District 11-A2

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Warm wishes to everyone!

We or now one fourth of the way thru the year. Because of the Coronavirus, it seems much longer than that! But we all or learning new ways to get things done. It is nice to hear that so many of the clubs are still getting projects done and that those who have their own halls are now meeting in person.

The Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired is going to award three scholarship again this year. Applications need to be in by November 30.

For all of our Lions who are veterans there is a place Brooklyn, Michigan called Camp Liberty. They have 137 acres set aside for camping, hunting, fishing, nature trails, and much more. Camp Liberty is free to all veterans and their families. Look it up at <u>www.camp-liberty.org</u>

Membership is going up a little at a time and that is a good

thing when you consider the fact that we are not getting out like we used to. This shows that people do care about others.

Keep up the good work, and most importantly stay healthy.

DG Leo



October 2020





1st Vice District Governor's Notes

Welcome to October!!

We have had high temperatures ranging from 76 to 48 so, yes, it is Michigan weather! In accordance with the crazy year we have had so far, Halloween finally falls on a Saturday, there is a full moon, (which will be a "Blue" moon since it is the second full moon of the month) and Daylight Savings Time ends so we get an extra hour of sleep. What a wonderful trifecta! Given the year we have had, maybe we



should take that extra hour and add it to the trick-or-treating hours?

Here is some Halloween trivia for you:

- The term jack-o-lantern came from an Irish folktale about a man named "Stingy Jack" who made a • deal with the devil.
- The longest Haunted House is in Lewisburg, Ohio. It is 3,564 feet long and 80 feet underground. •
- In the original "Halloween" movie, Michael Myers' mask is a \$2 William Shatner mask painted • white.
- 35 million pounds of candy corn is made each year, producing about 9 billion pieces. •
- Mamie Eisenhower was the first First Lady to decorate the White House for Halloween in 1958. ٠
- Harry Houdini died in Detroit on Halloween in 1926.
- Who lived at 1313 Cemetery Lane? The Addams Family. What about 1313 Mockingbird Lane? The Munster's, of course!
- Surprisingly, Skittles are the most popular Halloween candy.
- In 1974, the "Exorcist" was the first horror movie nominated for an Academy Award.

With that, I hope you all have a wonderful Halloween; however you can celebrate it this year.

As I write this, Immediate Past District Governor Berry's appreciation dinner was last night. What a wonderful turnout, despite everything going on right now. A well-deserved night to honor a great Governor. I think Governor Scott did an amazing job handling everything that was dealt to him. I cannot cannot even imagine how difficult it must have been for him and in my eyes, he did such a wonderful job. There is a quote somewhere and I am sure I am messing it up because my pea-brain doesn't retain stuff too well but it goes something like this: "True leaders lead with actions, not words." Governor Scott rose to the situation and handled it head-on. He spoke when necessary and lead the District through some difficult times. Thank you, Governor Scott.

Our second round of Region Meetings are coming up in November. Not sure right now if they will be in person, zoom or mixed but I do look forward to seeing all of you. 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 then happy to attend either in person or virtually.

I will talk to you next month.

1st VDG Jim, Jr.



2VDG Elliott Hilton

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy. Since October 2nd was "World Smile Day," I thought I would share with you a passage that my Grandma Ida (a Lioness and then a Lion) had on her refrigerator for years:

"The Meaning of a Smile"

It costs nothing, but creates much. It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None are so rich they can get along without it and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

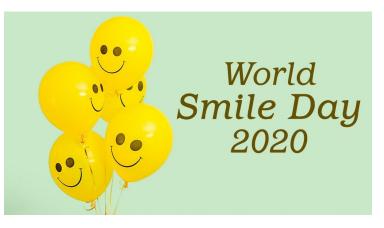
It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in a business, and is the countersign of friends. It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anyone 'til it is given away. And if in the hurly-burly bustle of today's business world, some of the people you meet should be too tired to give you a smile, may we ask you to leave one of yours? For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

Have a great month, and keep smiling and serving those less fortunate in our neighborhoods.

We Serve,

2VDG Elliott





The Lioness of District 11-A2





Lioness Maggie DeGroff was recently installed by PCC Jim Pettinato as the final President of the Lake Orion Lioness Club. The installation is particularly meaningful as Lioness Maggie is also a founding member of the club, which had its beginnings in 1988.



The Lake Orion Lioness counts amongst its members three generations from two different families! Pictured on the left are Maggie DeGroff, Angie Perry and Kimmy Hartwell, and pictured on the right are Lauraine Pettinato, Angie Boomer and Hannah Boomer.

North American Membership Initiative

Fellow Lions of District 11A2,

I want to thank the 11 clubs who responded to the NAMI questionnaire. Out of the 11 clubs, 6 clubs wanted help with increasing or maintaining club membership, with new ideas for fundraising, and with new service projects. I was hoping for a better response to this questionnaire. The questionnaire had sections regarding what need of new ideas. The objectives of the North American Membership Initiative are to rejuvenate districts with new clubs, revitalize existing clubs and re-energize existing members.



Governor Leo had a video made to share with all of the clubs in

the District. This video features some of our state and district projects. The purpose of this video is for clubs to have new membership drives to explain what Lions do in your community. The clubs that requested help will get this video along with a the list of the different types of fundraising and service projects we received from the questionnaires. The plan is to meet with the clubs, explain the video, and show them how to develop a membership drive night that includes flyers and post card invites to family and friends who wish to join the world's largest service organization.

As all of you know, you need to "Just Ask". New members will not be knocking at the door. So, if you want to be part of the solution and not part of the problem, please send me your questionnaire. All district club secretaries received this questionnaire 6 weeks ago. Please note that we were instructed by LCI not to use the acronym NAMI for North American Membership Initiative. The National Alliance of Mental Illness has the copyright on "NAMI".

I would like to thank Lion Beth Slade and ZC Lion Mike Pikelis for making this new video.

Please do not become discouraged and/or complacent because of the times we are in. We need to keep positive thoughts and we will be back together soon.

Yours in Lionism,

North American Membership Initiative-Champion

Lion Jack Patton, PDG



TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NAMI (North American Membership Initiative)

This year our District is participating in NAMI to maximize our membership so we can maximize our service. Our District NAMI team consists NAMI Champion, district governor team, GAT coordinators, /zone chairpersons and BIG support from our Club's Presidents and members.

NAMI objectives are: 1) Rejuvenate districts with new clubs, 2) Revitalize clubs with new members, and 3) Motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service.

Our District goals for NAMI are positive membership growth and the development of scalable best practices. We are looking for 10 of our Clubs that want help building and strengthening their club. We want to get involved in your success.

____YES! My Club will be one of the 10 Clubs that accepts help with building & strengthening our membership.

____ No. My Club is moving along just fine!

Club Name:

Club Contact:

Please complete the questionnaire:

SERVICE PROJECTS:

How many service projects does your club perform each year? _____ Please list: (you may list additional on the reverse side)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Are you satisfied with the projects you do?_____ Would you like support from our Global Service Chair, Tracy Antrikin?

FUNDRAISING:

How many fundraisers does your club hold each year? ____ Please list: (you may list additional on the reverse side) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. Are you satisfied with the fundraisers you hold? _____ Would you like support from our Global Service Chair, Tracy Antrikin?

MEMBERSHIP:

Are you happy with your Club's new member orientation?

What is your best idea for bringing new members into your club?

Is there anything that holds your club back from sponsoring new members? Would you like support from our Global Membership Chair, Tammi Graber? _____ Do you have any further questions?

This form must be filled out by the Board of each club in the District. Once completed, please turn it into PDG Jack Patton.



What's Going On Around the District?

Governor Scott Edward Berry's Appreciation Dinner was held on October 24th at the Eastpointe Manor. Many Lions and Lioness came in costume and the Governor enjoyed a fantastic send-off!

Thank-you for your selfless service, Governor Scott!









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



The Beverly Hills Lions Club welcomes Robert Ginther, unlisted sponsor The Mt Clemens Lions Club welcomes Laura Kropp, sponsored by Stephen Saph The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Deborah Benedic, sponsored by Sue Cipriano The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Jan McClellan, sponsored by Mary Higgins The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes William McClellan, sponsored by Bob Higgins The Romeo Lions Club welcomes Travis Todd, sponsored by Andrew Hale





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 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!





Rochester Hills, Michigan | 888.777.5332

Information from Lions of Michigan

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? Dues Structure and Allocation

ALLOCATIONS: MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11

Administration	\$7.61	
Council/Committee/Treasurer	1.25	
MD 11 Convention	.24	
Restricted Fund	.50	
International Convention	40	
Total Income:	\$10.00	
LION PRIDE PUBLICATION:	\$4.50	
ALLOCATIONS: SINGLE DISTRICT 10		
Administration	\$1.68	
Restricted Fund	.50	
International Convention	40	
Total Income:	\$2.58	

For questions regarding your 1st half-year dues statement, please contact Executive Director Wendy Burns at 517-887-6640 ext. 11, or email: <u>wburns@lionsofmi.com;</u> State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck: hemeryck@wowway.com

Thank you for your continued service to our communities!



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELBERATE THE STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 6, 2020 AMERICAN CENTURY CLUB (14 MILE RD & HOOVER RD) 33204 MAPLE LANE DRIVE STERLING HEIGHTS, MI \$35.00 PP \$65.00 PER COUPLE SOCIAL HOUR 6-7 PM OPEN BAR EVENING EVENT STARTS AT 7 PM

GUEST SPEAKER PID DR. GARY ANDERSON

FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION CONTACT RON PAPA, PDG @ 586-226-9066 BOB JENKINS, PCC @ 586-532-7385









"Building the Pride"

DISTRICT 11-A2 REGION 2 MEETING Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Hosted by Zone Chairs Eileen Maciasz, and Tim Caudill with the Sterling Heights Lions and Warren Lions

Location: Sterling Heights Lions Club 12828 Canal Road Sterling Heights, Mi. 48311

Social – 6:00 P.M. – Dinner 6:45 P.M. Zoom – 7:15 Meal Cost - \$15.00 per person with Cash Bar

Please RSVP by November 3, 2020

ZC Eileen Maciasz 5346 Clarion Dr Macomb, Mi. 48044 586-588-0442 Ejmm8@comcast.net Send NO money now! Do NOT RSVP if you are attending by Zoom!

Name(s):

Club Name:

Number of People Attending:

Total Amount Due:

Sorry, no phone reservations.

Please be aware that our gathering will be conducted in *accordance with appropriate safeguards concerning we3aring a* *mask and social distancing requirements in place at that time* *You may be required to fill out a COVID 19 Screening form*





Harken back to the original

Kick Off Celebration Luncheon!

Grab a lunch and join us for a *virtual* event: **Thursday, December 3**rd, **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, <u>click here</u> or go to <u>http://bit.ly/ldb-kickoff</u> (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 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*



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		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 he	ar 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? (Check all that apply)
Tuition Books Housing
Specialized Equipment (please specify)
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

Date

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 DISTINGQUISHED 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