a tribute to the Mason Lions Club recognizing their 2020 Mason Area Chamber of Commerce’s Special Recognition Award at the February 6th MACC Annual Awards Dinner. State Representative Kara Hope also presented the club with a legislative tribute that was co-signed by State Senator Curtis Hertel. Accepting the tribute and award were Lions Jennifer Jordan, Gary Gierke, Lynne Mark, Karen Routson, Dave Scutt, Cyndi Mark, Jeff Routson, Rod Hunt, and Chris Buck. In the award presentation made to the club by MACC board member Jamie Robinson, the 75-year history of the club was highlighted. The Mason Lions Club affiliate was chartered on June 12, 1944 and has continually served the Mason area with pride through its service projects and grants since that date. The club has been active in ensuring that their community continues to provide growth and opportunity for all local families.

At a recent Elsie Lions Meeting, Officer Katie Stawara spoke on Chronic Wasting Disease in the MI Deer Herds. We had near 70 people in attendance, fun night lots of Wild Game Dishes.



Lion Ike Hunt & DNR Officer Katie Stawara

Lion Steve Delaney was the guest speaker at the January meeting for the Holt Lions. His presentation was about the new project Lions International has taken on, Childhood Cancer. Our district is putting together gift/activity bags for children that are in the hospital. Holt Lions donated many items to Lion Steve after his presentation. Items included homemade bags, chap sticks, small toys & puzzles, crayons, and coloring books to get a start on the project. Lion Cindy Beracy, Lion Ted Hamilton, Lion Chrissy Andre and Lion Steve have divided up the district and would like to visit your club with information about Childhood Cancer. Your club could also help out by having items to donate at your meeting when they come visit.

They also have adult t-shirts for sale with the Childhood cancer emblem on the front for \$20. You may order by contacting one of them or buy one when they visit your club.

Durand Lions Club treasurer, Lion Sean Krebs, was presented a Ken Lautzenheiser Fellowship in December. Club President, Lion Lew Deisler had the honor of presenting the award. Lion Sean works very hard to keep the books accurate and he does so while also working full-time, as well as being a brand new Dad! Lion Sean also participates in many projects and fundraisers, along with presenting new ideas for more fundraising. The Durand Lions proudly recognize Lion Sean’s dedication with this award.



Pictured: Lion Sean Krebs & Lion Lew Deisler

The Bretton Woods Lions Club began the new year working on a blood drive with the American Red Cross. 58 donors came and 57 units were collected which included 53 regular and 4 double reds. 10 Lions and 1 Lioness member worked 43 hours under the leadership of Lion Karen Kaercher. “We Serve” by working the registration table, setting up the cots and tearing down and cleaning up at the end of the day.



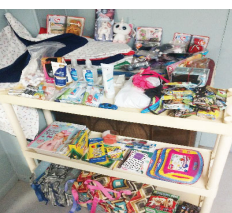
Girls from the MSU Lions Club are volunteering at the Apple Butter Festival at Fenner Nature Center in Lansing, MI. Editor note: I will bet that the Apple Butter was good.

Lions Madison Begin & Riley Hazen

At a recent Grand Ledge Lions meeting, Governor Becky presented a milestone award to Charlie Blackburn for his 45 years of service as a Lion. Lion Charlie spoke kind words of appreciation and thoughts of his years of serving.



Lions DG Becky Hamilton and PDG Charles Blackburn



The Hartland Lions Club has made donations to Eversight Michigan. Presented to the Lions pictured was a Charles Weir Award. These Lions received this award because of the time and effort spent at events to make the Hartland Lions Club what it is today.



Lions Jenny Stromlund, Kurt Stromlund, Todd Banaszak; Front Row: Jake Andrews. Not Present, Lion Brenda Watt

The Laingsburg Lions Club recently had the pleasure of welcoming Sandy Chavez, City Librarian, to a club meeting for a program. She provided information regarding the library and how many people still use it. She also spoke of acquiring new pc’s, and thanked our club for previous donations. She then requested a donation from us for more e-books. We have donated funds for the past 4 years to this program. After the regular meeting, the board voted to donate \$2,000 to the program.



Lion Treasurer Mike Danek presenting the check to Sandy

The Bretton Woods Lions heard of a need and were able to help an individual. Lion Mike Bokovoy heard about a 35-year-old named Shaun who had used the same wheelchair for the past 16 years, and it had worn out. Lion Mike and Shaun worked through Medicare and Medicaid and made required referrals with a physical therapist and a medical doctor. The chair was ordered with 2 sets of tires and wheels. The larger tires are important to Shaun as he likes to hunt squirrels, turkeys and deer from his chair. The total cost was over \$5500. The club contributed \$800 toward the cost so it was completely paid for. Lion Mike worked with National Seating and Mobility in Lansing to order the chair. Call him (517 420-5335) if any Lions Clubs would like more information.



Lions pictured with Shaun holding one of the larger tires are L-R Brett Grimes, Mike Bokovoy, Shaun, Dave Grimes, Bernie Schneider, Phil Scozzafave, Gary Armitage and Bob Thorburn.

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WYOMING LIONS CLUB ISO ASSISTANCE!

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Wyoming Lions are organizing a pancake breakfast and are in search of any tips, and guidance to help them with their first pancake breakfast event.

616-881-3012 - 1st VDG Bob Hohendorf

Muskegon Northside Lions
 Easter Egg Drop at Walker Library – April 4th @ 11 am

If your club or you have any helpful suggestions - PLEASE contact the Wyoming Lions and share your knowledge and

Muskegon Northside Lions
 White Cane Tag Days – May 1-2

District 11-C1 Convention
 – May 15-16 at the Holland Doubletree Hotel in conjunction with MD11 the State Convention

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DeWitt Lions President Patrick Donlon introduced Mrs. Liz Heinz - Board member of Niemann Disease Foundation. Niemann-Pick disease is a rare, inherited disease that causes the body unable to metabolize fat (cholesterol and lipids) within cells. These cells malfunction and, over time, die. Niemann-Pick disease can have an impact on your nerves, brain, spleen, liver, bone marrow and, in severe cases, lungs. There are three types of this disease, type A and B, and Type C. There are about 500 cases in the United States. She spoke of how it affected

her family and the loss of their children.

Lion Patrick Donlon & Mrs. Liz Heinz



In 2019 Durand Lions Club sponsored a Christmas light contest. First place winner, Nancy Rathfon shown with Durand Lions President Lew Deisler.



Laingsburg Lions held a community spaghetti dinner in February at the Laingsburg Methodist Church. We had 9 Lions members and 1 guest working this event for the community. We served 131 meals to the community. Lion Ed Kemp, PDG Eric Schuman, guest Tania and Lion Del Dreja



> REGION NEWS



11 D1

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Chesaning Lions Club: Congratulations President Dwayne Amman on 35 years as a Chesaning Lions member AND Congratulations to Karen Richardson on 30 years as a Chesaning Lions member



A total of 31 members and spouses attended the Christmas dinner meeting and we collected 30 hoodies to donate to the Ennis Center for Children in Flint.

Hockey Night with the Flint Firebirds – Our booth at the hockey arena made a profit of \$529 from the two lottery drawings: (1) the little Christmas tree decorated with Michigan Lottery Cards and (2) a Firebirds' jersey and other paraphernalia. The arena Management helped out by setting up our table in a good location near the food service. It seemed to this writer like an easy way to make some money for the Club.

The East Flint Lions Auxiliary bought the clothing pictured for the family we adopted for Christmas. We also made 13 blankets for Christmas Charity; and finally, here is a picture from our Fall Luncheon with a Western Theme.



Kingston Lions Club met and began construction on 10 fleece lap robes. Plans are under way for our Annual Craft Show/Soup Lunch which is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at the Elementary cafeteria on Ross Street.

Twelve Leos and four adults of the Western Leo Club delivered the last of the Necessities Kits to the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission in Bay City in January. We helped clean the Children's Playroom, washing down the surfaces and hundreds of toys large and small including castles to hot wheel cars and everything in between. Window washing and vacuuming was also on the list of items to be completed. It was great being there helping and seeing the Leos in action.



Fenton Lions Club: Our pizza booth at Jingle fest was set up for us by the local Hungry Howie's store and stocked with two kinds of pizza. Our share of the profit was approximately \$200 for the four hours we were there.



Recently the Frankenmuth Lions Club presented a check for \$4000 to the Special Needs Vision Clinic, along with many pairs of eyeglasses donated by the community. The Lions Club raised the money through many local activities including serving food at community events, selling brooms and trash bags, and raising funds through the White Cane project.



St. Charles Lions Club is mourning the loss of a longtime Lion and friend, George Giddings. He passed away on January 21, 2020 at the age of 88. He served our club for 25 years. George served as Club President in 1999-2000, and served his community well. Condolences to Lion George's friends and family.

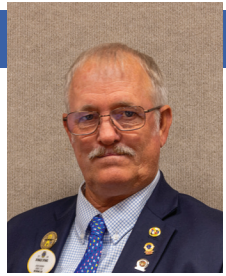
Congratulations Lion Jim Delemeester for 25 years of service for the St. Charles Lions Club and the St. Charles Community! President Autumn Wicke presented Lion Jim with his recognition and Chevron at the January 8th meeting. Other service chevrons will be given to Lions Cadia Hofmann - 10 years, James Slick 30 years, Robert Burns 55 years! We will present a chevron for service of 25 years to Marianne Giddings, wife of recently deceased Lion George Giddings.



Steve VanTol had the honor to induct the members of the Saginaw Valley State University Lions Campus Club on January 26. Do you have a child or grandchild attending SVSU? If you do, the SVSU Club could use some help. They are planning a cleanup project and all other ideas. The club meeting times are once a month plus a monthly service project. Times and dates are yet to be determined. Campus clubs are the most difficult clubs to keep going. The typical college student will be on campus 4 years with members joining and leaving each year. Scheduling a time to meet is also difficult. If you check January 26 was a Sunday. We met in a dorm and had the meeting between their group study. Young minds can handle it...they thrive on a fast-paced schedule.



11 D2



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Memphis Lions conducted a KidSight screening at Memphis Elementary School in early February. This was during the annual winter carnival at the school. PDG Wes Wagester was kind enough to come and help us and train some of participants. Lions Michael Kaminski, Jason Sopha, and Bruce Bronson also helped. Leo club President Gloria did some of the screening and wrote out the intake information. 41 children were screened there were three referrals and one was unable to read. There were not as many children this year as past years.



At the February Harbor Beach Lions Club meeting there were quite a few interesting developments. First, two new members were inducted into the club. PDG Jack Kriete administered the oath to Lions Cheryl Jurgess and Lion Ashley Stanley. Lion Margie Lemanski acted as the sponsor for both new Lions in place of the actual sponsor Lion Margie Roggenbuck. Following the ceremony, club president Sherry Swartz presented a check to PDG Jack in the amount of \$500 toward the districts diabetes initiative and that was a surprise.



During the January meeting of the Emmett Lions Club, Diabetes Chairperson Mary Bokach and PDG Jack Kriete were in attendance and presented the club the District's Diabetes program. At the conclusion of the program the club voted to donate \$1000 to the District Diabetes restricted fund to continue the programs after the conclusion of the D.A.D. grant. Pictured is club President Steve Plenda presenting the dona-

Harbor Beach was also surprised by Ms. Stacey Kadar from Corteva Agriscience of Harbor Beach presenting a check to PDG Jack in the amount of \$1000 for the same program (the districts diabetes initiative). Congratulations to the club's newest members, and a hearty thank you to the Harbor Beach Lions and Corteva Agriscience Inc. for their support of the district's diabetes program.

The Elba Township, Hadley, Lapeer, Metamora Lioness, Metamora, and North Branch Lions Clubs had a skate for socks fundraiser. With the money that was raised they were able to purchase 906 pairs of socks. 2nd Vice District Governor Brian Betzold took the socks to the Michigan Lions forum for the service project put on by the Multiple Districts. Lions clubs working together help more people. Skating volunteers at the skating rink. District Governor Don Spinks above examining the socks. This was great effort from our 2nd Vice District Governor Brian Betzold.



tion to Lion Mary. PDG Jack Kriete looks on. Many thanks go out to the Emmett Lions for their support.



Metamora men's lions club showed off their beautiful addition to their club house. The hosted a shrimp dinner with a whole bunch of raffle and door prizes. It was a very successful evening with a lot of camaraderie, and fun. Nobody went away hungry. There were over 400 guests at the gathering. That is a lot of shrimp!



The Port Sanilac Lions Club met on Feb. 5th and presented a "Trex" bench to the Port Sanilac Library. The bench is made from recycled plastic that had been collected from the community. Pictured, from left to right, is Lion Debbie Sweet, Club President Cathy Stewart, Library Director Bev Dear, and librarians Krista Dean and Kim Trowhill.



The Frieburg St. Ignatius Lions Club met on January 9, 2020 at their beautiful location in the church located in Frieburg. There were 9 members in attendance. A Diabetes presentation was presented by Diabetes Chairperson Mary Bokach, PDG Jack Kriete, and committee member Tim Dietzel. After the presentation the club very graciously donated \$650.00 to the District diabetes restricted account to cover the expenses of a "Dining With Diabetes" event at the conclusion of the DAD grant that the district is now working with. Pictured presenting the check to Mary is President Rick Vogel, Treasurer Julianna Latner, Chairperson Mary, PDG Jack Kriete and Committee member Tim Dietzel. Many thanks go out to the Frieburg St. Ignatius club for their support of this worthwhile project to support the community.



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Fairgrove Lions Club - We are planning our spring fundraiser for April 26, 2020 at the Akron Fairgrove High School with brats, hotdogs, and more along with our silent auction .. So mark your calendar..

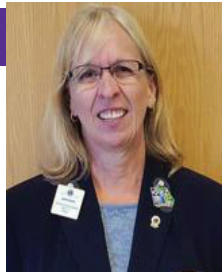
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DAD from D-2: Another great "Dining With Diabetes" class was presented at the Lapeer Senior Center in January by MSU Educator Kris Swartzendruber. There were 6 members of the public in attendance. Subjects discussed included reading nutrition labels, artificial sweeteners, carb counting, and proper exercise for maintenance of glucose levels, among other subjects. A meal of carb healthy meatloaf with

vegetables was cooked on scene and enjoyed by the students.



The Memphis Lions, once again, supports the Parks and Recreation department hosting their Senior Dinners once a month. There was a change in the Parks and Recreations associates, and a platform for the senior dinners was not clearly defined. The new associates are members of the Memphis Lions. They brought it before the club membership to get support from the club. Memphis Lions committed to helping in anyway including financial. The new program has been in place and the dinners are being held at the Community Center adjacent to the Memphis Library. They started out with seven participants and the recent dinners have been averaging twenty people being served. Memphis Lions, Memphis Library, and Memphis Parks and Recreation work together. We think there is nothing better.



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Edmore Lions recently inducted new member Lion Phil Garcia. Congratulations! Pictured left to right: Sponsor Lion Jeramee Gilman, Lion Garcia, and inductor Lion Chuck Millet.



Harrison Lions Teri Clark & Jerry Brandt reading eye glass prescriptions. Lions Nancy Blakemore & John Sovey entering eye glass prescriptions in the computers.



Big Rapids Lions donated to Open Arms Child Advocacy Center. As part of its continued support of youth and issues surrounding youth in the community, the Big Rapids Lions Club once again made a \$5,000 donation to the Open Arms Child Advocacy Center. The Center is a community based and child friendly facility designated to coordinate child forensic interviews and services to victims of child sexual abuse in Mecosta, Osceola, Newaygo and Lake Counties. A forensic interviewer is now on staff on a part time basis. The Center continues to raise funds to move from part time to full time staffing and the addition of other services to help families and victims of abuse through the healing process. For more information, contact the Open Arms Advocacy Center at 231-629-8761. Pictured – Dave Hamelund, Lions Club President, Amy Taylor, Center Executive Director and Wendy Fowler, Lions Club First Vice President.



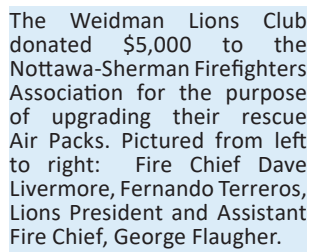
Mecosta County Reads shared with the Big Rapids Lions Club. Representatives from the Mecosta County Reads collaborative shared information regarding the collaborative, its goals and programs. With representation from business, industry, schools and libraries as well as the Great Start Collaborative, this community literacy initiative was formed to raise awareness of the issue of literacy in our community, provide resources for individuals, and offer assistance. Using data from a number of sources, the collaborative was able to spotlight the significant literacy needs of young children, youth and adults in Mecosta County. They are developing programs to improve literacy for the early care, school age and adult populations. One of the new initiatives the early care group promotes is "Talking is Teaching" which uses tools for Talk, Read, Sing, and Play. The hope is that this will become a community-wide campaign. Pictured – Lions Club 1st Vice President Wendy Fowler, Big Rapids Community Library Director Lauren Moran and Suzanne Finney from the SLD Read.



Big Rapids Lions Club donates to the Ferris SVOSH students. Ferris State University Optometry Students who are members of SVOSH (Student Volunteer Optometry Services to Humanity) received a \$3,000 donation from the Big Rapids Lions Club. The funds are used to support mission trips the students take to other countries where they provide eye care. The SVOSH students volunteer their time to the Lions Club each fall to staff the concession stand at Ferris and Big Rapids High School football games. Their help is most appreciated by Club members. Pictured – Lions Club 1st Vice President Wendy Fowler and SVOSH representatives.



Ralph Turnbull at 91 years of age, a 56 year member of the Lions International Organization, has finally decided to put away his work gloves and hang up his hat. To recognize Ralph for his years of dedicated service, the Weidman Lions Club presented him with a beautiful engraved clock to keep track of his leisure time.

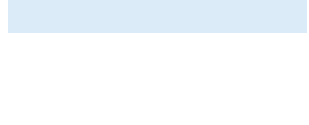


The Weidman Lions Club donated \$5,000 to the Nottawa-Sherman Firefighters Association for the purpose of upgrading their rescue Air Packs. Pictured from left to right: Fire Chief Dave Livermore, Fernando Terreros, Lions President and Assistant Fire Chief, George Flaughter.



For nineteen years Weidman Lions Club has kept a secret that it has one of the finest cooks in this part of the country. Kay Middlesworth, the wife of club member Doug, has created dinners for the club meetings that would rival the best restaurants in town. The club has had no problems finding speakers because they had heard of our meals and were looking forward in joining in the feast. To remind Kay of the members' gratitude, she was presented with a masterful plaque of healthy club members and gift certificates.

Luther Lions have had another successful "Feeding America" distribution in January. More than 109 households served, translating into 272 people. Our monthly dinner was on January 22. The Soup Supper consisted of four homemade soups, all you can eat, with beverage and dessert for a donation. Proceeds benefit our scholarship fund for Pine River High School graduates. All in all we did well with collecting \$450.00.



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The Alpena Lions Club recently sponsored the January pop-up food pantry in cooperation with Feed the Need Alpena and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The pop-up pantries are conducting monthly in Alpena County, and this was the second food truck the Alpena club sponsored in a seven-month time period. The food provided will help feed 686 people.



Lions Sara (Smith) Goldberg and President Cal Shooks of the Central Lake Lions presented a check to the local youth center CLYFF - Central Lake Youth Focusing on the Future. In addition to the \$1,000 they collected in donations at their Christmas party, an extra \$200 that was also donated by club members throughout the year in memory of Lion Jim Smith.



The Lions held an open house and a Kidsight screening, while the Lionesses had their annual bake sale fundraiser at Central Lake Window Night.



Central Lake Lionesses presented the proceeds from their annual Local Fashion Show where \$1,392 was raised to support the Central Lake School Trojan Food Pantry. The fashion show has become a local favorite, highlighting the local fashions available in Central Lake.

In January, Vice District Governor Rod Leathers inducted Central Lake's newest Lion Scott Thomas with his sponsor Lion Bob LaBeau.



King Lion Bill Beethem of the Cheboygan Lions presented Lion Tom Pilon with his Milestone Chevron 50 year award, Lion Mark Tamlyn - 20 years, and Lion Bernie Beethem - 15 years.

The East Jordan Lions Club had their diabetes awareness event at the EJ Senior Center in December. The East Jordan Family Health Center provided information for the event.



Pictured are two Health Care professionals, E.J. Lions Sherry Pursel, Bill Chase, Bob Noll, Linda Gocha, and Linda Chase.

Hillman Lion Jan Pankner presented lip balm to the Student Resource Center at Hillman High School. The lip balm was donated by Eversight Michigan, Eversight was delighted to assist the Hillman Lions with their efforts to provide needed supplies to Hillman High School students.



The Boyne Valley Lions Club inducted 2 new Lions in January: Kirt Ploe and Kurt Wangeman. The Board unanimously agreed to donate \$300 to the Boyne Wrestling Club Team. The BVLC handed the Boyne City High School Robotics Club a check for \$500.

The Central Lions Club held a Valentine's Day Dinner in February. It was held in the lodge at the YMCA Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Torch Lake. The meal choices were prime rib of beef or roasted pork tenderloin. Appetizers, twice baked potatoes, green beans almondine, salad, and a dessert bar were also served.

The Lewiston Lions Club Collected 788 glasses over the course of the year and donated them to several groups for use in missionary work. Pictured: Lions Jim Hilgendorf and Brian Grachel delivering fruit to the local community sharing food bank for Christmas.



A new resident of Central Lake, Susan Graff, offered to make port pillows for Camp Quality to help support our Pediatric Cancer project. She made and delivered over 100 port pillows! Thank you Susan!

The East Jordan Lions Club presented two Milestone Achievement Awards. Receiving the award recognizing 15 years of service to the Club is Bob Noll. Joe Krumholz is recognized for 10 years of service. Both awards were presented by District 11-E2 First Vice District Governor Rod Leathers.



Vice District Governor Rod Leathers and his wife Marie attended the Oscoda Lions' February meeting, Vice District Governor Rod inducted four new members, Lions Dave Schaeffer, Nadia Hollenbeck, Darryl Hollenbeck and Dirk Hunt; he also gave a talk on his theme for next year "One Lion Can Make a Difference".



Left to right: Dave Schaeffer, his sponsor Bob Tasiar VD Gov. Rod Leathers, Darryl Hollenbeck, Nadia Hollenbeck, and Dirk Hunt, sponsor Tony Priebe

The Oscoda Lions Club held its ninth Annual Souper Bowl Supper in early February. The event featured 29 different soups prepared by 25 Lions and four community volunteers. Richardson Elementary Schools art class students made ceramic bowls to sell at the supper. The money raised from selling the bowls will go towards helping fight Hunger, and the money raised by the soup dinner goes to helping our charities. We would like to thank everyone who came out to attend the supper (250) and five businesses that helped us, Family Fare, Vinnie's Hardware, KFC, Rogers, and Vista Lanes.



The Petoskey Lions Club recycled 177 pairs of glasses in February. Three requests for glasses were received in February and are being processed.

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Dining with Diabetes classes on March 25th at the White Cloud Den, 5-7pm

Harrison Lions have picked prizes out for our spring raffle drawing. Raffle tickets go on sale April 4, held at Jay's Sporting Goods and Family Fare in Harrison.

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Charlevoix Lions Wellness Wednesday \$15 Cholesterol Screening: Every Wednesday from 8 am-11 am, Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital hosts "Wellness Wednesday" health screenings at the hospital's Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level, Body Mass Index Score, and Fat Percentages and a Blood Pressure Reading. Cost for the service is \$15 and free once per year for employees and volunteers. Participants

receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results.

Due to popular demand, Michigan State Extension will be teaching another cohort of their 8-week 'Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention' class at the Wellness Workshop beginning in March. This class is designed to increase strength, balance and prevent falls. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, please call

the MSU Extension office at (231) 582-6232 to register."

The District has asked if the BVLC would like to host the District Conference in the Boyne area (Boyne Mountain) in April 2021.

- a) 200-300 people for 3 days
- b) Would require a committee to plan and implement
- (1) Lion Joe would like to be a member of the planning committee
- c) Can we get other Lions Clubs to help and co-host (example East Jordan Lions Club?)
- d) Need to continue to discuss with our club and gauge level of interest.



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Lunch only: \$55 per person

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Event

8 a.m.
Registration & breakfast,
Putting practice

9:30 a.m.
Shotgun start

3 p.m.
Silent auction
Lunch: Sirloin steak & chicken marsala
Awards
Putting contest

Contests
Longest drive (men's/women's)
Closest to the hole (men's/women's)
Straightest drive (men's/women's)
Hole-in-one
Best dressed

Sponsor levels

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Recognition on Eversight social media
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Listing on sponsor board
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Listing on event web page
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20/20 \$1,000

1 foursome
Listing on sponsor board
Listing on event web page
*\$584 tax deductible

Putting Contest \$500

Signage on putting green
Listing on sponsor board
Listing on event web page
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Awards \$150

Signage at awards table
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