

# District 11-A2

## Roaring News

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November 2020



Well here we are at the end of November. Thanksgiving Day has gone.

I hope that everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. The next big Holiday is St. Nicholas Day (also known as the Feast of St. Nicholas) on December 6<sup>th</sup>. As a child, this is when you found out if Santa was going to bring you anything; candy if you were good, or coal if you were bad.

We have had a lot of time recently to reflect on the things we have been doing, not only in our personal lives but also as Lions. Things were just starting to get back to where clubs began meeting in person again. Then the virus came back, and everything got shut down again.

I want to thank the clubs and the Lion members for all of the things they have accomplished this year. New members are on the rise, and there are some fundraisers taking place. Keep up the good spirits and the good work!



I have recently spent time cleaning out some of my filing cabinets and I came across the article below. I wanted to share it with you. Have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the holidays in front of us.

DG 11A-2

Leo Schaefer

P.S.

Another fun holiday on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December is Microwave Oven Day



## **LET GO . . .**

- **TO “let go” does not mean to stop caring, it means I can’t do it for someone else.**
- **To “let go” is not to cut myself off, it’s the realization I can’t control another.**
- **To “let go” is not to enable, but to allow learning from natural consequences.**
- **To “let go” is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in my hands.**
- **To “let go” is not to try to change or blame another, it’s to make the most of myself.**
- **To “let go” is not to care for, but to care about.**
- **To “let go” is not to fix, but to be supportive.**
- **To “let go” is not to judge, but to allow another to be a human being.**
- **To “let go” is not be in the middle arranging all the outcomes but to allow other to affect their destinies.**
- **To “let go” is not to be protective, it’s to permit another to face reality.**
- **To “let go” is not to nag, scold, or argue, but instead to search out my own shortcomings and correct them.**
- **To “let go” is not to adjust everything to my desires but to take each day as it comes, and cherish myself in it.**
- **To “let go” is not to criticize and regulate anybody but to try to become what I dream I can be.**
- **To “let go” is not to regret the past, but to grow and live for the future.**
- **To “let go” is to fear less and love more.**



# 1st Vice District Governor's Notes

Thanksgiving was very relaxed and laid back this year. My son, Jacob, smoked our turkey this year and it was probably the best I have ever had. It was a great day; I put up Christmas lights, he smoked the turkey, Kim was working on the other dishes and Genevieve made a pumpkin pie!

Everything tasted great and there was more than enough for leftovers. I remember something my dad used to say about my mom's cooking, she was an alright cook but nothing extravagant. He said, "Most turkey tastes better



the day after Thanksgiving, your mother's taste better the day before." I hope you were able to be with your family either in person or virtually. At least the pandemic has had one good outcome, it has really given us time to reflect on what truly is important and what we can be thankful for. November was a busy month. At the beginning, there was a great seminar, "Lions Opportunities in a Virtual World" it had many great speakers including Past International President Joe Preston and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice International President Brian Sheehan. There was a lot of great information shared and it demonstrated that even though we are operating under unique circumstances right now, the need for Lions and Lions service is bigger than ever. Throughout the month, we had the next round of Region Meetings. These were very well attended especially since they were all held virtually. Listening to the club reports, I could tell that clubs are getting used to dealing with the Pandemic and have figured out how to help in their community. Many more clubs reporting this time around had activities going on which was great to hear.

December is about to begin which means the Leader Dog Kickoff dinner is almost here. That is one of the events that I always look forward to. When I first became a Lion, this was a Kickoff lunch down at the Warren Chateau. Attending that always amazed me, here was a room full of 600 people at lunchtime! It always seemed like it started the holiday season for me. This year, like many other events, they have had to go virtual, but it is a "lunch" again!

I think I am going to keep it short this month. If there are clubs out in the District that would like me to come for a visit please contact me and let me know, I would be more than happy to attend either in person or virtually. I will talk to you next month.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jim, Jr.

# Let's Help One Another!!

Lions of District 11-A2, I am looking for your help.

I am trying to put together a comprehensive list of all the fund raisers that clubs in the District do in an effort to provide everyone with ideas for raising money in their communities. Remember that no project or fundraiser is too big or too small to be included in the master list.

Many clubs are trying hard to think outside of the box and are coming up with COVID –friendly fundraisers like GoFundMe accounts , zoom auctions, etc. I am looking for your best gimmick. We all know that a hole sponsor is a must at a golf outing, but what else is a hot spot for raising some cash?

The Optimist Clubs have put on Camel Races for many years. The Lake Orion Lions Club “stole” their idea, made a few changes and called their event the Lion Races. If your club does a reverse raffle, include that with an explanation of how it works so other clubs can adapt it to their needs.

I will put together a list of all fundraisers and events that you send to me and I will distribute the information back to the District . I will do my best to keep this updated as new fundraisers come in. Feel free to do this on an individual basis or as a club. Thanks you for your help

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757 Bosco Drive  
Lake Orion Mi 48362





# What's Going On Around the District?



The Rochester Lions Club supported the fundraising activities of local Girl Scout Cadette Malana Mentier. She is shown here receiving cans/bottles from Lion Bruce MacGregor to support her Silver Award project to honor women veterans .



Malana Mentier, wearing black in the middle, is shown here with Girl Scout troop members and members of local American Legion posts on Veteran's Day 2020 at the dedication of the women's veterans garden,





The Royal Oak Lions Club adopted two families for the Holidays this year. Shown here are the gifts assembled for one of the families.



Royal Oak Lion Udo Hess is shown here collecting for the Salvation Army, an activity that they have participated in for many, many years. For the tenth year in a row they have raised in excess of \$11,000!



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



**I WANT YOU**

The Beverly Hills Lions Club welcomes Walt Stecker, sponsored by Gordon McMullen

The Birmingham Lions Club welcomes David Hodges, sponsored by Paul Connell

The Birmingham Lions Club welcomes Jean Hodges, sponsored by Paul Connell

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Kimberly Madigan, sponsored by Jeffrey Byrum

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Linda Schultz, sponsored by Allen Fletcher

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Randal Burdo, sponsored by Jeffrey Byrum

The Fraser Lions Club welcomes Jeanette Carraway, sponsored by Leslie Mansoor

The Royal Oak Lions Club welcomes Joyce Kraft, sponsored by JoAnne Swan

The Royal Oak Lions Club welcomes Kory Strand, sponsored by Bob Westbury

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Michael Oday, sponsored by Raymond DeBuck

**Welcome**

# MI LEO ZOOM Chat



A pandemic can't stop a LEO -  
join us for a LEO Chat with  
LEOs across the state.

Wednesday,  
December 2  
7-8pm

## Follow this ZOOM link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84872445655?  
pwd=aVNsOUdjQ3JodVp3ZWJXNjdkUURydz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84872445655?pwd=aVNsOUdjQ3JodVp3ZWJXNjdkUURydz09)

Please register by emailing or texting:  
Nicole Stuhec at [nstuhec2@gmail.com](mailto:nstuhec2@gmail.com)  
or text to 734-834-2073. You will get an  
invitation with the ZOOM link to make it easier.

You can meet other  
Michigan LEOs, talk  
about your club, share  
ideas and have ☺

↑ fun  
Anything Goes!



Wear a shirt  
that represents LEOs or  
the school you attend...





## Invite Leader Dog to Your Meeting!

Introduce your club, region, zone or district to the legacy Lions started. Give us 15-20 minutes at your virtual meeting and we can present:

- Leader Dog's Programs
- Meet a Client
- A Puppy Raiser
- How We Train Guide Dogs
- How Does the White Cane Work?
- And more!

Contact Lion Kathleen Breen at [KBreen@leaderdog.org](mailto:KBreen@leaderdog.org) or 248.218.6407 for more information and to schedule.

Not sure about running a virtual meeting? We can help!  
We can also connect in to your face-to-face meeting!



**LEADER DOGS**  
FOR THE BLIND

Rochester Hills, Michigan | 888.777.5332







Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

Hear these puppies ROAR!

These six puppies are currently being raised by volunteer puppy raisers across the country. Some of them are Lions volunteers. Just one more way Lions partner with Leader Dog to serve your local communities.



With your club's sponsorship, you will receive a 5x7 photograph of your sponsored Future Leader Dog and an official sponsorship certificate.

All symbolic sponsorships will receive a matching plush puppy! Be sure to post a picture of your club and your plush puppy on social media to share the joy!

Thank you for helping Leader Dog serve people who are blind, visually impaired and Deaf-Blind in your communities—together we serve!

Sincerely,

*Lion Sue Daniels*

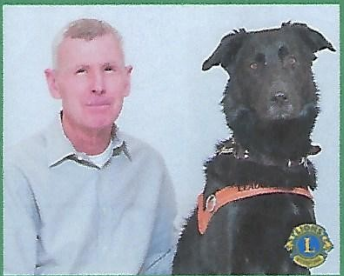
Lion Sue Daniels  
President and CEO

PS: Remember Lake Orion Lions Club President Mike Pikalis and Future Leader Dog Senna last year? Here is Leader Dog Senna (*pictured right with client*) this year—what a difference a year makes! Find out more at [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org).



*"I'm retired and on my own, so the dog is my world. If I don't get my five miles of walking, hiking or snowshoeing— I don't feel right. It's kind of an existence."*

-Randy & LD Senna




Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel

888.777.5332 | 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115 | [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org)







Harken back to the original

# Kick Off Celebration Luncheon!

Grab a lunch and join us for a *virtual* event:

**Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**Noon – 1pm, Eastern**

Kick Off is open to **all** Lions of Districts 11-A-1, 11-A-2 and A-1, at no cost, and will showcase the legacy and partnership with our “hometown” Lions.



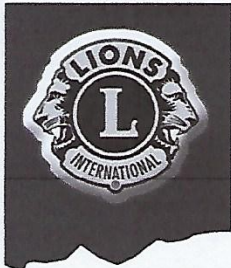
**RSVP to receive the Zoom log in information. Attend online or on the phone.**

RSVP via computer, [click here](#) or go to <http://bit.ly/ldb-kickoff>  
(log in details will be emailed after you completed)

RSVP via email or phone, contact Lion Kathleen Breen, Lions Events and Logistics Coordinator at  
[KBreen@leaderdog.org](mailto:KBreen@leaderdog.org) or 248.218.6407

*Celebrate **Leader Dogs for the Blind** and  
Lions clubs of 11-A-2, 11-A-1 and A-1*





# 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](http://www.lionsofmi.com)

Phone: (517) 887-6640  
Fax: (517) 887-6642  
email: [lions@lionsofmi.com](mailto: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			
* 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.					
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"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____		
<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	
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## DISTRICT 11 A2 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

**PURPOSE:** To recognize a District 11 A2 Lion, Lioness, or Leo for sustained, outstanding commitment and dedicated service as a Lion, Lioness or Leo to the Community and District.

### CRITERIA:

- Service must include club & district level participation. MD & LCI level participation is NOT a requirement although can be a plus. (NOTE: This is intended as a District award for service at the District & Club level in this District.)
- Must have served in a leadership role at the Club and District level.
- Demonstrated service in support of one or more of the established District projects & programs.
- Demonstrated service directly involving voluntary service to the Community.
- Must currently be a District 11 A2 Lion, Lioness or Leo in good standing as a full member with a minimum of seven years membership in the District at the time of the District Convention where this award is to be presented.
- Nominee may NOT have been previous recipient of the Harold Pocklington Service Award. Nominee may NOT be currently serving as an International Director, District Governor or as a Vice District Governor.
- Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Immediate Past District Governor not later than February 1, 2021 in proper format.  
IPDG Scott Edward Berry  
29315 Taylor Street  
Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081  
email: scott.edward.berry@outlook.com

### SELECTION PROCESS:

- The Honorary Committee, chaired by the IPDG, shall consist of those PDG's who are active members of a District 11A2 Lions Club. The District Governor shall be a part of voting process but may not make a nomination.
- Only one nomination by each member of the Honorary Committee, consisting of Past District Governors, may be submitted during a Lion's year.



- Nominations shall be submitted, in writing, or by email to the most recent IPDG. Following the selection, the IPDG shall be responsible to obtain the plaque and medallion. IPDG will also be responsible for having them engraved and shall present the award at the Annual District Convention Banquet. If the current IPDG is unable to do the presentation the next previous IPDG will do the presentation.
- Information collected along with the medallions and engraving for plaques shall be shared with the next IPDG following the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award and the last meeting of the Honorary committee.

In order to secure complete nomination information, a PDG may need to contact the person being nominated. This information should remain confidential within the Honorary Committee.

In the event that a PDG is nominated for the Distinguished Service Award, the Chairperson of the Honorary Committee (or other designated chair if the IPDG is a nominee), upon receipt of the completed nomination form, shall notify the nominated PDG. Thereafter, the nominated PDG shall not participate in the selection process during the Lion's year of the nomination.

#### VOTING PROCESS:

- IPDG will call for a meeting of the Honorary Committee (consisting of active PDG's who have served for District 11A2) no less than 30 days prior to Annual District Convention. A quorum of the selection committee shall be no less than one third of the eligible members. If there is not a quorum or if no candidate receives the stated amount of votes, the award shall not be given in that year.
- Voting shall be by written ballot or via telephone conference call (if necessary). The recipient must receive one more than 50% of the ballots cast. If no nominee receives 1 more than 50% of the ballots cast, then the committee will take the top two (2) nominations and revote. Winner will be determined by who receives 50% plus one vote.
- No proxy votes will be allowed and a Past Pocklington Award recipient will count the votes as directed by the IPDG.
- The Honorary Committee will be asked to keep the winning nomination a secret until Annual District Convention.

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DISTRICT 11 A2 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD  
Personal Data Sheet

Name of Nominee:

Years of Service as a Lion:

Member of which Lion Club:

Offices and Years held in local club:

Community Service Activities:

Special District, State or Lion Projects Nominee has played a key role  
in:

Any other information in support of Nominee's Service work:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Honorary Committee Member  
placing the nomination

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted