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Events:

OCTOBER 2020
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OCTOBER 2
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Treetops Resort, Gaylord

OCTOBER 2-3
Council of Governors Mtg
Treetops Resort, Gaylord

OCTOBER 8
World Sight Day

 **OCTOBER 31**
HAPPY HALLOWEEN
New Voices nominations due for 1st
QTR recognitions Multiple District GST
Kindness Matters Service Award
nomination due to LCI

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Council of Governors Meeting



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> PRIDE NEWS

**FROM THE DESK OF COUNCIL CHAIR JEFF MAYUIERS
LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN**



An old quote I read long ago recently came back to me and it amazed me of its true timeless relevance. The quote was:

“Be the change you wish to see in the world”.

Today in these changing times we all must realize our world will never be the same as it once was. So, if we as Lions can agree that this is true, we must ask ourselves what keeps us united in Lions? Regardless of being an old Lion or a new Lion, a member of the Silent Generation or a Zenial what is the bond we as Lions all share that will never change? The motto “We Serve” is the bond that all Lions share that will never change. We as Lions however are challenged with how we serve. To serve the needs of the world today we as Lions must change. We must adapt. We must look at ourselves and be the change we wish to see in order to serve the world!

It is time for us as Lions to re-engage with our communities. It is time to let our light shine. It is time to light tomorrow with the service we do today.

*In Service,
Council Chair Jeff
MD11, Lions International*



2021-2022 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!



Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors, Immediate PDG’s, District Governors and 1st VDG’s: The search is on!

In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor or a seated District Governors. 1st VDGs are eligible to submit an application for consideration, as they will be a seated Governor 2021-2022. He/she shall serve for a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than November 13, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the 2020-2021 MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday afternoon, December 4, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Selection of the 2021-2022 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews.

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

Mail to: Lions of Michigan
Attn: Wendy Burns, Executive Director
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Lansing, Michigan 48911

**MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2021-2022
Application Form**

Please type or print:

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Middle Initial
_____ Spouse’s Name (if applicable)		
_____ Address	_____ City and State	_____ Zip/Postal Code
_____ Residence Phone (Include Area Code)		_____ Business Phone (Include Area Code)
_____ Fax (Include Area Code)		_____ Cell Phone (Include Area Code)
_____ E-Mail Address		
_____ Your Lions Club	_____ District #	_____ Year Served as a DG

Include on separate letter head the following:

Offices held at the club level:

Offices held at the zone, region, and district level (including committee assignments):

Offices held at the multiple district level (including committee assignments):

Special awards, honors, and recognitions you have received:

Skills or talents you bring to the position:

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FROM THE DESK OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROD LEATHERS - MD 11 B2



WANT TO JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE?

I'm raising money for Central Lake Lions Club Charities in support of pediatric cancer programs. Hair, beard, and mustache shave - all must go! Want to watch? It will be live on Facebook on October 10, 2020 at 10:10 a.m. Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500. Every little bit helps. Thank you for your support. The first \$2500 will send a family to Camp Quality, a camp for children and their families battling cancer. Anything over that amount will be divided between Camp Quality, Maggie's Wigs for Kids, and Kids Kicking Cancer all 501c3 organizations which Lions of Michigan supports.

Use the QR code to pay with PayPal or visit
CentralLakeLions.org for links to donate with Facebook or a credit or debit card.

Checks can be mailed to Central Lake Lions Club Charities,
PO Box 279, Central Lake, MI 49622 with Pediatric Cancer in the memo.

GREAT CYCLE CHALLENGE TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH

During the month of September there are several Lions participating in the Great Cycle Challenge which benefits the Children's Cancer Research Fund. The newly formed Lions of Michigan Cycle Team have committed to cycling 1,000 miles during the month of September and to raise \$1,000 for the charity. Our expectation was \$1,000 but as of September 12th we are far past this goal as we have collected over \$5,400 for Children's Cancer Research Fund.

10 Lions have pledged to ride during September to reach our 1,000 miles. These riders are Amber Reul, Anita Selby, Brian Betzold, Colleen Lundgren, Dakota Marie, Debra VanTol, Dennis Lundgren, Derek DeClaire, Eddie Reul and Laura Hurst. Special kudos to Lion Derek DeClaire who has raised over \$2,300! Lion Wendy and Lion Laura were gracious enough to give the go ahead and we really believe that creating a Lions of Michigan athletic team, consisting of runners and cyclists, is going to be a great, fun way to raise money and create awareness for Lions in the future.

We would like to try this next year, only we would set up a similar program for donation to our Lion Childhood Cancer charities. We also believe that this will impact membership as Lions will become more visible out in the community and will hopefully translate into younger members interested in joining the Lions of Michigan Cycle Team and become a part of our new athletic club.



There is still time to donate this year. Please go to greatcyclechallenge.com and search for Lions of Michigan cycle club for information.

VDG Brian Betzhold, MD 11-D2

> DATES TO REMEMBER

LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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LIONS 2020-2021 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS SAVE THE DATE!

- A1
April 16-17, 2021
Frankenmuth
- A2
April 16-17, 2021
Park Place, Traverse City
- B1
May 7, 2020
C1
May 21, 2021
DoubleTree, Holland
- C2
March 19-21, 2021
Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant
- D1
April 9-11, 2021
Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant
- D2
March 26-28, 2021
DoubleTree, Grand Rapids
- E1
April 24th-25th
Big Rapids
- E2
April 16-18, 2021
Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls
- D10
April 23-25, 2021
Harris, MI
- MD11
May 20-22, 2021
Holland DoubleTree,
Holland



2020-2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| <p>October 2020
Michigan Lions
Membership Month</p> <p>Lions Leadership/
Graduate Institute
WATCH FOR UPCOMING DETAILS</p> <p>Friday-Saturday
October 2-3, 2020
2nd Council of Governors Meeting
TreeTops Resort, Gaylord, MI</p> <p>Friday-Saturday,
December 4-5
3rd Council of
Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn Express,
Mt. Pleasant</p> <p>Saturday,
February 27, 2021
Lions Michigan Forum
Holiday Inn, Gateway Centre, Flint</p> | <p>Saturday-Sunday,
February 27-28, 2021
4th Council of Governors
Meeting
Holiday Inn
Gateway Centre, Flint</p> <p>April 23-May 2, 2021
Michigan Lions
White Cane Week</p> <p>May 21, 2021
5th Council of Governors
Meeting
Holland DoubleTree
Hotel, Holland</p> <p>May 20-22, 2021
MD 11 Lions
Convention
Holland DoubleTree
Hotel, Holland</p> |
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MD11 SEEKS ASSISTANT STATE TREASURER

Multiple District 11 will accept applications for the position of Assistant State Treasurer. This newly created position is designed to assist and mentor with the current State Treasurer and will help to oversee the finances of the following accounts:

- Lions Clubs of Michigan;
- Lions of Michigan All State Band;
- Lions Leadership Institute;
- Lion Pride Publication;
- Defense Against Diabetes.

The person selected for this volunteer position must have experience in providing financial information, researching and analyzing accounting data; preparing reports; knowledge of SAGE accounting software. Deadline to submit: November 1, 2020. Letters of interest and resume can be emailed to: wburns@lionsofmi.com or mail your information to:

Wendy Burns, Executive Director
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2021 LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED



2021 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

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

Phone: (517) 887-6640
 Fax: (517) 887-6642
 email: lions@lionsofmi.com



- Scholarship Criteria:**
1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
 2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
 3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
 4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
 5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
 6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
 7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30th annually.
 8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. *(Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).*

Scholarship Selection Process:

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

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

Education Information

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

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.

Special honors and awards

Special talents and training

Applicant's Signature

Date

PEACE POSTER KIT PURCHASE DEADLINE EXTENDED

The deadline to purchase a kit and sponsor a Peace Poster Contest has been extended to October 15! How are you adapting the way you hold your contest?

WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY OCTOBER 15

White Cane Safety Day commemorates the accomplishments of the blind or visually impaired. Their independence is represented by a white cane. This is a vital tool helps them navigate the world. President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed this national holiday on October 15, 1964. Honor it by spreading the word about its significance.

OCTOBER IS LIONS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Now, more than ever Lions are working to help serve the many needs of the communities surrounding us. We recognize the value of membership within a Lions Club as a means to reaffirm our member-service mission: "to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs".



THE 2020-2021 POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST

PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

Lions have provided an important reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much—joy, kindness, hope and PEACE. This year, young people have the opportunity to express their visions of peace through the lens of service.

Lions have been serving and connecting safely through social distancing, Zoom meetings, social media and more, and we encourage you to continue being safe as you sponsor the Peace Poster Contest. For suggestions on ways to connect this year with participants, check out the LCI website's "6 Tips for Organizing a Contest."

ANNUAL CORPORATION REPORT



DID YOU COMPLETE YOURS ON TIME?

October 1st is the deadline for filing your club's annual Nonprofit Corporation Report. The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs mailed out the report forms in mid-July. You may file online at www.michigan.gov/corpfileonline, but I have found this to be a little complex! It's just as easy to fill in the info boxes and mail it on its' merry way to Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. They are also very helpful on the phone! Contact Corporations Division at (517) 241-6470 or CorpsMail@michigan.gov A \$20.00 filing fee is required.

> LIONS MD 11 - NAMI NEWS

WHO'S ON FIRST?!Report by Dave Wineman
NAMI AREA LEADER

OK, it might be a stupid title. But face it. It was one of those great comic routines of all times. Abbot and Costello did a magnificent job of making something so simple, so meaningful and funny. I have listened to several different renditions of the skit and sometimes you can even hear them laugh and having fun. They must have done the routine a thousand times. But, wait! There was way more to this simple routine. It often reminds me of Lions. Costello was asking the question who is on first? Abbot was stating that Who was on first. Same sentence, two different meanings separated by either a question mark or a period.

When it comes to Lions how many of us say it with a question mark? Lions? How many of us say it with a period? Lions. Let's branch out a bit. How many of us say it with an exclamation point? Lions!

How do you approach your life as a Lion? Are you a question mark, a period or an exclamation point? As silly as it sounds, it brings forward a very important point. If we are positive and serving individuals should our motto be "We Serve?", "We Serve.", or "We Serve!?" There is no doubt in my mind that we all would shout We Serve! To top things off we would be proud of it too. We should be. As a team of Lions, we have championed a tremendous number of good things. We are way past World Series league material.

How would you say the word Service? Would you say, "Service?", "Service." or "Service!?" I know reading countless Facebook posts there are proud Lions doing "Service!". Lions that are passionate and proud of the things they have done. They ought to be. Lions have made a difference. Blood drives, diabetes initiatives, community beautification, shut in assistance, environmental projects, vision projects galore. The list seems endless. It leaves a feeling inside all of us that is next to none. No joking!

When I look at the faces of Lions in photographs on Facebook, I see

smiles and fun. People interacting with each other. Enjoying the moment. Happy that they made a difference through the service they have done. I bolded that on purpose. As you can see, we have gone full circle. Flip it around and you get We Serve.

Ah, but there is a catch here. Initially the question was asked how we would say We Serve. Most of us would say We Serve! Most of us have fun and derive a great feeling about the service we provide. We exclaim it with the smiles in the photos. But there is one word that stands by itself left.

How would we say "We"? Would we say it by inviting one of our neighbors or friends to Lions? Seriously, are we saying, "Come join Lions!" or "Come join Lions?" Or are most of us sitting silent and letting the silence fill in the answer? So, it is really simple. As Lions, we see the good we do. We feel the service that we do. We get it! But, do we share it? It is humbling to ask someone else to be part of the greatest organization in the world. What if they say no? Maybe we needed to be humbled. Giving others the chance to make a difference in their community and the world is sometimes humbling. Sometimes it is extremely gratifying! It takes a strong person, a leader, to be able to bring the "We" to "We Serve". That strong person is in each of us. Sometimes we just need a bit of encouragement. Some of us just need a bit of training.

Want to put the "We" back into Lions? How about just a better and more confident "Me" in life? Be certain to sign up for the Lions Opportunities In A Virtual World 2020 event on November 7th. It's free! See this issue of the Pride for more information or visit www.lionsofmi.com website. It takes a lot to put the "We" in "We Serve". It's the difference between a question mark and an exclamation mark. See you there!

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**Congratulations to districts 11A1, 11A2, 11B1 and 11C2 for putting the "We" in "We Serve" so far this year! We all can do this!**

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[www.lionsclubs.org/nami](http://www.lionsclubs.org/nami)

**GETTING YOUR CLUB INVOLVED IN CHILDHOOD CANCER PROJECTS**

The Childhood Cancer Committee has been very busy with creative fundraising and supporting our families and our projects...and your club can help!

We are working with Kids Kicking Cancer, Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids, and Camp Quality to improve the lives of children battling the disease. Each of these groups has developed a "Wish List" that your club can help us fill. While they are always appreciative of, and in need of, financial contributions, there are also other specific needs.

Each District has a dedicated Childhood Cancer Chair; please reach out to yours to coordinate your projects and donations. We're adding their names and contact information to the Lions of Michigan website for you. The Chairs are also a great source of fundraising or other project ideas! Check out our Facebook pages by searching "Lower Peninsula MI Lions Supporting Kids with Cancer" and "Upper Peninsula Lions Supporting Kids with Cancer." Here are some ideas to get you started:

**Kids Kicking Cancer:** \$5 or \$10 Gift Cards from Walmart, Target, Meijer, etc... These can be purchased online directly from the stores' websites. Just put Register@KidsKickingCancer.org as the recipient and add your Lions Club name as the sender.

**Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids:** Your club can add items to the welcome bags the kids receive. All items must be new, please. They can use children's jewelry such as beaded bracelets, lip balm, unscented lotions, small toys or games, soft socks, blankets, and hats, hand sanitizer, activity and coloring books and crayons. Also on their wish list are real china tea cups for their Enchanted Tea Room and Gift Cards from Walmart, Amazon, or Target.

**Camp Quality:** In preparation for next summer, they are looking for bug spray, sunscreen, Ladder Toss and Cornhole games, Marshmallow roasting forks, and activity or coloring books and crayons. Should they be unable to hold camp again, these items will be sent out to the children and/or saved until the next year.

Michigan Lions are doing an incredible job of helping patients and parents. We have many other ways you can help; just contact us!

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STATE PROJECTS



# Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. We work in partnership with our member Lions Clubs and other organizations to provide disadvantaged individuals and families with access to affordable medical care and services designed to help improve their quality of life.

While our programs encompass many areas, through screening, diagnosis, treatment, education and research, we primarily help underserved populations and financially struggling individuals who require assistance with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event. Our services are offered state-wide with a focus on helping Michigan residents succeed academically, develop normally, maintain independence and prosper in life.

Our slogan is "Partners in Service" which both describes our close relationship with our Michigan Lions Clubs and auxiliaries and our philosophy on making a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people in our state. It is our belief that by combining resources and working together with other charities, businesses and foundations, we can better address the issues that face our state, and we can confidently confront the challenges that lie ahead.

Our close working relationship with our Michigan Lions Clubs and auxiliaries enables us to readily identify, select, and effectively provide services for individuals and their families who require our help to deal with their medical problems and quality of life issues. Michigan Lions Clubs provide advocacy for our clients, and in most cases, the local Lions Club provides additional financial support and services for clients.

Through our KidSight Program, we aim to identify and help restore normal vision to children suffering from undiagnosed vision disorders that affect their ability to perform in school and develop on pace with their classmates. Our hi-tech mobile vision screeners are programmed to quickly and accurately identify vision disorders such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), anisometropia (unequal refraction power), astigmatism (optical defect), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing.

When identified early, 95% of vision problems can be corrected, however when vision problems are not detected early, a child's vision can deteriorate, and vision loss can be irreversible. Over time, treatment options diminish, and the cost of treatment increases substantially.

Through our Hearing Screening Program, our objective is to identify and treat hearing problems before they impede a child's learning and development and negatively impact a child or adult's quality of life. Research shows that 15% of children and over 30% of older adults suffer from hearing loss that harmfully affects their daily lives.

Untreated hearing loss will interfere with a child's ability to learn and may cause behavioral issues that will disrupt their academic success and social development, and among older adults, untreated hearing loss is the third highest disabling condition after arthritis and hypertension.

Through our Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program, we help low-income people with hearing loss maintain self-sufficiency through the provision of affordable hearing aids and audiology services. One in every ten people in our state suffers from hearing loss, which can only be treated with amplification, and without financial help, many people in Michigan cannot afford hearing aids.

Our strong partnerships with hearing aid manufacturers, including GN ReSound, Phonak, Rexton, Starkey and Unitron, audiology groups and hearing specialists and other charities enable us to provide our hearing-impaired clients with all types of digital hearing aids for about twenty percent of the average market cost. Collaboration allows us to keep program costs down and help many more Michigan residents without jeopardizing service quality.

Through our Emergency Individual Assistance Program, we help uninsured and underinsured people who suffer from severe vision and hearing disorders that can only be corrected through surgical intervention or costly medical procedures. Our service agreements and partnerships with ophthalmology groups and medical service providers throughout Michigan ensure that program resources are used efficiently and effectively and that clients receive exceptional care at affordable costs. Funding is determined based on the overall financial and medical needs of the applicant.

Through our Emergency Military Family and Veterans Relief Program, we help current and former military members and their families with financial emergencies. Funding is determined through an application process, and it is based on the financial needs of the applicant.

Through our Emergency Disaster Relief Program, we help people and families affected by natural disasters, including severe storms, flooding, fires and tornados. Funding is determined by the number of individuals and families affected by the disaster and the overall amount of losses incurred. Our service programs are funded with revenue derived from our Lion Mints business, the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, donations, and special events. We receive no state or federal government support for our programs.



## QUESTIONING YOUR LEADERSHIP ABILITY? BY LION MIKE SCOTT MD11/11B1



**"I Am Second-Guessing Myself."**

This statement may be unusual to some people, but it is not a foreign concept to those currently serving in a leadership role and others who have had aspired to be in such a position. Many people fear leadership.

Are you unsure if you're cut out for leadership, or is it that you're uncertain if you want a specific role? First things first: Figure out what you are questioning. In most cases, these voices will belong to those who place the notion of leadership on a very high pedestal. They will look at leaders of the past and present and believe that they're not at all like those iconic figures. Because of this, they convince themselves they are not made to be a leader. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Do I even want this? This question is fair, but I challenge you to ask yourself this: If you were to choose a leadership role today, why would you accept it?

So, how do you move through these feelings of uncertainty? The good news is leadership skills can be improved if one is willing to be self-reflective and make efforts to do so. By being ready to learn, you find possibilities. Try something different, understanding that new processes and approaches might not work, and that's OK.

What can you do? Everyone has it in them to be a good (even great!) leader because everyone has leadership potential. However, just like any other quality, it needs to be cultivated, nurtured, and refined. Fortunately, Lions of Michigan and Lions Clubs International have training available.

Want to learn more? I always available to chat with you about leadership positions and development opportunities.

Lion Mike Scott,  
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## &gt; DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES



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*This series is funded by a generous grant from Lions Club International.*



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### CONTACT:

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# WHY!

## ARTICLE BY BRENT BERACY - GMT-MD CHAIRPERSON



As your new GMT-MD chairperson, I've had conversations with your Governors, Vice-Governors, GMT's and NAMI champions and I know they are all valuable leaders and resources in each of our districts. As a club member or leader, they're not only available to you as a resource, these hardworking volunteers are working on solutions to strengthen our districts, clubs, and membership. The path to that solution is the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI). As we Opt-In, Build a Team, a Vision, a Plan, and eventually Successes, I am reminded that absolutely NONE of this matters without YOU Lion (Your name here).

Here's an article I wrote some time ago, adapted to remain current, that I believe is more relevant to us as Lions now more than ever:

### Why?

This question seems to set most back in their chair... We sat as a group of Lions leaders, brainstorming our Multiple District's (MD) future, pouring over our club health data both current and historical, it is obvious, the MD is at a turning point. Arguments now focused on the direction of that turn, are we going to continue the prevailing trend downwards, closing clubs who are no longer able to serve their communities due to age and dwindling resources, or are we at the bottom of that curve and will soon be seeing new activity, new clubs and a renewed sense of Lions resolve and pride?

If you've taken part in your district's NAMI meetings, you know that we've seen the bottom and are working diligently to reverse that trend. If you haven't yet participated, reach out to your district GMT and join in on the next conversation. Without you, the process just doesn't work as well.

We have recommended the club excellence program to clubs that have seemed to be struggling, suggested canvassing their communities doing needs assessments to be certain that they aren't overlooking certain projects that our communities would benefit from. We've suggested conducting "how are your ratings" surveys and "blueprint for a stronger club" and "Your Club, Your Way" to be certain that our clubs are still serving the needs of its members. We've identified potential communities in which a new Lions Club would be able to provide valuable service and yet our district data remains stagnant.

The MD as a whole we live and breathe our association's motto "We Serve". I can't think of a single Lion that when asked, won't tell you what they do and how they serve or when witnessed doesn't provide an excellent example of how they serve the community. In fact, we as a district are currently serving more needs than ever before just with nearly a third less resources. Yes, we Lions live up to our motto, question is though, do we live up to our mission?

Lions Clubs Mission Statement: "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."

As our meeting was drawing to a close, we considered why our MD was deteriorating, what was causing it and how we were going to fix it. One of our leaders spoke at the end of our meeting and interestingly proposed the following: "What is our reason why?" And that is the question that sat our leaders back in our chairs a little lost for words, you see we were all well versed on what Lions do, and how they do it, but to know "Why" requires one to dig a little deeper.

Author and public speaker Simon Sinek has written a book about "Why" and provides examples such as the Apple Co., the Wright Brothers, and even Martin Luther King to prove his point that "People don't buy what you do; they buy why you do it." I encourage all Lions to take time to get familiar with Simon by starting a simple YouTube search.

Lions, I believe that what we have been missing or ignoring in our efforts to fulfill our Mission is to focus on our reason "why". It is a deeply personal and emotional reason that each one of us knows, but rarely talks about, we LOVE to serve. When we share our LOVE of Lions and Lionism, we talk straight from the heart, and in turn speak directly to the part of the brain that drives behavior. Love empowers people. Love encourages peace. Love begets understanding. THAT is our Mission! As we continue to introduce potential members into our Lions family, I ask you to lead with your why. It's your "why" that will truly connect you to those you speak with and will quickly help correct our course to fulfill our Mission.

As said by Helen Keller "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."

From my heart to yours,

**Lion Brent**  
**MD11-GMT Chair**

**"Be You, BRAVELY"**

## IDEAS FOR FUND RAISING!

### Club service story worksheet

A key part of any successful fundraiser is telling your club's service story. Stories help supporters connect with the cause you care about: they will be more likely to contribute if they are excited about your work!

Use the worksheet below to brainstorm specific service project success stories you can tell to show the value of Lions/Leos clubs and your past or future planned projects.

|                                                                                            |                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| What need did your club observe in the community?                                          | <i>Our club observed...</i>                                   |
| What service project did you implement or are you organizing to meet the community's need? | <i>To address this need, our club...</i>                      |
| If you're sharing a past service project, what was the impact of your project?             | <i>Our project served...</i>                                  |
| Do you have personal statements from people served by your club to share with supporters?  | <i>People who benefited from our project said...</i>          |
| How do you want supporters to contribute to your club's work?                              | <i>You can help our club make an even bigger impact by...</i> |

### Event fundraiser planning checklist (continued)

| Status | Task                                               | Deadline | Task Lead | Tips                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        | Consider adding a service activity                 |          |           | Show the impact of Lions and Leos by including a service project:<br>» The project can be the main event (e.g., a community clean-up that ends with a group meal and live music in your newly beautified space)<br>» The project can be a small piece of a fundraiser (e.g., set up a card-writing station at your dinner fundraiser where supporters write encouraging messages to the families, staff or children at your local hospital) |
|        | Approach potential partners                        |          |           | One way to minimize your costs, serve your community and connect supporters to your service is to partner with local organizations for in-kind donations. For example:<br>» Ask a store to contribute decorations<br>» Contact entertainment companies and negotiate reduced prices for equipment<br>» Approach businesses in the community for prizes; options include reduced prices for a normal service or a free product               |
|        | Revise your budget                                 |          |           | » Revise your budget based on reduced costs or free materials you receive from partners<br>» Itemize budget to track deviations in spending                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|        | Promote your fundraiser                            |          |           | Use the promotional checklist on page 7 to facilitate this task                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|        | Incentivize early ticket sales                     |          |           | » Reduce the price of entry tickets before a particular date to encourage early registration<br>» Offer special giveaways, entrance into a raffle, or other treats to the first 10, 20 or 100 registrants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|        | Celebrate your successes and reflect on next steps |          |           | » How many supporters contributed to your fundraiser?<br>» How much money did you raise?<br>» What in-kind donations did you receive?<br>» What was successful about your fundraiser?<br>» What challenges did you encounter?<br>» What will you do differently in the future?<br>» How will we thank our supporters?                                                                                                                       |
|        | Thank your supporters                              |          |           | Be specific. Include key information such as:<br>» How much money you raised<br>» In-kind donations you received<br>» How you will use the money and donations<br>» How many people these resources will serve<br>» Any other information to connect your supporters to your work<br><br>Use the example message on page 8 to facilitate this task                                                                                          |

> - WALK FOR DIABETES NEWS

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Collecting pop tabs is an easy way to support Ronald McDonald House Charities. Revenue from recycling helps provide a “home away from home” for families whose seriously ill children are undergoing medical treatment in a metro Detroit hospital.

So, save your pop cans, soup cans, canned fruits and veggies, even pet food cans. For more information regarding this fundraiser, contact Lion Phyllis Turner Pediatric Cancer Chair, District 11 A1 [psturner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:psturner@sbcglobal.net) or 248-557-3314.

District Governor Dave Wilbert came out to support this month’s Hunger Committee Initiative-500 boxes of food were given to individuals and organizations throughout Wayne County.

The Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club, along with the Boy Scouts of America, and volunteers at Historic Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, served together well!



Bedford Township Lions operate a successful retail shop in their community. They own and operate this “Lions Den” which many in the area benefit from.



Novi Lions Club hold their club installation with the assistance of Governor David Wilbert.



11 A2

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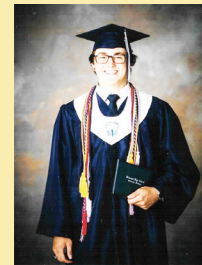
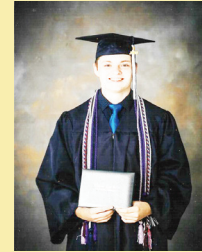


Sterling Heights Lioness Club continues to Serve Despite the challenges of COVID 19. They helped to pack 130 boxes for soldiers. They donated 200 pairs of socks to MISC. They are currently signing Christmas cards for soldiers. The Sterling Heights Lioness surely are an inspiration!

Sterling Heights Lions Club will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on November 6. Join them for an evening of celebration with guest speaker PID Dr. Gary Anderson at the American Century Club, Sterling Heights. Contact PDG Ron Papa, 586-226-9066 or PCC Bob Jenkins, 586-532-7385

Fraser Lions Club held their Rock n’Roar benefit concert fundraiser, with three local bands participating in this great event. Thank you to local bands Bad Royal, Red Brick Road and Blurred Opinions for the donation of your time and for making the event a success!

Richmond Lions Club will participate once again in the 79th year of the Goodfellow Program. The revenue from this program provides Christmas food and supports toys for the No Child without Christmas program, as well as year round support locally for eye exams, hearing aids and family disaster assistance. This year alone, \$8,000 has been used to provide emergency food assistance for those affected by Covid-19.



Richmond Lions Clubs have created an “SOS” fund to give back to high school seniors in need, based on financial situations, history of community service and academic success. These scholarships are \$1000 each and 100% of revenue from a club approved raffle will go towards the scholarships.

2020 Scholarship Recipients

After five years of service as District Editor, Lion James Boomer will be stepping aside. If you are interested in learning more about the position, the time commitment required and the specific responsibilities please contact Lion James by email at [jboomer1965@gmail.com](mailto:jboomer1965@gmail.com) or by phone at 248-410-3756.

District A2 Cabinet Meeting: Building the Pride. Wednesday October 14, led by VDG Elliott Hilton. The meeting will take place at Big Tommy’s Parthenon, starting at 6:00 pm

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The District has been challenged by MD 11 Global Service Chair, PDG Evelyn Cooper, to make 1,000 face masks. This figures out to just 29 masks per club. Patterns were provided and clubs were asked to supply the necessary materials. Masks will be distributed around the district.

tion shirts, Lions Without Borders, from Lion Stephanie Cain, 313-580-9600 or Lion Deborah Love, 313-377-7767.

Order your 100 Year Celebra-

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> REGION NEWS

11 B1



**VDG Dave Anderson**  
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12 Lions clubs in the Jackson area teamed up to donate 6,300 Lions mints to front line workers at Henry Ford Allegiance hospital. The facility's safety protocols required the mints to be delivered to the hospital's marketing department, which agreed to oversee the distribution.

Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club held a virtual painting fundraiser which netted \$456 for the club to assist in community service projects. Complete kits were purchased from a local business, followed by a live Face Book painting party. The project was a decorative pumpkin for a front door or wall. A successful White Cane/Candy Days drive brought in an additional \$433.00, adding greatly to the activity account where funds are used to help those less fortunate. Up next is the annual wreath and garland sale through November.

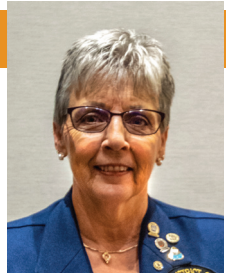


Lion Cyndie Gorton's finished product

Jackson Professional Virtual Lions Club member, Lion Kelly Lubbe helped write successful grant to the Lions Foundation for \$10,000. Money was used to make hand sanitizer with a local business, The Grand River Brewery. We and other members from the Jackson Professional Virtual Club, Michigan Center Lioness- Lions Club, and the Quest South East Jackson Lions Club, filled over 2000 bottles for personal use and distribution to the staff members of the hospital and local nursing homes. We were also able to give money to continue our mask project along with the R & L Coatings Company, who made over 1000 buckles for the face masks to hold them on your head away from your ears.



11 B2



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Buchanan-Galien Lions hosted our First Annual Kickball Tournament and Third Annual Corn and Sausage Roast. Both events were held at the McCoy Creek Park Lions Pavilion and softball fields and the weather was perfect. A great turn out and the combined teamwork of the Lions, their spouses, family and friends helped to

make both events successful. As always, the local communities support was outstanding and at the end of the day there were a lot of smiling faces. In Kickball, the "Y's Last Minute" team beat the "Lion's Misfits" in two out of three 30-minute showdowns. Both teams said they had a blast and are already looking forward to next year's event with more teams.



Covert Township Lions recognize the importance of our first responders to the community. We presented certificates of appreciation and lunch. There was also a fly over in their honor put on by Star of the Lake Lodge #158 and Dutcher Lodge #199 Masonic Lodges



Edwardsburg Lions pay tribute to long time Lion Jon Brantiff. Lion John joined the club when he was only 22 years old in January of 1956. His faithfulness, dedication, and proudest of being a Lin has made Lion John the club's oldest member of the club. Lion John has held just about every club office possible. Lion John is a "Golden Treasure" to the club with so much history and knowledge over the years. He never missed a meeting while in Michigan (snowbird in FL). He attended and

worked hard at events, fundraisers and promoting their great Lions Club. Pictured is Lion Dave Stiffler presenting Lion John with a Helen Keller Fellowship Award on behalf of the club for his many years of service, also pictured is Lion John's wife.



District Governor Julie installed the Portage Lions Club officers and inducted new members and assisted in club awards presentations. Pictured is Lion Amy Blankenshain receiving a Plaque of Appreciation as Membership Chair from President Laura Berry and DG Julie.

Lion Jeff Mayuiers presented Lion John Bippus with an Appreciation plaque for Bippus Charities generous donation of the additional funding needed to be able to add on to their building following the fire of their previous storage shed last Spring. Lion John has also donated to the club a large rental sign for the outside of the building, and arranged for the parking lot to be repaved. Lion John's father Lion Jim Bippus also made previous donations to the club.

President Lion Tom presented Lion Jeff Mayuiers with his name plate to be mounted on the Service and Building and Grounds plaque that hangs in the club thanking those members that have served as Building and Grounds Chairperson. Lion Jeff has served for the past 5 years. During this time the club has underwent remodeling of the kitchen and 2 restrooms, landscaping, lighted building sign and now the addition to the garage.

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**Manchester Lions Club**, in participation with the LCIF Campaign 100, became the first (and only) MODEL CLUB in our district by donating nearly \$10,000 to LCIF. Under the guidelines, this entitled the club to receive 15% of the funds in the form of a Club Community Impact Grant. Manchester had a non-profit resale store a few years ago which over the previous ten years had donated more than \$300,000 back into the community. For some unknown reason, they abruptly closed their doors. Worth Repeating resale shop was a golden opportunity to support the community and get recognition for LCIF and the Manchester Lions Club. Manchester Lions then matched those funds to provide the nest egg needed to reestablish the non-profit resale shop. Worth Repeating became a reality on March 4th, opening its doors for business. In the first month Worth Repeating brought in over \$4000. With the Covid 19 crisis and business being shuttered for the duration, these funds comfortably allowed the store to weather the storm.

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September 26 **Three Rivers Lions** Drive-thru Ox Roast sandwich and Ham & Bean soup fundraiser.

**Mattawan Lions** have been meeting virtually and recently had their second social distancing meeting outside.

They have been brainstorming ways to do things differently for the future with our fundraisers and are planning a take-out dinner in the future and possibly virtual trivia.

**Nov. 30 District Wide Zone Meeting at Kal Haven Outpost 3:30 – 5:30**

**District Convention April 23 & 24 at Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo.**





11 C1

**DG Robert Hohendorf**  
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Muskegon Northside Lions joined with others to help erect a new accessible playground. Many hands helped in this effort and the result is something Laketon Township residents can be proud of!

The Lakewood Lions had another "Grand Slam" Event with their Drive Thru Chicken BBQ. They had 31 dedicated hard-working heroes who made this event run like clockwork, it was amazing to watch and the Community feedback has been great!! Everyone loved the chicken, the great service and rapid delivery line, and how the Lions help everyone out. They also did a great job in selling advance tickets, somewhere close to 700 which is a record and a few more than they sold for the June BBQ.

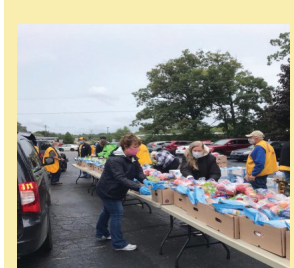
With 1270 cooked chickens, they served about 1150 meals, which was the most ever in Lake Odessa!! The meal assembly line was a well-oiled machine, as they delivered almost 900 meals in the first hour and a half.



Every one of the chickens were sold, and the left-over beans and potato salad were donated to a variety of good causes including Manna's Market.

It was a successful event thanks to the many volunteers, and of course to the continued awesome support from our friends in the Area and surrounding Communities. We are blessed with the support from so many.

They are planning and working on future dates for 2021!



Muskegon Northside Lions Club sponsored a food truck...in the rain!...but were happy to provide for so many people in need.



District Governor Bob Hohendorf presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Cheryl Mohr of the Martin Lions club. She is the 5th Melvin Jones Fellow in a club of 5 members. All club members are now Melvin Jones Fellows.

Since the first of July (all during COVID restrictions) they have held nine service projects, with 126 people served, and spent \$248.00 dollars. A small club with big accomplishments in their community and worldwide. They were also presented with a 200% LCIF Project 100 Model club patch. The accomplishment is a Lions first, at least for the Lion region of MI, IN, OH. The 200% model club is every member of their club contributing \$1000.00 to LCIF Project 100 in the past 3 years. Congratulations Martin Lions!



The Alto Lions Club sold Arnold Palmer iced tea/lemonade, and iced tea at the 14th Annual Alto Car Show – on what turned out to be the coldest Saturday of the month! It was a beautiful day, featuring many nicely restored cars and smiling faces.

The folks who put on the show reminded everyone to keep "one cow's length" apart in social distancing. picture of Lion Ken Adamy keeping his proper distance!



The Alto Lions inducted Caroline Adamy at their July 16 meeting. Lion Caroline is shown with Lion members of her family and District Governor Robert Hohendorf.

Left to right: Katherine Kryger, Ken Adamy, Marion Adamy, Caroline Adamy, District Governor Hohendorf



11 C2



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Bath Lions prepared backpacks filled with an assortment of food for children in their service area. Included in the packs was cereal, peanut butter, granola bars, etc. They worked the assembly line with each one of us adding a product to the bag. 576 backpacks were filled in the short, 3-hour shift! Community members also helped with the project and it is hoped they enjoyed the experience and will consider membership into the club.



Bath Lions Prepare Backpacks

DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club Mr. Dale Simmon enlightened the den on the Chosen Vision homes for adults with developmental disabilities in the area. Started in 1991 they now have three men's homes and one women's place in DeWitt and Grand Ledge, each housing six - eight residents. Staff includes one administrator and 13 part time employees. They are funded through a Non-Profit and rely upon donations, a spring golf fundraiser and a banquet in the fall.

Grand Ledge Lions Club: In spite of the typical car show the club sponsors each year, the highlight of the event – a raffle drawing for a new John Deere tractor – still took place. The grand prize winner this year was Laura Phelps of Charlotte. 4-\$100 winners were also drawn, making this another successful event for the Grand Ledge Lions Club.

Virtual Guiding Lion Training: October 20th, 21st, and 22nd from 7-8pm. Contact Lion Brent - email:

[pdgberacy@gmail.com](mailto:pdgberacy@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. Lions who complete this training will receive recognition at the October virtual cabinet meeting and a custom Name tag to wear with pride. Keep in mind that in November, the Michigan Lions Virtual Leadership conference will be making its debut and should be on everyone's To-do list!



Dale Simmon & President Spagnuolo

East Lansing Meridian Lions - Club - Bottle Drive Fundraiser: Lion Carrie Agnews and son Christopher of Gliniecki of Ohio, assist with the club's bottle drive. Lion Carrie saves and stores bottles after the club has prepared, cleaned and sorted them by size into plastic bags. The bottles are then shipped to 3rd World Countries by the organization, Matthew 25. Pill bottles are also collected and donated. The club has been collecting the bottles from clubs in the district and from the public for over 2 years. To date, over 30 trash bag sized containers have been donated to Matthew 25.



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**Hartland Lions Club** was selected as 2019 Volunteer Organization of the Year by the Salvation Army of Livingston County. Congratulations on this esteemed recognition!

**The Olivet Lions Club** completed a handicap ramp for a former Olivet school bus driver. The club purchased components of aluminum ramps enabling them to provide multiple temporary ramps and take them down when no longer needed to be used again.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7019037915?pwd=QlVpYVlIMjk2YmY0K1AxQkNPV09GQT09>

**The Elsie Lions Club** ran a successful two-day food trailer event in September. Through the support of members and the community, this was a great event. The club also held a White Cane Drive along with this event, raising over \$350.

**District 11-C2 Happy Hour**, Fridays, October 9th and 23rd. Reminders and invitations will be sent by email or:



> REGION NEWS



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**DG Harold DeMott**  
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Bay City Lions Club held its Paw Palooza Walk'n Wag-a-thon 2020. It was a beautiful day with

lots of dogs to admire and a big success. We featured pet adoptions, raffles, vendors and exhibits, Walk-A-Thon and a photo booth. The funds raised will be shared by Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Bay County Animal Services and Adoption Center. We'd like to thank our many sponsors and helpers to make this an even bigger event than last year. The Krista McAuliffe Leo Club Leader and Lion Elizabeth Berner was on hand also to present two very large bags of fleece blankets for the animals in need to Craig Goulet, the head of the Bay

County Animal Services and Adoption Center. Thank you to our Leos for all their hard work tying blankets.



Grand Blanc Lions: In place of traditional White Cane Days the club is holding an alternate event, "Birdies for Charity". Donations made to the Grand Blanc Lions go directly to the club with an additional 10% donation from the Ally Golf Tournament. For example, a \$10 donation would net \$11; \$20 donation would net \$22 and so on. If you would like to help support us as a fellow Lion or fellow club, you can mail your donation to: Grand Blanc Lions Club PO BOX 673 Grand Blanc, MI 48480. Thanks for helping us to continue to SERVE!

Flushing Lions are involved in the activities of the Flushing Community. For Halloween, they have decorated a store window at the local Shoe Gallery. We are also using milk jugs to make luminaries for the annual Candle Walk on December 3rd and 4th. See picture below of the crew cutting an access hole in the jugs and bagging them up for adding the sand and candles for the Candle Walk. As you can see we have a production line, cutting over 1000 jugs in less than one and a half hours.



Frankenmuth Lions Club recently presented \$500 scholarships to eight (8) Frankenmuth High School seniors. The Club raised the money through many local Activities including serving food at community events, selling brooms trash bags, and raising funds through other projects. The scholarship recipients and their parents were celebrated at a COVID-safe dinner at Heritage Park in Frankenmuth.



**1st VDG Duane Wilcox and PRC Jim Ates**

Linden Lions Club held its annual raffle despite most of the festivals and fairs-prime fundraising sites-taking the year off due to COVID. The club would like to thank all who sold tickets and bought them. The profits will go toward helping those in need.

Great Lakes Bay Area Sports Lions Club is co-hosting a Drive-In Concert on October 17th and the main band will be Joe Nichols along with some local bands, Family Tradition and Rebel Line. The last one we had featured some local musicians and was a lot of fun, the patrons had a blast. This one we are bringing a National Artist (Joe Nichols) along with the local bands for a big country night to remember. We are ahead of schedule with ticket sales and we think we will sell out before the concert. This is very exciting for our club and we are looking forward to having some much-needed fun.



11 D2

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D2 Thanks Health Care Workers at 10 Area Hospitals



In the effort to disperse the \$10,000.00 Grant received for COVID 19, IPDG Don Spinks has spearheaded a drive to purchase and disperse Subway sandwiches and a bag of chips to the staffs of the ten (10) hospitals in the district. All ten hospitals have been served and the project has been finalized. Over one thousand (1,000) subs and bags of chips were delivered to the hospital workers.



Bad Axe Lions, like many clubs, were forced to cancel annual fundraisers like the Fair and Golf Outing. Lion Randy Brown suggested that they do a "Can for COVID" drive. With a lot of planning logistics in place, community members were encouraged to drop off cans/bottles and in no time, they raised nearly \$25,000.00, with more to process totaling up to an additional \$15,000.00. This is a well-organized operation with storage room and partnership with a distributor in Huron County to take the bulk sorted cans and bottles. Way to go you Bad Axe Lions!

Emmett Lions built a ramp for an elderly citizen, their longest ramp to date, measuring at 24 feet of ramp area. These dedicated Lions are eager to serve!



Ft. Gratiot/Burtchville collected plastic for the bench program with Trex engineered lumber program. In exchange for recycled plastic, Trex provided a bench for the Bwarm Women's Shelter. Lions delivered and installed this beautiful bench.



Emmett Lions Club has an electric scooter in excellent condition for sale. A new wheelchair is priced at more than \$3,000, but they are asking for \$500. Anyone interested can call PDG Chuck at 810-543-0990.

Metamora Lions Club worked together to prepare and sanitize a drive through fish and chicken dinner. For just \$10, you received chicken or fish, fries, coleslaw, and a drink. This event takes place of traditional fundraisers they would have hosted if times were different. Great job, Lions, for making the best out of these uncertain times!

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Flushing Lions Club will hold a raffle on December 4th during the Flushing Candle Walk, held at Riverfront Park. A 65" Smart TV will be the first place prize, followed by a 42" Smart TV and a \$100 gasoline card. To purchase tickets contact Lion Larry Porn, 810-252-3728 or Dick Barnett, 810-252-0924.

Frankenmuth Lions Club is conducting its annual sale of trash bags and corn brooms.

This is a major fund-raising effort for our club, with the proceeds supporting our Club projects. The following items may be purchased from any Frankenmuth Lions member or are available for sale at the Frankenmuth Farmers Market store or the Frankenmuth Jellystone camp store: For free local delivery (within 15 miles of Frankenmuth) you may order through our website: <http://frankenmuthlionsclub.com/fundraisers.html>

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The newly formed **Lions of Michigan Cycle Club** set a goal of raising \$500 in riding 1000 miles through the month of September for youth Cancer research. At the end of September, they had ridden over 1200 miles and raised over \$6000 for youth cancer research. Next year we hope to form a Lions cycle and athletic team that will raise money for Lions cancer charities. 1st VDG Brian Betzold of the Metamora Lions suggested this and is encouraging any District Lion to join in the effort. Even if you

are not a serious bike rider you can still contribute with your leisure rides.

**Emmett Lions, Almont and Otter Lake Lions** have done White Cane fundraisers, Harsens Island did the Turkey Shoot. Metamora and Metamora Lioness Lions have their drive thru fish dinners and breakfast. Hadley has done a drive thru Spaghetti dinners. Many others are busy doing service projects. Marine City Lions worked with the City officials in installing fixtures at the new

Marine City Parklet musical park. Ft. Gratiot/Burtchville Lions started their new Adopt a Highway clean-up project on Burtch Rd. They and the Memphis Lions are doing American Red Cross blood drives.

**Port Sanilac Lions Club** met in September at the Sanilac County Museum. A project had been designed by Lion Dawn Malek to purchase hand sanitizers for 10 businesses within the community. Shown are to business persons who received the sanitizers



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Lion Virginia Szymanski, Courtney Mulder, Lions Roger Zielinski, Mick Szymanski and John Carter.

The Manistee Lions Club recently donated \$500 to Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital Emergency Room Renovation Project. You can learn more about the renovation project at [www.munsonhealthcare.org/manistee-er](http://www.munsonhealthcare.org/manistee-er)



Brianna Berry and Lion Judy Stanwood

Stanwood Lions- The following awards were presented at the Stanwood Lions meeting: Lion Judy Dowell presented the 2020 recipient of the Stanwood Lions \$500 Educational Scholarship to Brianna Berry. Brianna is attending MSU studying Media Information and is a part of the rowing team.



Midland Lions Social Get Together took place recently. Everyone brought their own picnic meal and we played some games all while maintaining social distancing and wearing masks. Everyone had a chance to make a hole-in-one. Several Lions had a 'shoot out' and Lion Bob Stoney won. Midland Lions floated balloons in recognition of helium discovery day in August 18, 1868.

Coleman Lions Club celebrated 80 years of service to the Coleman area in a much different way than expected this year due to COVID-19. Instead of our usual Charter Night Dinner and Auction, we had a pizza party in the Coleman City Park Pavilion for Club members and guests. We were honored to have District Governor Bill Koch and First Lady Jackie attend our anniversary event. DG Bill's inspirational message was about his Governor's pin, a 1949 Ford representing the re-birth of Ford Motor Company after WWII and the death of Henry Ford. He believes that Lions Clubs 5 can overcome the current crisis and encouraged us to find unique ways to serve our community.

Central Montcalm Lions presented their Citizen of the Year award to Mrs. Patty Rockafellow in front of the White Pine Library in Stanton, MI. The Central Montcalm Lions held their annual fundraiser golf outing on September 18th. Although this year's event had several modifications to keep everyone safe, it was still a success and a good time was had by all.



Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Patty Rockafellow



Lion Peggy Walls and President Lion Marie Grezeszak presented Lion Angela Warzak with the Lion of the Year plaque.

11 E2



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Central Lake Lions Club provided their local high school with 325 face masks! They purchased the material from a local merchant and included generous help from community members that were eager to assist. The club currently has 54 members with a goal of reaching 70 by June 30. Great job, Lions!



The Hubbard Lake Lions presented Wes Thiem, past Hubbard Lake fire chief for 55 years, with an A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship Award for his service to the Hubbard Lake Fire Department and the Lions Club over the years. Thank you for all that you've done, Wes!



The Oscoda Lions Club built a ramp for a veteran in East Tawas, which consisted of a 5' x 10' platform and a 14' ramp. The homeowner and his wife were very appreciative of the work and are excited to be able to get in and out of the house again. He is a diabetic and is currently confined to a wheelchair but hopes to transition to a walker.

Lions District 11E2 received a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation to help people get through this ongoing pandemic, using some of the money to buy hand sanitizers. They received 60 gallons for distribution in the area. Five hundred empty 13 ounce bottles were purchased, which were then filled with hand sanitizer. Two hundred of those containers were distributed and the remaining small containers, plus another 4 gallons of hand sanitizer, went to the Oscoda Area Schools for use in their fall school opening. The Rose City Lions also received 6 gallons for use in their schools.

Cheboygan Lions Club awarded their 2020 Scholarships to two recipients from Cheboygan in recognition of their vocational education and trade school field.



Pictured left to right; Bill Beethem, Zeke Weldon, Hunter Bur and Mark Tamlyn

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White Cloud Lions applied for a grant from Great Lakes Energy that is available for non-profits and our application was successful. Kudos to Lion Chuck Scott for the outstanding organization and completion of this project! Chuck's crew was absolutely fantastic. And special kudos to Lion Peggy Frank who encouraged us, did all the financial paperwork and wrote the grant. And we can't forget President Ray Williams. Besides his excellent expertise, he furnished all the tools and the inside planning for this project.

Sometimes it just makes you feel good all over!

**District Eyeglass Mission Trip Update** The coronavirus still has a hold on our activities. We are still looking for volunteers to go with us to Costa Rica next spring. We have surpassed the 2,000 number of eyeglasses and also have 1,000 readers. Our goal is 5,000 eyeglasses for the next Mission Trip. I will be going to Harrison in a couple of weeks or so to work on eyeglasses. Our Team is scheduled to work on cleaning and sorting glasses in Midland (outdoors) on September 22. Volunteers are always welcome.

Lion Harry Johnson, PDG  
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 Harrison Lions

**Harrison Lions** raised \$634.00 from a garage sale, raised funds from a cans & bottles drive, and raised \$500.00 on a sports-themed basket drawing. **Bingo begins again in October.** Our pennies drive will be running until the end of the year. We will be doing road clean, eyeglass cleaning and the Fall Raffle Fundraiser will take place November 7.

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**Governor Rod Leathers** is raising money for Central Lake Lions Club Charities in support of pediatric cancer programs. Hair, beard, and mustache shave - all must go! Want to watch? It will be live on Facebook on October 10, 2020 at 10:10 a.m. Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500. Every little bit helps. Thank

you for your support. The first \$2500 will send a family to Camp Quality, a camp for children and their families battling cancer. Anything over that amount will be divided between Camp Quality, Maggie's Wigs for Kids, and Kids Kicking Cancer all 501c3 organizations which Lions of Michigan supports.





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