

# District 11-A2

June 2020

## Roaring News

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I hope everyone had a wonderful but safe Memorial Day weekend and will enjoy a Happy Father's Day.

I want to thank my cabinet for the hard work and time commitment they put into this year. A special thank you to those who performed two jobs during the year; like Zone Chair and Newsletter Editor James Boomer and GLT District Coordinator and Second Vice District Governor James Leach Jr.

Thank you for the great hospitality from all the clubs during my visits that I was able to complete and during the

cabinet and region meetings. Probably the one thing I will always remember is missing my chair while trying to sit at the cabinet meeting held by Region Chair Vikki Gray at the Washington Lions Club.

I look forward to attending the club officers installation during my last month.

For those clubs that reside in or very close to Macomb County, I had the pleasure of speaking with Amy Wyckoff, a representative from the Macomb County Health Department. Amy Wyckoff is updating her list of local Lions clubs that might be able to assist students in K-12 grades with eye doctor referrals, eye exams, and the purchase of eyeglasses. Her list was updated with roughly six Lions Clubs and contact persons. All Lions clubs in Macomb County are now on her list and if not already done, she will be contacting those clubs.

Penrickton's Ride for a Reason will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020, instead of the normal Sunday. This is the same day as the JDRF walk at Milliken State Park in Detroit. Pick your favorite or just go to the Ride for a Reason if you don't like to exercise.



As of Monday, May 25, 2020, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is still being held on September 17-19, 2020. Seating for the seminars and meals will be modified slightly. The next meeting of the forum committee to determine whether to cancel the forum will be held in the middle part of June.

May's Membership Report to Lions Clubs International was reported by Armada, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Clarkston Area, Eastpointe, Hazel Park, Lake Orion, Lathrup Village, Macomb Township, Madison Heights & Area, Milford Huron Valley, Ortonville, Richmond, Rochester, Romeo, Royal Oak, Selfridge Chesterfield, Shelby Township, St. Clair Shores, Sterling Heights, Troy Community, Warren, Washington, and Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Clubs.

As of Saturday, June 13, 2020, the Clinton Valley Lions Club has decided to turn in their charter. I signed the document and it will be turned in before June 20, 2020, so Lions Clubs International can officially remove them before the start of the 2020-2021 Lionistic year.

Thank you for letting me serve your district 11-A2.



A fond farewell to another fantastic year (with a rough ending, to be sure!), brought to us by the outstanding leadership of Governor Scott Berry!! Perhaps there is a future for you in radio???

# **Racism has no place in our world.**

Our organization depends on the incredible diversity of our members around the world because great things can only be achieved when we are united.

**#kindnessmatters**



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# 1VDG Leo Schaefer

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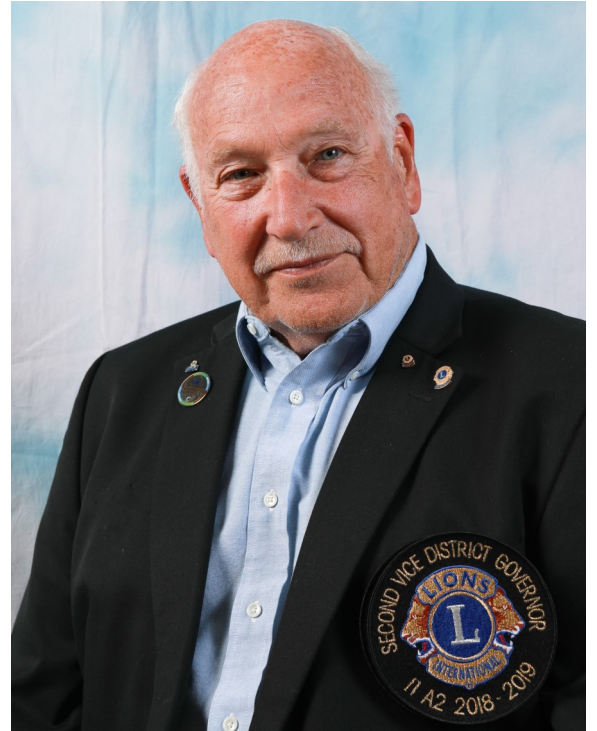
Life is a bowl of cherries, but they forgot to tell us that they had pits in them. The last few months have not been that nice of a bowl of cherries. However, it looks like we have gotten by the worst of it now and the work to rebuild is beginning. Change is the new word for everything. This is the perfect time to make all the changes necessary to make the Lions bigger and stronger than before; “Build the Pride “.

New ideas are what will be needed to build a stronger District. It can be done if we all work together.

June is here and with it comes good old summer time; picnics, car shows, bike riding, walking, and (my favorite) golfing! I hope these things will be the norm very soon.

The installation of new Cabinet Members is set for July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Washington Lions Hall, located north of 26-Mile Road on the east side of old Van Dyke Road. It will begin at noon. There will be an

organizational meeting for incoming cabinet officers on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the same location as above. I look forward to seeing everyone at the installation.



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Leo Schaefer



## “BUILD THE PRIDE”



# 2nd Vice District Governor's Notes

June – halfway through the year, halfway to Christmas, halfway to a couple of great PDG's birthdays. Halfway through a lot. But, for Lions, it is the end of the year. I am so honored and proud to have been just a small part of Governor Scott's year. He has done a fantastic job leading our District this year, especially the last four months during these unprecedented times. Governor Scott has handled the adversity with amazing calmness and poise, which was definitely needed. He needs to be commended for the job that he has done and continues to do for our District.

So, as we have our Lionistic year come to a close, we look ahead to District Governor Elect Leo and the start of his year. I am excited to see how DGE Leo leads our District as we continue being the great District we are. A lot of new programs are coming out from Lions International to help Districts and Clubs grow in membership and retain the members they already have. One big program coming out is called NAMI or the North American Membership Initiative. If you have not heard of this or seen anything about it, you should go to LCI's website and search for it. This is a great program and there will be a lot of information coming out about it. I look forward to serving our District and serving with Governor Leo. I want to thank you all again for believing in me and giving me this opportunity.

If you have any meetings or club functions coming up that you would like me to attend, please let me know. I would be happy to come out and spend time with the great Lions of our District.

One last thing, I would like to wish all of the fathers out there a Happy Father's Day!

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.



# Lioness Liaison Kim Bone

Hello Lioness's of District 11-A2!

I do hope that all of you are doing well and staying safe. This definitely has been a very hard few months but we are a resilient group, we must be to continue to serve. I am not sure how many of you are venturing out yet or watching the news and seeing what is happening all around us. Everyone has comments to make whether negative or positive and I do hope that we all are able to do as Governor Scott asks and that is please just be kind. We really don't know what our neighbors are going thru so please hold back your negative comments and just be kind. As we start to open up this state some of us will still stay home, and that's fine. Some of us will venture out and that is fine also. Some of us will wear a mask and some of us won't; again, it's all good. Just be kind and do what is best for you. We need to do what we need to do without judgement of others because we all have different viewpoints and situations. Again, please just be kind because we all need each other in one way or another.

I don't have much to report on the clubs. I do want to apologize to the 2 clubs that I have not been able to visit due to the virus and some health issues. I was looking forward to coming and spending time with you and also to meet some of you that I don't know.

As you know, (or I think everyone knows) the Sterling Heights Lioness postponed their roaring 20's until October. Hopefully we will be fully open and able to attend their biggest fund raiser that they have. The last few that I have attended have been a lot of fun and they do have great raffle prizes. It's amazing that my year as your Liaison is coming to an end this month. It went by very fast and I have learned a lot about myself and others during my time; the most important being that I was able to break out of my shell and actually give a report at Region and Cabinet meetings without actually passing out.

I do want to say that I hope we are all able to attend Governor Scott's Appreciation Dinner and give him a great showing seeing how we were unable to celebrate him at convention and thank him for a great job! We were unable to welcome Governor Elect Leo who will have some challenging months ahead of him. Speaking of challenging times, I hope that every one of us are seriously thinking about what we want to do when Lions International disbands the Lioness's. We have many, many great and hardworking people in our clubs and I hope that we all can find a home where we can continue on with all of the great things we do for our communities. It's a sad affair for us and for our communities. The charities are the ones that are going to be truly hurt by this, but we still can do what we do best so please don't give up! We do have a few options. If you have any questions please contact me and I will get the answer for you from Governor Scott or you can contact him personally. I also did give every club member that I was able to visit a question and answer brief that I downloaded from Lions International regarding the disbanding so I do hope that helped you, also. Well, that is all for now so please remember to be kind, be considerate, don't judge and be safe.

P.S. I ALMOST FORGOT—WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF OUR FISCAL YEAR AND I ASK THAT ALL CLUBS PLEASE SEND IN THEIR DONATIONS FOR THE GOVERNORS GOALS. OUR CHARITIES AND OUR CLUBS ARE BOTH HURTING. EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T HOLD FUND RAISERS, OUR CHARITIES DO NEED THEIR MONEY TO CONTINUE TO RUN. PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT MY SPRING PROJECT WAS TO GO TO BEAR LAKE CAMP SO PLEASE, PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATION TO ME AND I WILL FORWARD IT ON.

Thank you

Lioness Liaison Kim Bone

# A Reminder from PDG Jim Pettinato....

## **“I’m the Guy” (Author Unknown)**

I’m the guy who asked to join your organization. I’m the guy who paid his dues to join.  
I’m the guy who stood up in front of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.  
I’m the guy who came to your meeting and no one paid attention to.  
I tried several times to be friends, but they all had their own buddies to talk to sit next to.  
I sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to me.  
I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fund-raising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.  
I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and could not be there.  
No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been.  
I guess it didn’t matter very much to others whether I was there or not.  
The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch TV.  
The following meeting, I attended, but no one asked me where I was for the last meeting.  
You might say I’m a good guy or a “good family man” who holds a responsible job and loves his community and country.  
You know who else I am? THE GUY WHO NEVER CAME BACK.  
It amuses me how the heads of organizations and the members discuss WHY the organization is losing members.  
It amuses me to think that they spend so much time looking for NEW members when I was there all the time.  
All they need to do was make me feel needed, wanted and WELCOME.



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



**I WANT YOU**

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Andrew Charbonneau, sponsored by Angie Boomer

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes George Sanchez, sponsored by James Pettinato

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Kate Hentes, sponsored by Bob Erickson

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Kenneth Geeck, sponsored by Daniel Hartwell

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Laura Fulco, sponsored by Bob Erickson

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Todd Suspeck, sponsored by Roger Brodeur

The Troy Community Lions Club welcomes Laure McMahan, sponsored by Judi Persuski





## CABINET INSTALLATION PICNIC

Hosted by:  
District Governor Leo Schaefer and First Lady Sharon

**“BUILDING THE PRIDE”**

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020  
Washington Lions Hall, 58000 Van Dyke Road  
Washington, MI 48094  
12 Noon

Chef Ramone will be cooking up hotdogs, potato salad and other picnic food!

Beer and Pop will be sold by the Washington Lions

**Come join us for the fun!**

**RSVP BY EMAIL ONLY  
BEFORE JULY 11, 2020**

To: Cabinet Secretary Rhonda Furby  
[carousel\\_girl@hotmail.com](mailto:carousel_girl@hotmail.com)



\*Please be aware that our gathering will be conducted in\*  
\*accordance with appropriate safeguards concerning wearing a\*  
\*mask and social distancing requirements in place at that time.\*





## Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

Dear Lion,

In these challenging times, we must respond to the realities we are facing as a global community and stay hopeful for the future. We are also determined to find the best way forward to ensure the long-term success of our efforts.

In this spirit, International President Choi, Campaign International Chairman Dr. Yamada, Campaign International Vice-Chairperson Moore and I are announcing that the timeline for *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service* has been extended by one additional year, through June 30, 2022. We must give ourselves the time necessary to realize our full potential in this campaign, for the future of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF).

We remain optimistic and action-oriented in the face of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As of May 21, 2020 LCIF has granted \$3, 851, 655 to provide immediate relief to communities severely impacted by COVID-19. We encourage you to stay connected to the work of your foundation. You can visit LCIF's dedicated COVID-19 response page to learn how our foundation is responding.

Many Lions have asked how they can help during these unprecedented times. If you are able, please consider joining LCIF in its support of Lions' relief efforts by donating at [lionsclubs.org/donate](https://lionsclubs.org/donate). Your contributions are crucial to sustaining LCIF's ability to help Lions keep their communities safe and healthy. All donations are eligible for MJF and Campaign 100 recognition. If you have recently made a donation we sincerely thank you for your generosity and appreciate your support of our foundation.

Sincerely,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is with great sadness that the Forum Executive Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. As we said several months ago, the safety of our attendees is our number one concern. We had hoped for a significant flattening of the curve on cases of COVID19 throughout our geographical area, but that has not been the trend. Travel between the borders of the United States and Canada has also been a concern.

Although the Forum is still three months away and conditions could improve over the summer, there is enough uncertainty that we feel it is best to make the decision to cancel now. The Forum will offer a choice of a full refund or a rollover of your registration fees to the 2021 Forum. You can make that choice in writing by e-mailing our Registrar at [forum@spe.midco.net](mailto:forum@spe.midco.net) or by mailing your choice request to PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709. Please do not call the Forum office to request a refund or transfer of funds to 2021.

Our goal for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum has always been to provide not only a rich learning experience but also to provide a social environment to be with old friends and to make new friends. This 44<sup>th</sup> annual Forum promised to be one of the best as the city of Louisville has so much they wanted to share with us. We extend our sincere appreciation to the city of Louisville and to the Kentucky Lions for inviting us and we hope we can come back soon.

PID Harvey Whitley

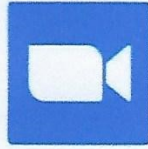
2020 Forum General Chairperson

Donations for Madonna University Lions Hearing Program are due by June 30, 2020 in order to meet the Governors Goals for 2019-2020

A reminder that all Leader Dog donations must be received before June 30, 2020 in order to receive credit for this fiscal year.



## Lions of Michigan and the Zoom Boom!



For Your Information the Lions of Michigan isn't just now jumping on the Video Conferencing craze going on during the Covid19 crisis.

The various restrictions put in place on meeting size, travel and Social Distancing have forced people all around the world to come up with ways to keep in touch and conduct business without everyone actually being there.

The news media is full of reporters and TV hosts working from home and their production staffs not in the office but still able to function. Thanks to many different technologies a lot of things can be done even if everyone involved is far apart.

The MD11 IT (Information Technology) Committee during the 2018-2019 Lions year received the approval of the Council of Governors to investigate and finally adopt a Video Conferencing service for use by the Lions of Michigan. The recommendation for adopting the Zoom Video Conferencing platform as the standard for all Lions of Michigan was approved and money was budgeted to implement that service.

Since then the MD11 IT Committee has been working on setting up the equipment where it is needed and the methods on how to use it. With an increase in the IT Committee's budget approved by the 2019-2020 Council of Governors the IT Committee has done additional work on getting better equipment for the Lions State office and getting other equipment for doing conferences and meetings.



**MD11  
Zoom Video  
Conference Call  
at Lions State Office  
on July 20, 2019 Training of  
MD11 Committee Chairs  
Eight Lions in State office,  
six Lions on video connection  
and five on telephone only**



MD11 IT Committee Zoom Video Conferencing has been used by:

Council of Governors to conduct interviews for MD11 position's of candidates that could not be physically present at the COG meetings. Most recently they conducted their last regular Council of Governors meeting with three Lions in the State Office and up to 46 other Lions joining them on Zoom.

Many MD11 Committees, District Committees and District Cabinet meetings have conducted their meetings with Zoom. Some were where some of the group met in a central location and those that could not attend physically joined in the meeting via the Zoom platform.

Many meetings of Lions have been conducted where everyone is on a computer, iPad, tablet or smart cell phone or even a regular phone call.

We got off to a good start last year however we can do more and do better now. We want all Lions, Districts, Clubs their Committees and Board of Directors that need to conduct Lions business to try using the Zoom Video Conferencing service we offer. You may want to try a virtual Club meeting, many Clubs already have. This is not just a temporary offer, we need it now more than ever and it was a useful tool before the current crisis and it will be after.

The MD11 IT Committee Zoom Pro Account allows us to set up and conduct as many meetings as we want. The restrictions are that we can only do one group call at a time. We can have up to one hundred (100) callers, the host and 99 callers and call duration of up to twenty-four hours. Because we have had such a high demand for Zoom calls we have had some scheduling conflicts. That is being resolved and several Districts in the State have set up their own Zoom Pro Accounts so they can schedule calls in their District as needed.

A Free Zoom Account that everyone can set up is a great option for Lions that want to have short meetings. A Free account lets you do video conference calls with up to 100 callers but has a forty (40) minute time limit. Every person with a Free account can set up meetings and easily join other meetings as needed.

For those Lions or individuals that don't have a smart phone, mobile device, desktop or laptop device you can still participate in the conference calls as an audio only, telephone caller. Zoom provides dial in connections for the phone calls. However the numbers are not Toll Free and are not local numbers. So the caller should have a land line or cell phone with a good or unlimited long distance calling plan.

Remember the Zoom service is not limited to Lions business. With a personal free account you can stay in touch with friends and family. There are now countless



examples of people using Video Conferencing for everything from weddings, church services, classroom learning, hosting late night TV shows and news programs of all kinds. Just watch TV live and you'll see the countless examples.

We recommend that if you don't already have a Free Zoom Account you start one as soon as you can. You only have to have one personal Zoom account. You can use that same User Name and Password on any of your devices. Setting up a Zoom account is easy, go to the Zoom download link <https://zoom.us/download> then select the **Sign Up It's Free** button. You will need to download the Zoom software for each of your electronic devices that you want to connect with. If you have a home desktop computer you may need to get a Webcam that you can plug into it to make Zoom work. Most laptops, tablets, iPads and smart phones have a camera and microphone in them and are ready for use. The Zoom website helps you download computer software, but you must download the correct App for your mobile device. For iPads and iPhones go to the Apple Store, for Android devices go to the Play Store, find the **Zoom Cloud Meeting** app and download it.

For those of you that think you're "technologically challenged", the MD11 IT Committee is available to help you set up your account and start using the Zoom platform. A list of the MD11 IT Committee members is at the bottom of the article.

If you want to schedule a Zoom Video Conferencing meeting the Lions of Michigan State Office will soon be set up to take reservations and schedule them in the MD11 Zoom Video Conferencing service. Consult with your District Governor or District IT Committee Chair to see if your District has its own Zoom Pro Account. Once the State Office is open, contact the Lions State Office at [lions@lionsofmi.com](mailto:lions@lionsofmi.com) and they will schedule the call and you will host and conduct the call. Until then contact MD11 IT Chairperson Ray Robins at [rayrobins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rayrobins@sbcglobal.net) and he will schedule it for you.

We are currently all in the COVID-19 crisis together, but apart. Let's use this tool to help bring us together as Lions so we can continue to practice our motto of "**We Serve**".

One piece of advice, Practice, **Practice** and more **Practice**, set up calls, join calls and play with all the features it's easy to use once you have practiced. You need to use Zoom to get used to it. You'll have fun.

