

District 11-A2

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Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 11A2!!

This will be my last letter to the district as your governor. As most of us have come to realize, twelve months go by very, very quickly!!

First Lady Charlotte and I started our week off installing three new members and the incoming board at the oldest club in our district, The Pontiac Lions Club. . In May we went to two Lion walk- throughs; one for PRC Lion Jim Gavin and one for PDG Lion Larry Termarsch. On a happier note we went to the Bear Lake Camp cleanup day where 87 workers from 25 clubs and 5 districts showed up to help! Among them were two governors and their first ladies; DG Lion Roger Spriggs and his wife Lion Harriet from 11B1 and DG Lion Joe Bogar and his wife Lion Kathy from 11D1.

Then it was off to the Beaumont Very Special Evening. Thank you to all of the clubs that participated in the parade of checks. I was proud to collect those checks as your Governor! This is a worthy project in our District, as well as in 11A1.

Next was the MD 11 Convention. We started with a picnic at Leader Dog. After the picnic dinner, GST Justin Faber had all of us do a service project. We worked with "Wigs 4 Kids" making up bracelets, necklaces, and makeup mirrors for kids. This program provides wigs and support services to children experiencing hair loss as a result of illness and treatment. If your club would like to schedule a speaker from "Wigs 4 Kids" you can contact founder & CEO Maggie Varney @ 586.772.6656 or email Maggie@wigs4kids.org. This organization is located in St. Clair Shores, so it's local and Maggie would not have a problem visiting your club.

The convention officially started Friday with the awards breakfast, followed by breakout sessions. This convention was well attended and the special guest this year was 3rd VP Brian Sheehan. I am not a reporter so I will not get into all of the details, but the convention was very informational and fun.

At this convention we had our last Council of Governors meeting, which is a sign that my term as governor is coming to an end. Reflecting on the past year, I feel that we as a council did some important things.



One of the things we worked on as a council was trying to make the state positive in membership. This had not been done in years, but at the end of April we were in the positive by 12 members. We will not know the final numbers until the end of June, but even if we break even, this will have been quite a feat.

Also, we governors campaigned in each district for the matching grant from LCIF for the D.A.D. program. We were successful, and I want to thank all of the clubs that contributed to this project. We also made the All State Band a state project. I only know of one club in our district, the Ortonville Lions Club, that has three students from their community traveling to Milan this year with the band.

I am hoping that our membership will be a flat line, stopping the loss of members and making it a break even year. This membership thing is very tough for all clubs, but as I promoted, retention is key. You as clubs have that control, and no one else.

As for my term, we had a great time meeting so many Lions in our District as well as in the state. I made some small changes and they were welcomed. This upcoming year I am looking forward to serving with DGE Lion Scott in any way. We start the year at Jimmy John's Stadium for our district installation picnic. This represents change and everyone should give it a chance. We should always be willing to try something new. Give your new members a chance to work new ideas in your club and see what happens. Be positive, even if it fails. Remember that they joined to help. Like RCE Elliot would say, "What the hell!" give them a chance!

We went to both of our District DAD programs at Leader Dog. They were very informative and well put together programs featuring excellent speakers; even our RC Tammie was a speaker on fitness. Thanks to Lion Roger Blackwell and Lion Bob Erickson for setting this up. Great job!

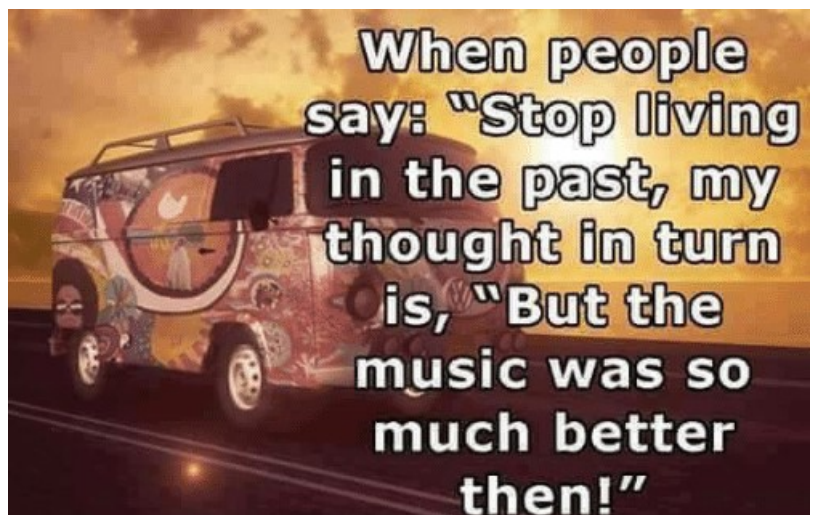
I encourage all clubs to set one of these programs up in their community. This is what we want to provide to promote the awareness of diabetes. Don't worry about the cost—we need to burn through \$22k this year! If we don't use it, we lose it!

Our months of June, July and August are still very busy for us doing club officer installations, which is great fun. Reminder to all Clubs: fill out the application for 100% Club Secretary Award and the Club Excellence Award!!

I want to thank all of the Lion mentors in our district who have given me good words of encouragement and advice along this past year. Thanks to Lion Big Al, Lion Bill(s), Jim(s), Bob(s), Rich, Ken, Frank, and Paul; and last but not least, First Lady Charlotte; she is my sounding board just like she was in my working career.

Again, thank you for letting me be your District Governor for this past year. It has been my honor and privilege. Well, that's it for now, and we hope to see you at Jimmy John's on July 12!

DG Lion Jack Patton and FL Charlotte



Lion Scott Edward Berry

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This past month, I had the pleasure of presenting an In-House Scholarship to one of the graduates from the Eastpointe High School, formerly the East Detroit High School on behalf of the Eastpointe Lions Club. Our recipient was Elijah Cram and he is one of the Valedictorians. (Any student with a GPA of 4.0 or higher is a Valedictorian.) Elijah is a very smart man that plans to go to Eastern Michigan University. All the members of the Eastpointe Lions Club wish him the very best with his future endeavors.

While I was attending the scholarship presentation, I had a discussion with one of the teachers from the Eastpointe High School. He stated that more of the students from the graduating class would have received a scholarship, but the student never completed the form. Many of the students did not want to take the time to complete approximately five pages of questions regarding school activities, service to the community, family information, obtain two referrals from non-family members, and write two essays.

This sounded familiar to me since Lions do the same thing with service grants. Both Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation has several grants available for Lions and grants are there to support our efforts in services programs and for training of our future leaders. Many grants are designed to support multiple clubs working on one project or projects at a district or multiple district level. Do not discount the possibility of using them in the future.

Grants from Lions Clubs International (LCI) are called Association Grants and are composed of Women and Family Grants, Membership Development Grants, Public Relations Grants, Leadership Development Grants, and Leadership Development Institute Grant Programs. Grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) are called Foundation Grants and include SightFirst Grants, Matching Grants, Diabetes Grants, Disaster Grants, Lions Quest Grants, Designated Grants, Leo Grants, District/Club Community Grants, and Humanitarian Award Winners.

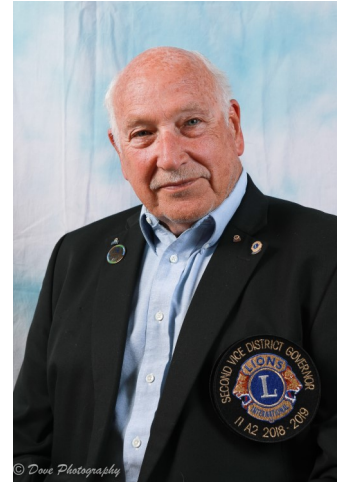
Remember, District 11-A2 has funds available to be requested from LCIF for the District Community Grant. Once the funds become available, they can be used at any time for up to 10 years, then they are forfeited. We still have nine more years to go.



2VDG Leo Schaefer

It's June and I am still waiting for sunshine and warm weather, but it's Michigan!

I am so happy that the Lions of 11 A-2 are not like Michigan weather. They have been working very hard at getting new members while also working on the retention of members in their clubs. This effort on their part will make a big difference at the end of the Lionistic year in June



The MD 11 convention was well attended. The guest speakers, Third International Vice-President Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lori had a great program for all. The Wild West Friday night party had a couple of PDGs doing a good imitation of Festus from the old television show, Gunsmoke.

The installation of new cabinet members will be held on July 21st. at 11:00 A.M. at Jimmy Johns Baseball field in Utica, Mi. Tickets are \$ 20.00 when purchased in advance. What a deal; a BBQ buffet, soft drinks, a welcome message on the scoreboard and a ball game. This is something good for the whole family and I hope to see all of you there.

The new year means Officer Training is underway! The first session was held on JUNE 8th for Cabinet Officers and Zone/Region chairs. Additional sessions will be held on

June 15th. Club Officer's

August 24th. Club Officer's

The doors open at 8:30 and the sessions will begin at 9:00 am sharp! All sessions will be held at The Leader Dog School at 1039 S. Rochester Road in Rochester Hills Go to the building in the back with the revolving door entrance.

Keep up the good work!

2VDG Leo

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INTERNATIONAL



Notes from Lioness Liaison Angie Boomer...

June has finally arrived and with that I am writing my last article as your Lioness Liaison for this year. It has been a great year getting to know so many new people as well as getting to know so many of you better. I have learned a lot about my fellow clubs and learned how to be a better Lioness in my travels around our district.

I would like to thank each and every 11-A2 Lioness for all of their hard work and dedication to those in need in their communities and to our various charities. Thanks to you my Spring and Fall Lioness projects were both extremely successful! I am pleased to report that our Lioness Clubs raised \$690.00 for Bear Lake Camp Dock Dollars! I sincerely appreciate all club contributions and participation in this effort. These docks will provide the handicapped children campers such a sense of freedom and accomplishment and I am proud to have been part of making that happen. Also, thank you First Lady Lion Charlotte for starting this as her project this year.

Upcoming club activities:

Armada Lioness Crazy Hat Fundraiser 6/19/19 at 6:00

Armada Lions Hall (for info Lioness Mary 810-392-3566)

I wish you all a great summer and continued success in all of your upcoming fundraisers. Thank you again for a successful Lioness year!

Angie Boomer, Lioness Liaison
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(248) 978-2521



A Lion of Distinction...

PCC Paul Hemeryck was presented with the Lions Recognition Medal, one of Lionism's highest honors, at the Single-District 10 Convention in Marquette on April 28th. Lion Paul was submitted for this honor by PID Jenny Ware, whose nomination was bolstered by the input of PID Esther LaMothe, PID Gary Anderson and PID Bill Hansen.

In her submission letter, PID Jenny outlined PCC Paul's 42 years of service through Lionism. This included his work creating, maintaining and improving upon the Lions of Michigan Regional Lions Leadership Institute; his time spent as the MD11 Leadership Chair; his service on the Michigan Lions Forum Committee; his 13 years of service as the Lions of Michigan Treasurer and his commitment to his home District and Club, the Eastpointe Lions Club.

The Lions Recognition Medal is only given to 75 recipients world-wide each year; a testimony to the level of service that it signifies. Sincere congratulations to PCC Paul Hemeryck for this well-deserved recognition and a heartfelt thank-you for the selfless service that he provides to his Club, his District and to Lionism worldwide!



PCC Paul Hemeryck is shown here with SD10 Governor Michael Kobasic, Past International President Bob Corlew and Past International Director Jenny Ware upon receiving the Lions Recognition Medal.

A Word of Thanks from Lion David McKenzie

When I became A Lion, I was told that Lions are in the business of changing people's lives. And as I became more and more familiar with charities and all the good work they do, I became more energized to make a difference for those less fortunate. Because, by the grace of God, there go I.

I was completely stunned when I was named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. I never dreamed I would receive this honor because I see and know others who give so much. I am honored and humbled to be recognized for this award.

Thank-you, I am very appreciative and hopefully I can make someone's life better. It's what we do... "We Serve".

Sincerely,

Lion David McKenzie

Rochester Lions Club.



Lion David McKenzie of the Rochester Lions Club is shown here with PDG John Bingham, Jr and DG Jack Patton receiving the Distinguished Service Award at the District 11-A2 Convention, held in Bay City in April.

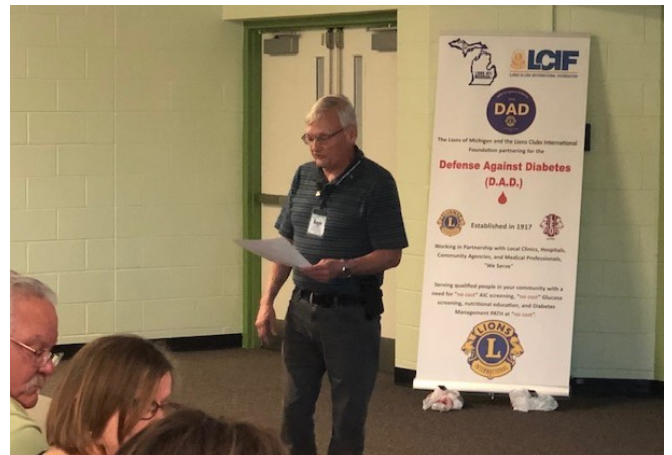
D.A.D.

Defense Against Diabetes

The second of two Defense Against Diabetes Forums was held at Leader Dogs for the Blind on June 3. This two-hour forum included presentations on Diabetes Education, Exercise and Diabetes, testimonials on the impact of diabetes on individual lives and a Q&A session.



The session at Leader Dogs was well-attended.



Forum organizer Lion Roger Blackwell is shown here addressing the group.



Lordeen Kordel Card from Beaumont Hospital provided excellent diabetes education.



Lion Jim Lykins spoke about his life with diabetes.

Cruisin' the Detroit River!!!

Thanks to the vision and hard work of PDG Bill and Mary Luper and members of the Novi Lions Club , Lions from all over Southeastern Michigan gathered for a fun-filled night cruising the Detroit River in style! A delicious dinner, a full-service bar, music and dancing were all provided amid the backdrop of a private two-hour cruise on the Diamond Belle.



The Diamond Belle is underway!



Lions Manny Barbosa, Mary Luper and PDG Bill Luper sold raffles and 50/50's



A fabulous buffet was served!



Despite the cool Spring evening several Lions enjoyed time spent on deck enjoying the scenery. Pictured here are PDG John Bingham, Jr, PRC Don Kuechle and PRC Roger Blackwell.



Lioness Liaison Angie Boomer, 1VDGE Scott Berry and PDG Doc Barr and the majestic Ambassador Bridge

**Watch for next years
cruise...**

Many thanks to
Lion Larry Cole,
Membership
Statistician, for
providing this
information..



I WANT YOU

The Eastpointe Lions Club welcomes Gilbert Sills, sponsored by Michael Wiley.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Sandra Black, sponsored by Denise Zuke.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Timothy Black, sponsored by Denise Zuke.

The Macomb Township Lions Club welcomes Ed Teller, sponsored by Robert Clore.

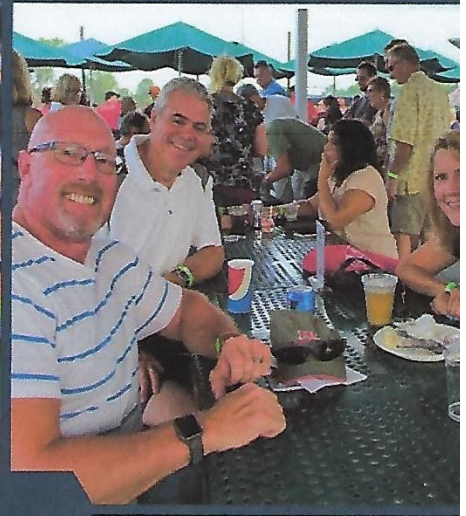
The Rochester Lions Club welcomes Patrick Olszewski, sponsored by Paul Clark.

The Shelby Township Club welcomes John Vermeulen, sponsored by Michael Doran.

The Washington Lions Club welcomes Christopher Wisnieski, sponsored by Robert Wisnieski.

The Washington Lions Club welcomes Justin Wisnieski, sponsored by Robert Wisnieski.

United Shore Professional Baseball League



PLEASE JOIN US



You are invited to the installation of cabinet officers for Lions District 11-A2.
Rain or shine, installation will be held at Jimmy John's Field!

Tickets are \$20 per person / Children 3 and under are FREE / Parking is FREE

Enjoy an All American BBQ Buffet – premium hot dogs, slow roasted homemade BBQ pulled pork, grilled chicken breast, fresh pasta salad, seasonal fruit salad, potato chips and assorted cookies. Each guest will receive unlimited Pepsi soft drinks, lemonade, ice tea and water. Adult guests will also receive two drink tickets good for Bud, Bud Light or wine.

Group perks include:

A group photo on the field, welcome message on the scoreboard, meet and greet with the mascots, coach chalk talk, player autographs and much more.

To purchase tickets please [click here](#) or go to uspbl.com, select schedule, then click the "Tickets" button on July 21st and enter promo code: **LIONSCLUB2019**

Tickets purchased after July 1st will be \$32 per person.

Fun for all ages! Kids can play wiffle ball, enjoy the playground and run the bases after the game!

View our highlights video at [2018 USPBL Highlights](#) or https://youtu.be/W_yd7gTBMUs

"Taking my family to Jimmy John's Field was the most positive experience I've ever had with them at a sporting event!" - Jeremiah



VS



SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

GATES OPEN AT 11:00 AM

INSTALLATION STARTS AT 11:15 AM

BASEBALL GAME STARTS AT 1:05 PM

7171 Auburn Road, Utica, MI 48317

Questions? Please contact 2019-2020 District Governor Scott Berry at (313) 363-0547 or (586) 944-2502



ATTENTION ALL INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS,
THOSE THAT ARE THINKING ABOUT BEING A
CLUB OFFICERS, OR THOSE LIONS WHO
WANT MORE INFORMATION BEFORE
TAKING THE STEP FORWARD!



District 11-A2

Club Officer Training will be held on

Saturday, June 15, 2019

&

Saturday, August 24, 2019

It will be held at Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, Mi 48307

Training will take place in the Banquet Room. This is the building towards the back of the parking lot with the revolving door entrance.

Doors open at 8:30 am

Session will begin at 9:00 am sharp

Roles and Responsibilities for each position will be covered along with a session on District Leadership

Any questions, please contact Lion Jim Leach, Jr. at jamesleachjr@yahoo.com or 248-561-3203

2019
Michigan Night in
MILAN, ITALY!

*Join us at the Garibaldi Hotel,
Milan, on Sunday, July 7 for Michigan
Night. This annual get-together includes a
4-course Italian dinner and is sure to be
enjoyed by all.*

**COST IS \$50/PERSON AND MUST BE PAID IN
ADVANCE. PAYMENT DUE BY MAY 18, 2019.**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LIONS OF MICHIGAN
AND MAIL TO:**

**LION BILL SIMPSON
706 RIVER ST., BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307**



WE ARE ALL SERVING INTO THE SECOND CENTURY OF LIONS. NOW IT'S TIME TO SHOW THE HEAD HIPPIE HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE ALL OF HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO OUR DISTRICT!

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR JACK'S APPRECIATION DINNER

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

WHEN: 4:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR – 6:00 P.M. PARTY STARTS

WHERE: INDIANWOOD GOLF & COUNRTY CLUB –
1081 INDIANWOOD RD, ORION TOWNSHIP, 48362

COST: \$30 PER PERSON WITH CASH BAR

RSVP PLEASE BY OCTOBER 1, 2019

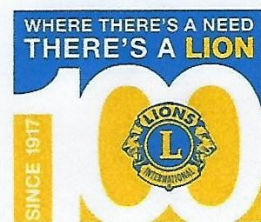
Send Reservation to: *Lake Orion Lions Club*
P.O Box 255
Lake Orion, MI 48361

Make Checks Payable to: *Lake Orion Lions Club*

Name(s): _____

Club: _____

Number @ \$30.00 _____ **Total Due** _____



Bear Lake Camp Wine Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, October 25, 2019

Hosted By

Metamora Golf & Country Club



Please join us for the Eighth Annual Bear Lake Camp Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Proceeds from this event will support blind and visually impaired children at Bear Lake Camp. Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Wine Tasting
Strolling Food Selections
Auctions & Raffles

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 6:00 pm
Wine Tasting & Strolling Food Stations 6:30 pm
Raffles & Auction 6:30 – 9:00 pm

EVENT FEES

\$50 Per Guest

If you'd like to learn more about Bear Lake Camp, visit www.bearlakecamp.org
To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit www.metamoragolf.com
For additional information, please contact: Rick Fleming 248.342.1702

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

A great way for your group or business to do a bit more!

Event Sponsorship \$1,000

Sponsor's name will be a part of the official title of the event and all aspects of the event's activities, such as event signage and recognition on event materials. Sponsorship includes eight event tickets.

Wine Sponsorship \$500

Sponsors will receive recognition for sponsoring all wine samples for the evening as well as signage and recognition on event materials. Sponsorship includes four event tickets.

Donations Welcome!!!

Donated raffle and auction items are appreciated.

Registration Information

Attendee / Sponsor _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Number of guests _____
Sponsorship Level _____
Total \$ _____

Method of Payment:

Cash Check Credit Card

Number _____ Exp. _____

Please make payments to: Bear Lake Camp

Mail to:

Metamora CC

C/O Bear Lake Camp

1600 Club Drive Metamora MI 48455

Bear Lake Camp is a licensed 501(c)(3) charitable organization

Registration deadline is 10/21/19