

District 11-A2

April 2020

Roaring News

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This has been a month that I will never forget and that many of you will remember. The district convention would be over and 1VDG Leo Schaefer would have to change his title to District Governor Elect, but not so fast. Even though the district convention has been cancelled, elections will be conducted on Sunday, April 26, 2020. The exact details are still being worked out and will be dependent on the current requirements set out by law enforcement and Governor Whitmer.

What can you do?

First, please stay safe and healthy.

Secondly, Lions Clubs International Foundation has emergency grants available up to \$10,000 the district could apply for. We need you to be diligent and look for ways to apply a potential emergency grant to our district or combine with District 11-A1 also. Some criteria apply for the grant to be approved.

- Have at least 100+ people infected (confirmed cases) in the immediate area/district.
- Keep to a US\$10,000 maximum request amount
- Funds available only to address active and immediate cases; not future outbreaks.
- Funds should be used for Lions to work with local medical and emergency management services that are addressing the outbreak. This could be for



sourcing medical supplies, quarantine-related expenses, etc. (i.e. transportation, food) for those infected.

- Funds may not cover personal expenses for those infected or quarantined (i.e. personal bills, medical insurance, lost wages, etc.).

Thirdly, look for ways Lions can serve our community in the post COVID-19 era. This could be right now or being prepared for the next one.

The cabinet meeting to be held in April 2020 will now be held at a later date, hopefully in May 2020. We may meet in person or use a teleconference software to hold the meeting. The meeting will be hosted by 1VDG Leo Schaefer and the Armada Lions Club.

The Multiple District 11 Convention has been cancelled for 2020 along with the International Convention. To stay on top of all the changes and cancellations, please subscribe to Past Council Chair Frank Cunningham's email list. You can join his list by sending an email to frank.cunningham723@gmail.com and ask to be added. Please make sure to check your junk mail if you're not receiving the emails.

Remember to submit your PU101 to the District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and Cabinet Secretary. You can also enter this information online through MyLCI. If you need help contact District Administrator Tracy Antrikin, she is here to help.

I hope everyone is practicing social distancing. But if you are not, especially with your spouse or significant other, and evidence is produced in nine months from this behavior, here are a few names you could use. For a female, Quarantina (Quaran-Tina), Covidlena (Covid-Lena) or Covidlynn (Covid-Lynn). For a male, Quarantim (Quatan-Tim), Coviddean (Covid-Dean) or Covidon (Covid-Don). If you want to add to the list, go to my profile on Facebook and look for the post started on April 1, 2020, and add your idea of a name.

Stay positive and stay safe.

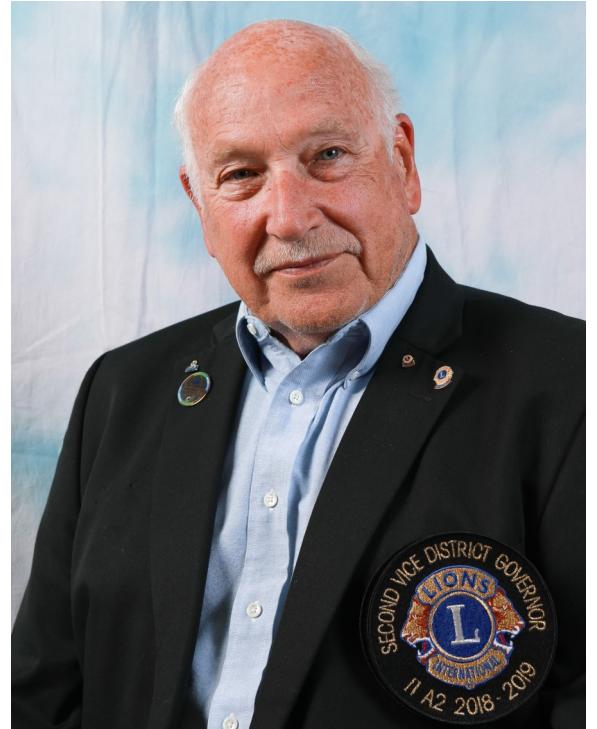
Congratulations to 29 of 39 clubs for reporting March's Membership Report to Lions Clubs International. Those clubs are Armada, Birmingham, Center Line, Clarkston Area, Eastpointe, Hazel Park, Lake Orion, Lathrup Village, Macomb Township, Madison Heights & Area, Milford Huron Valley, Mount Clemens, New Baltimore, New Haven, Ortonville, Pontiac, Richmond, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Romeo, Royal Oak, Selfridge Chesterfield, Shelby Township, St. Clair Shores, Sterling Heights, Troy Community, Warren, Washington, and Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Clubs.

1VDG Leo Schaefer

{ MARCH } to the beat of a different drum!

We are all learning that things change, even if we don't like it. Stay at home and don't go out. Keep at least six feet between yourself and the other person. But everybody's six feet is quite different; some see it as three feet, while others see it as eight feet. This just goes to show you how we all have a different look at everything.

As you know, the District had to cancel our Convention. Likewise, clubs in the district have had to cancel all of their meeting's. We are going through a change that we have never been through before. Now is the time when the Pride



of Lions gets together To Serve, to help all those that need our help. This also goes for our fellow Lions. Members have been laid off from their jobs and have no time frame of when they will go back to work. Clubs need to look at helping these members take care of their financial obligations to their clubs. This may mean allowing them to pay monthly until this is all over. Neither the clubs nor the District wants to lose membership because of this ongoing situation. So let us all strive together to make this work. This coming year is going to be a real challenge, for all the clubs with their fund raisers. But when a Pride of Lions go on a hunt, they have success. They all work together to Serve.

1VDG 11A-2

Lion Leo



2nd Vice District Governor's Notes

I know we are all experiencing very strange times right now and we are all very concerned about everything that is being broadcast on T.V. Well, I am going to hopefully take your mind off all of that for five minutes, anyway. No doom and gloom here! I used to do the newsletter for our club. In it, I had a column that was called "Useful Information" that I filled with obscure facts and information. We had a Tail Twister that would then use this information to see who was reading the club newsletter, thereby levying more than a few fines! Anyway, I thought I would share some of them with you here. This one is based on Michigan trivia, so you might learn something as well:



From 1910 to 1920, Hamtramck Michigan grew from 3,589 to 45,615 residents, leading the nation in growth for that period...During the lumber boom era, the row of saloons that lined Water Street in Bay City was known as 'Hell's Half Mile'...In 1936, Escanaba, Michigan harvested and processed 100,000 sq. ft. of bird's eye maple to be used in the English Luxury Liner, the Queen Mary...When the territory of Michigan was created on Jan.11, 1805, Detroit was chosen as its capital...Bagley's Corner was the original name of Bloomfield Hills...The world's only marble lighthouse is located on Belle Isle (Livingston Lighthouse)...Hog's Hollow was the original name of Utica , Mich...There are over 11,000 lakes in Michigan...The home offices of Life Savers Candy, Beech-Nut Gum, and Squirt soft drinks are in Holland , Michigan...In 1870, Detroit became the nation's first telephone customers to have phone numbers assigned to them...Charles A Lindbergh was born in Detroit on Feb. 4, 1902...The Stars and Stripes first flew over Michigan soil on July 11, 1796...In Sept. 1908, William C Durant organized several independent automobile plants into what was to become General Motors...Michigan began charging an annual license fee of 50 cents in 1905...Michigan's first police woman began walking the beat in Detroit in 1893...In 1942, the Davison Freeway in Detroit was completed and became the world's first urban freeway...

I will close with a few inspirational quotations that ZC Kim sent me that I think you will like: A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside; Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think and twice as beautiful as you've ever imagined; To the world, you may be one person, but to one person You may be the world. And my favorite by Dr. Seuss - Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

I hope this helped keep your mind off other things just for a little while. Stay safe out there and take care of yourself, your family and your friends.

I will talk to you next month.

2nd VDG Jim, Jr.

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



I WANT YOU

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Jacob Leach, sponsored by James Leach, Jr..

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Dennis McQuade, sponsored by Raymond Debuck.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Jason Harvey, sponsored by Tammi Graber.

The St Clair Shores Lions Club welcomes Nick Roy, sponsored by Randy Klinger.

The Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 Lions International Convention due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the next International Convention will be held in 2021 in Montreal, Canada.

On March 20, I advised you that our 2020 convention would not be held in Singapore due to the limitations put in place by the Singapore Ministry of Health. After evaluating a variety of different options, including moving the convention to a different venue or postponing the convention to a later date, the Board of Directors decided in favor of canceling the 2020 convention. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind.

Canceling the International Convention for 2020 has an impact on international officers. After review of the International Constitution and By-Laws, this impact is

- **Executive Officers:** Since no convention is held and no successors are elected, the executive officers' terms will continue until declaration of the election of his or her successor at the next International Convention.
- **International Directors:** As international director terms allow for both two years of service in the role, and for successors to be elected, if no convention is held and no successors are elected, the international directors' terms will continue until the declaration of the election of his or her successor at the next International Convention.
- **Director from Africa and ANZI areas:** A director from Africa and Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific is permitted only in even-numbered years. As a result, no director from Africa and Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific would be eligible for election until the 2022 convention.
- **District Governors:** District governors, first vice district governors and second vice district governors are elected during a convention of their respective districts. Barring any election complaints, the International Board of Directors intend to authorize commencement of the DG terms beginning July 1, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding the information above, please contact our Executive Administrator, PIP Frank Moore.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Event Updates

The Beaumont Silent Children's Very Special Evening scheduled for May 20th has been cancelled due to COVID-19. What few raffle tickets that have been sold will be refunded. We have reserved May 19, 2021 for next year's VSE at the San Marino Club. All clubs are asked to mail their budgeted donation to PCC Paul Hemeryck or to PDG Ron Papa, so that they are received by June 30th.

The Rochester Hills Lions Club has made the decision to postpone their 5th Annual Pins for Pups Bowling Fundraiser for the Leader Dogs for the Blind Puppy Raiser program. They have rescheduled with Classic Lanes for **Saturday, May 2 from 1:30pm to 5pm**. All sponsorships and donated raffle prizes will be available and recognized at the rescheduled event. For those of you that have purchased tickets in advance through Eventbrite, those tickets will be honored for the rescheduled event. If this new date does not work for you, please contact Lion Cheryl Satterthwaite via email at csatter26@gmail.com or by phone at 586-914-1217.

Attention Lions and Lionesses, the April 16, 2020 Cabinet Meeting in Armada has been postponed. Hopefully it can be rescheduled for a later date

Just a reminder that White Cane Week, although scheduled for April 24-26 through May 1-3, can be moved to a later date when conditions improve. For many clubs, White Cane is their biggest fund raiser of the year so feel free to adjust the timing of your collections !

District Elections are in a holding pattern at this time while a method by which to hold them is worked out. District Election Chair Jim Pettinato will release information as it becomes available. If you have questions, feel free to contact him at 248-391-4532.



Lions of Michigan Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes

Due to the cancellation of the Multiple District 11 Convention, there have been a lot of questions regarding the status of the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes drawings scheduled for May 2 and May 16. The drawings will be held as scheduled with the May 2 drawing being held at the Lions of Michigan State Office and the May 16 drawing being held at either the Doubletree by Hilton in Holland or at the Lions of Michigan State Office, if approved by the Michigan Lottery Bureau. Note, if there is a change for the May 16 drawing, a notification will be sent out at that time.

With everything in Michigan closing down, we realize that March and April ticket sales will be challenging. However, we ask that Lions and Lioness Clubs do whatever they can to continue selling tickets as our fixed costs are already locked in. As many of you are aware, about 75% of the sold tickets for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes are returned our office in April of each year.

Best wishes to you and your families during these challenging times!

Chad A. McCann, Director

Lions of Michigan Foundation

Dr. Robert Mathog, Lions Hearing Centers

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Lions Headquarters Remain Closed

PIP Frank Moore The Illinois State government in the USA announced that its stay-at-home order will be extended until at least April 30 to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The measures included the requirement to cease all nonessential services in the state. Lions Clubs International is identified as “nonessential.” To comply with the state mandate, the Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook will be closed at least until April 30, 2020.

While staff will not physically be in the building, staff teams will be working remotely and available during business hours to respond to the needs of Lions. You may [contact LCI staff](#) or [LCIF staff](#) as needed.

The performance of systems may be impacted due to the increased number of people working remotely, and response time may be affected. Some of our business operations that require physical interaction will likely be limited.

More details will be provided as the situation evolves, but here is some preliminary guidance:

- Regarding payment of outstanding dues, we recommend that districts allow clubs that are able to demonstrate they have sent or submitted payment to participate in voting. This could be via a bank statement, copy of demand draft, etc. Clubs will not be cancelled during this time based on the challenges related to receiving and processing physical checks and electronic payments.
- For Lions International payments, please utilize online payment options via MyLCI or any other electronic payment method (ACH, SEPA, Boletto, NEFT, etc.) instead of sending checks to the office.

Please [submit LCIF donations](#) via the website instead of sending checks to the office. Please also note that grant disbursements and recognition will be delayed while the office is closed.

- There will be delays in shipping awards and recognitions, club supplies orders, as well as delays in processing reimbursements.

We appreciate your patience during these extraordinary times and wish for the health and safety of all our Lions and staff around the world.

LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL



March 30, 2020

Greetings, Lions-

Per the state mandate, the Leader Dogs for the Blind campus in Rochester Hills, Michigan will remain closed.

Performance of systems may be impacted due to the increased number of people working remotely, and response time may be affected. Some of our business operations that require physical interaction will likely be limited such as donation recognition letters, recognitions (for example, Founders Tributes and puppy sponsorship materials), and club supplies orders.



Our Lions Team is still available remotely through the usual channels:

Beth Slade, Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement:

Beth.Slade@Leaderdog.org, 248-218-6421

Kathy Gilchrist, Lions Relations Specialist:

KGilchrist@Leaderdog.org, 248-659-5012

Mike Dengate, Lions Engagement Specialist:

MDengate@Leaderdog.org, 248-650-7102

Kathleen Breen, Lions Events and Logistics Specialist:

KBreen@Leaderdog.org, 248-218-6407

For any client related needs, please call our main number at 877-777-5332. While our canines are still being cared for, our classes have been suspended and will resume as soon as possible.

Together We Serve,
Lions Beth, Mike, Kathleen and Kathy
Your Leader Dog for Lions Engagement

PS: Keep us connected - please share our emails with your club, district members and newsletter editors! Visit our social media for puppies, client stories and more – Leader Dog is on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter.

April 1, 2020

Dear Lions Bear Lake Camp Family,

First, let me introduce myself as Shelly O'Henley, Executive Director of Lions Bear Lake Camp, succeeding Dennis Tomkins after his retirement.

COVID-19 has changed the way we do everything in our lives, including the way we are now doing business at Lions Bear Lake Camp.

The Lions Bear Lake Camp Board of Directors is meeting regularly to assess camp's response to the COVID-19 crisis which continues to change rapidly. **We are monitoring the situation closely; any decisions about programming will be based on recommendations from federal and state government health organizations and what is best for our Lions Bear Lake Camp family.**

The following contingency plans have been implemented to ensure that Lions Bear Lake Camp thrives on the other side of COVID-19:

- Lions Bear Lake Camp will remain closed effective immediately through minimally May 31, 2020 or when it is deemed safe for our camp to function.
- Keeping the safety of our employees in mind, we have intermittently laid them off.
- Due to travel restrictions, I will be working from my home and will do my best to continue the great relationship we have with our Lions Bear Lake Camp family.
- Please contact me in the following ways:
Shelly@bearlakecamp.org and 810-837-0119

Finally, as you can imagine the loss of revenue is going to be determinantal. We ask that if you have the ability, please make a personal donation and we ask our clubs, that have supported us throughout the years, to continue your support as we need it now, more than ever before.

- You can make an online donation by click on this link:
<http://bearlakecamp.org/index.php/make-a-donation/make-a-donation-main-menu>

Or via mail:

Lions Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N. Five Lakes Road, Lapeer, MI. 48446

I know you share my concerns that this crisis will affect the operation of Camp's 2020 season. I also know that we all want to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Ultimately, we want the Lions Bear Lake Camp experience to be a safe one for you, your family and our staff. Please continue to share our message with your family, friends and fellow Lions members.

P.S. POSTPONED DATES and EVENTS:

The Buffalo and Boar Wild Game Fundraiser Dinner, scheduled for April 4, 2020, is **TENTATIVELY POSTPONED** until June 20, 2020, **UNLESS** the mandates do not allow. If we are unable to host the dinner in 2020, we will refund ticket money.

The Work Bee, scheduled for May 9, 2020, is **TENTATIVELY POSTPONED** until the mandate allows.

The Golf Outing Fundraiser, scheduled for May 17, 2020, is **TENTATIVELY POSTPONED** with no reschedule date as of now.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, scheduled for June 13, 2020, is **TENTATIVELY POSTPONED** with no reschedule date as of now, but we will have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the future.

Together We Serve,

Shelly O'Henley, Executive Director

Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc



BEAR LAKE CAMP
LAPEER, MICHIGAN





2020 WHITE CANE KICK OFF DINNER

Performance by the Macomers and
hosted by the Eastpointe Lions Club.

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Doors open at 5:45 pm.
Dinner starts at 6:45 pm.

Eastpointe Manor
Banquets & Catering

24611 Gratiot Avenue
Eastpointe, MI 48021

\$20 per person.

Tickets include dinner, desert, cash bar
and performance by the Macomers.

For more information or advanced registration,
contact Randy Lewis at (586) 202-7858.

Reserve now. Limited seating!!!



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The Macomers

The Macomers are one of the finest show choir in the state. Michigan's oldest college show choir, founded in 1970, has grown in emphasis and stature. Although constantly changing its musical selections and member, The Macomers continue to receive rave reviews.

They have appeared on stage at the Macomb Center with some of the biggest names in the music industry including Neil Sedaka, Judy Collins, Marvin Hamlisch and Tom Jones. They have performed for local school children and U.S. presidents alike. Each year, they take center stage at the Macomb Center in two "extravaganzas" to help benefit the fund which provides for their scholarships. They have been booked by such clients as Chrysler Corporation, Henry Ford Hospital, Beaumont Hospital and Sterling Heights Library. They can perform at your organization's next event for a fraction of the cost of other performers.

The Macomers use their first two years of college with a commitment to singing and dancing. Some hope to make it a career and, indeed, among The Macomers alumni are professional entertainers who have taken their talent aboard cruise ships, on stages and inside television sound studios. Even more use their Macomers experience to become teachers and leaders in business and the community. But, whether or not they remain in the performing arts, most former Macomers say that the experience of being on stage was one of the most memorable and transforming of their lives.



*Lions
& guests
are invited*
to a special Lions
behind-the-scenes
event at
Leader Dogs
for the Blind



Saturday, June 20, 2020

Drop in anytime between 11AM and 1PM

In appreciation of Lions' support, your club, family and guests are invited to an exclusive "Lions behind-the-scenes" event at Leader Dogs for the Blind. Experience an activity under blindfold, meet a Leader Dog client, visit the gift shop, take a VIP tour of our canine development center and meet a puppy!

Please **RSVP** by June 15, 2020 to LionsSupport@leaderdog.org or call **248.218.6407**.

~ If you will be utilizing your service dog, please let us know at the time of your RSVP.



Leader Dogs for the Blind | 1039 S. Rochester Rd. | Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115
