

# District 11-A2

## Roaring News

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August 2021



The first time around many Past District Governors told me that this year will fly by. That is one piece of information I can definitely agree with! Where did July go? It has been a very fast first month that is for sure. We had the District Installation picnic, what a great turnout! I would like to thank all of you that came out. The food was fantastic! Thanks again to the Lake Orion Lions Club for all of the hard work putting this event on and supporting me. After that, I had the honor of attending the Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Charter Night. PID John Walker and Lion Karen came



“home” from Arizona for this event. It was really nice to catch up with them and see how life is in that “dry heat.” International Director Justin Faber was the Guest Speaker and he did a fantastic job. It was a great event and very well attended. Congratulations to all of the Charter Members.

As of today, and I am writing this late in the month, I have not received any club updates to be put in the newsletter. Hopefully all of you Club Secretaries and Presidents have sent them onto the District Editor. If you send them in, they will be in the newsletter.

We have the first District Cabinet meeting coming up on August 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be hosted by Region Chair Mike Pikelis and the Lake Orion Lions. The flyer has been



in the newsletter and has been circulated through PCC Frank's emails. As with most of the Cabinet Meetings this year, this will be a casual meeting as the Cabinet will be in their Cabinet Casual uniform, so please come and enjoy yourself. Also, don't forget about First Lady Kim's special project, "Cash for Camp." The big jar will be at the meeting and ready for your donation. She is already off to a great start with over \$200 in the fund after the picnic.

The new District Roster books will be out soon, each club will get a book for their President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair. If you are listed in the book, you also get one. If anyone else would like a book, please see Cabinet Secretary Jim Boomer for one, the price is \$5

Thank you for all you do and all you serve.

Talk to you next month.

Governor Jim



The Lake Orion Lions Club hosted the District Cabinet Installation Picnic on July 18th. Many attendees remarked how nice it was to be back in person, exchanging fellowship and welcoming the new Cabinet into service for the upcoming year.

# 1VDG Shawn Blaszczyk

Lions of 11A-2,

First and foremost, I thank each of you for electing me as Second VDG during this past election cycle. I also wish to thank the Honorary Committee for having the confidence in me to move me into the vacant First VDG office. I am humbled and honored by both demonstrations of confidence in me and I am looking forward to a year of learning and working with each of you to help you to continue to be the successful Lions you already are.



As most things in the state are finally opening up with minimal restrictions, I am hoping that we will have a semblance of a “normal” year and that we can get back to doing what we do best- being the premier service providers to those in need in our communities. If there is any way I can assist you throughout the year, please reach out to me.

We have the first Cabinet meeting coming August 18th in Lake Orion. I hope many of you will be able to attend and hear what we as a District are planning for the year.

Lastly, this is the final year of LCIF’s Campaign 100. Please keep this in mind throughout the upcoming year and do your best to make donations to help us hit our \$300 million goal. We are over \$210 million, so any help you can manage is appreciated. Also, remember that individual donations count toward the Campaign and on your Club’s yearly total. You can do a 1-time donation, set up a yearly donation, or even a monthly one. It is easy to set up and I can assist you if you have any questions.

Thanks, and keep up the amazing work!

Lion Shawn Blaszczyk, 1VDG

Selfridge-Chesterfield Lions



# DIMES & DOLLARS FRIDAYS

AS WE ENTER THE FINAL YEAR OF LCIF CAMPAIGN 100, WE NEED ALL OF YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR GOAL AND SUPPORT YOUR FOUNDATION.

WE ARE ASKING EACH MEMBER FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT TO GO ALONG WITH YOUR CLUB'S. PLEASE CONSIDER DOING ONE OF THE EASY CHALLENGES BELOW EACH FRIDAY OF THE YEAR TO HELP US GIVE BACK TO THE LCIF THAT HAS HELPED OUR DISTRICT AND PROJECTS GREATLY OVER THE YEARS.

**FRIDAY DOLLARS-** WE ASK THAT EACH FRIDAY FOR THE YEAR THAT YOU PUT AWAY JUST \$1 (MORE IF YOU WISH) AND IN JUNE DONATE THOSE DOLLARS TO LCIF. THIS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$50.

**FRIDAY DIMES-** WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE AN EMPTY WATER BOTTLE (16 OZ.) AND EACH FRIDAY PLACE YOUR SPARE DIMES IN IT THAT YOU HAVE COLLECTED OVER THE WEEK. ONCE THE BOTTLE IS FILLED THERE WILL BE ABOUT \$50 IN IT. ONCE FILLED MAKE A DONATION TO LCIF.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW AT THE UPCOMING CABINET AND REGION MEETINGS AS WELL AS HOW TO MAKE A DONATION.

THANK YOU 1VDG SHAWN BLASZCZYK, LCIF COORDINATOR



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## 2VDG Kelley Unruh

I was born and raised in Ithaca, MI. In 1985, I graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration, majoring in Management Information Systems. Currently, I am an accountant for a real estate franchise.

My first post-college job was working for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in southwest Indiana as a Computer Specialist. In the late 1980's, I was transferred to Lincoln, Nebraska. One of my new co-workers asked me to join him and his wife at their LIONS "couples" club. I joined their club that night.

About seven years later, I moved near Minneapolis for a private-sector job and I transferred to a LIONS Club there. Since computer industry "downsizing" seemed to be my destiny I moved back to Michigan, transferred to the Sterling Heights LIONS Club, changed careers and obtained a Master's Degree in Accounting from Walsh College. These changes were necessary to make my life better.

Let's work together to discover positive changes for District 11-A2!

### Lions Masks—Royal Blue with Gold Emblem

\$15 each

Send check made payable to the  
Lathrup Village Lions Club,  
and your shipping information,  
to:

PDG William Luper

29776 Sierra Point Circle

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Phone Inquiries can be made at

248-432-7023



# What's Going On Around The District?



This past April the New Baltimore Lions held their annual event, which for decades has been the Winterfest. The name of the event was changed to Sprinterfest 2021, due to all of the COVID restrictions that remained in place during the winter months of 2021. The club maintained the Health Department recommendations at the time; limited numbers in attendance, the providing of hundreds of hand sanitizers and face masks, outdoor seating with spacing and tents with open walls. Many challenges were met including volunteer coverage, entertainment cancellations due to illness and last minute changes but all were addressed which ensured a successful festival.

To our knowledge, Winterfest 2020 was the LAST event anywhere in the State of Michigan before the pandemic was declared and Sprinterfest 2021 was the first event of 2021. The New Baltimore Lions are proud to have hosted both events. Although the club has many charities, some of the proceeds of Sprinterfest were used to donate a radar sign for the New Baltimore Police Department, a full set of CPR mannequins and a Rescue Randy for the New Baltimore Fire Department and 3 AEDS (automatic external defibrillators) that were donated to our local VFW, Civic Club and AMVETS hall.

Planning has already begun for Winterfest 2022 with many exciting additions, including Winterfest royalty, a road rally and more! Please save the date and plan on attending Feb 25<sup>th</sup> to Feb 27 2022 in beautiful downtown New Baltimore. You can choose either 200 by 40 tent or visit them both! Contact 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Winterfest Chair Laura Szymanski for any further information either at 586.321.9654 or at [nblionswinterfest@gmail.com](mailto:nblionswinterfest@gmail.com)





The Royal Oak Lions Club were able to get permission to conduct White Cane sales at the end of June. Despite the short notice and inclement weather they were able to raise \$2764.75... Good Job!!! Pictured here are Lions Bob Westbury and Laura Mastracci collecting at the Hollywood Market.



Individual event flyers are not published in the newsletter and should instead be sent for distribution to PCC Frank at [frank.cunningham723@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cunningham723@gmail.com)

Once your event has concluded then send photos and an article for publication in the newsletter to

[jboomer1965@gmail.com](mailto:jboomer1965@gmail.com)

If you would like for your photos and article to be submitted to Lion Pride then be sure that you identify everyone who appears in the foreground of your photo by both first and last name.

**Submission deadline is the first of the month.**



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

**I WANT YOU**

#### July 2021 Inductees

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Abigail Mehr, sponsored by Sue Cipriano.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Brittany Tarsenko, sponsored by Jeffrey Byrum.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Cory Tarsenko, sponsored by Jeffrey Byrum.

The Rochester Lions Club welcomes Denise Burns, sponsored by Connie Shelton.

The Rochester Lions Club welcomes Jean Mardeusz, sponsored by Connie Shelton.

The Rochester Lions Club welcomes John Beers, sponsored by Paul Clark.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Dawn DeClark, sponsored by James Oak.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Jory Zabor, sponsored by Charles McAllister.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Stephanie Kinney, sponsored by Charles McAllister.

#### June 2021 Inductees

The Eastpointe Lions Club welcomes Annes Montgomery, no sponsor listed.

The Eastpointe Lions Club welcomes Debra Richards, no sponsor listed.

The Eastpointe Lions Club welcomes Judy Taylor, no sponsor listed.



The Eastpointe Lions Club welcomes Marilyn Radcliffe, no sponsor listed.

The Hazel park Lions Club welcomes Mike McFall, sponsored by Mary Ann Masiwchuk.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Angela Perry, no sponsor listed.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Cynthia Smith, no sponsor listed.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Elaine Hines, no sponsor listed.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Judy Schroeder, no sponsor listed.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Kim Hartwell, no sponsor listed.

The Lake Orion Lions Club welcomes Margaret DeGroff, no sponsor listed.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Camille Earle, sponsored by Ronald Earle.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Craig Cole, sponsored by Laura Szymanski.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Rosemarie Addy, sponsored by Laura Szymanski.

The Oxford Lions Club welcomes Robert Huston, sponsored by Gerald Griffin, Sr.

The Richmond Lions Club welcomes Tracey Labeau, sponsored by Cheryl Almstadt.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Frances Black, sponsored by Kelley Unruh.





**DISTRICT 11-A2  
CABINET MEETING**



**Together We Can, Together We Will**

**Wednesday, August 18, 2021  
Hosted by RC Mike Pikelis  
& the Lake Orion Lions Club**

**Location:  
Johnny Black's Public House  
3575 S Baldwin Road  
Lake Orion, MI 48359**

**Doors open at 6:00 PM  
Meeting starts at 6:45 PM**

**Meal Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar.  
Please R.S.V.P. by August 9, 2021**

***Send reservations to: Cabinet Treasurer Angie Boomer  
3250 Stacey Circle  
Oxford, MI 48371***

***Please Make Checks Payable to the: Lake Orion Lions Club***

***Person Name(s):***

***Club Name:***

***Number attending at \$15.00 per person:***

***Total Amount Due:***

***All Reservations must be paid in advance to secure a meal.  
Sorry, no phone reservations.***



# Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

**NEW DATE:** Sunday, August 22, 2021

At

Metamora Golf & Country Club



**\*\* REGISTER YOUR TEAM BEFORE MAY 1<sup>st</sup> AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A FREE ROUND OF GOLF FOR A FOURSOME AT METAMORA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB! \*\***

## Please join us for the 16th Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Metamora CC offers 18 holes of championship golf. The course's scenic layout features rolling terrain, tree lined fairways, and strategically placed bunkers that will make for a fun and challenging event.

**Proceeds from this event will support Bear Lake Camp. Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.**

Our Mission: to provide outdoor recreational and educational experiences year-round to all persons regardless of ability. Our summer camps include sessions for children who are blind/visually impaired, deaf/hard of hearing, or have juvenile arthritis.

### ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Use of Driving Range  
18 Holes of Golf with Cart  
Course Contests  
Buffet-Style Awards Dinner  
Door Prizes & Raffles

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration 12:00 pm  
Shotgun Start 1:30 pm  
Awards Dinner 6:30 pm

### EVENT FEES

Registration- \$100 per golfer/  
\$400 per foursome  
Dinner-Only Guest- \$30

If you'd like to learn more about Bear Lake Camp, visit [www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)  
To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit [www.metamoragolf.com](http://www.metamoragolf.com)  
For additional information, please contact:

Rick Fleming, G.M./Director of Golf 248.342.1702

Heather Osip, Bear Lake Camp Board Member/Outing Chair 248.875.9705 [hosip@outlook.com](mailto:hosip@outlook.com)

### Event Sponsorship Opportunities

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

#### Event Sponsorship \$2,000

Sponsor's name will be part of the official title of the golf event and all aspects of the event's activities, such as course signage and recognition on event materials.

Includes golf for eight players and awards dinner.

#### Dinner Sponsorship \$1,500

Sponsor's name will be featured at the awards dinner, on course signage, and on event materials. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

#### Platinum Sponsorship \$1,000

Sponsor's name will be featured on event materials and hole signage. Includes golf for four players and awards dinner.

#### Beverage Cart or Special Event Sponsorship \$500

Sponsor's name will be featured on multiple beverage carts or special event hole signage throughout the day.

#### Hole Sponsorship \$100

Sponsor's name will be featured on signage at one hole.

Donations Welcome!!!

Donated raffle and prize items are appreciated.

### Registration Information

Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:

Cash    Check    Credit Card

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Bear Lake Camp

Mail registrations and payments to:

Metamora Golf & Country Club

C/O Rick Fleming

1600 Club Drive Metamora, MI 48455

Lions Bear Lake Camp is a licensed 501(c)(3)





**DISTRICT 11-A2  
REGION 3 MEETING**



**Together We Can, Together We Will**

**Thursday, September 2, 2021  
Hosted by RC Rhonda Furby  
& the Eastpointe Lions Club**

**Location:  
Eastpointe Manor  
24611 Gratiot Avenue  
Eastpointe, MI 48021**

**Doors open at 6:00 PM  
Meeting starts at 6:45 PM**

**Come watch as PDG Scott Berry makes his donation to  
Maggie's Wigs for Kids  
(Yes, we're going to cut off the ponytail!)**

**Meal Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar.  
Please R.S.V.P. by August 27, 2021**

***Send reservations to: Region Chair Rhonda Furby  
25255 Waldorf Street  
Roseville, MI 48066***

***Please Make Checks Payable to the: Eastpointe Lions Club***

***Person Name(s):***

***Club Name:***

***Number attending at \$15.00 per person:***

***Total Amount Due:***

***All Reservations must be paid in advance to secure a meal.  
Sorry, no phone reservations.***



## DISTRICT 11-A2 REGION II MEETING



**“Together We Can, Together We Will”**

**Monday, September 13, 2021**

Hosted by Zone Chair Laura Mastracci  
& the Royal Oak Lions Club

Location:

**Berkley Knights of Columbus Hall**

2299 12 Mile Rd., Berkley, MI 48072

Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Meeting starts at 6:45 pm

**Meal Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar.  
Please R.S.V.P by September 7, 2021**

**Guest Speaker: Paws With a Cause (New Royal Oak Office)**

**Come learn about this Organization and  
help meet the Governor's goals of 100% District Participation!**

**Send reservations to:      *ZC Laura Mastracci*  
   *2127 Bacon Ave.*  
   *Berkley, MI 48072***

**Please Make Checks Payable to Royal Oak Lions Club**

**Person Name(s):**

**Club Name:**

**Number attending at \$15 per person:**

**Total Amount Due:**

**All Reservations must be paid in advance to secure a meal.  
Sorry. No phone reservations.**





**DISTRICT 11-A2  
REGION ONE MEETING**



**Together We Can, Together We Will**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

**Hosted by RC Mike Pikelis  
& the Lake Orion Lions Club**

**Location: Johnny Black's Public House  
3575 S Baldwin Road  
Lake Orion, MI 48359**

**Doors open at 6:00 PM  
Meeting starts at 6:45 PM**

**Meal Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar.  
Please R.S.V.P. by September 8, 2021**

***Send reservations to: Cabinet Treasurer Angie Boomer  
3250 Stacey Circle  
Oxford, MI 48371***

***Please Make Checks Payable to the: Lake Orion Lions Club***

***Person Name(s):***

***Club Name:***

***Number attending at \$15.00 per person:***

***Total Amount Due:***

***All Reservations must be paid in advance to secure a meal.  
Sorry, no phone reservations.***

Cost: \$36.00 Per Person

6:30 Social Hour (cash bar)

7:30 Dinner

To Order Tickets:  
(734) 946-7500  
or email:  
mail@penrickton.com

Seating is limited to the  
first 550 people!  
(Tables of 10)

Penrickton Center for Blind Children  
26530 Eureka Road  
Taylor, MI 48180

Phone: 734-946-7500  
Fax: 734-946-6707  
E-mail: mail@penrickton.com



*Penrickton Center for Blind Children is a private, non-profit five day residential and day care agency serving blind, multi-disabled children ages one through twelve.*

# Annual Kick-Off Dinner

*Friday, October 15, 2021*

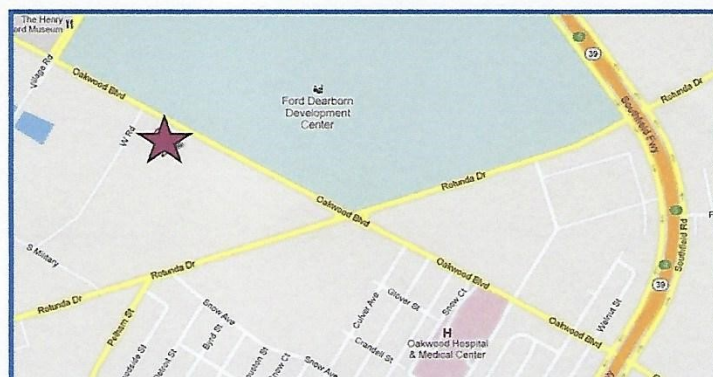
The Annual Kick-Off Dinner is a gathering of friends and supporters of Penrickton Center for Blind Children. Program features an annual update on the work of Penrickton Center, a musical/visual presentation, a personal story told by one of our parents and the "Parade Of Checks" at the end of the evening. There will also be guest entertainment, silent auction, raffles, and door prizes.

**The Dearborn Inn (A Marriott Hotel)**

**20301 Oakwood Boulevard**

**Dearborn, MI 48124**

*Please Note: The Dearborn Inn requires patrons who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks.*





# DISTRICT 11A2 APPRECIATION DINNER FOR GOVERNOR LEO AND FIRST LADY SHARON

**'Building the pride'**

**WHEN: SUNDAY OCTOBER 17, 2021**

**WHERE: TINA'S COUNTRY HOUSE**

**50828 NORTH AVE**

**MACOMB, MI**

**SOCIAL HOUR 2:00 P.M.**

**COST: \$35.00 PER PERSON / CASH BAR**

All reservations must be paid in advance to

**PCT RICH PFEIFFER**

**Sorry NO Phone Reservations Please!**

**Deadline for reservations October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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Send Reservations to

**PCT RICH PFEIFFER**

**70350 Henry Ross Drive**

**Romeo, MI 48065**

**Please make checks payable to: LIONS District 11A2**

**Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Club: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Reservations: \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



# LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2022 GROUP CRUISE

## ROYAL CARIBBEAN - JEWEL OF THE SEAS

8-Night Eastern Caribbean Cruise: March 12 - March 20, 2022

Miami, FL - Labadee, Haiti - San Juan, Puerto Rico,  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten - St. Johns, Antigua - Miami, FL

**PRICING: 2 PEOPLE, INCLUDING TAXES AND FEES**

**4V - Inside (Interior) Stateroom: \$1,477.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity**

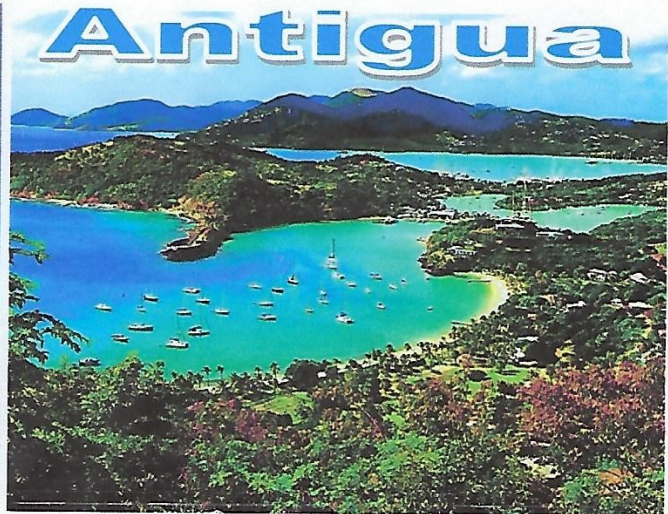
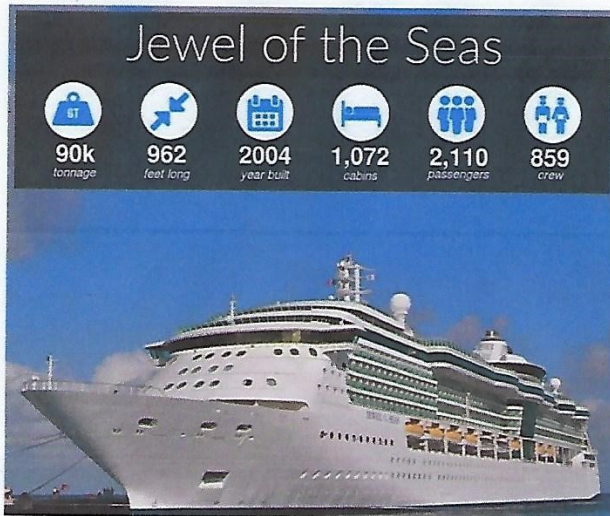
Stateroom Size: 146 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests - two Twin Beds that convert to a Royal King and up to two Pullman Beds

**4N - Oceanview Stateroom: \$1,579.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity**

Size Stateroom: 154 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests - two Twin Beds that convert to a Royal King and up to two Pullman Beds

**4D - Balcony Stateroom: \$1,923.48 + \$116 Per Person Gratuity**

Stateroom size: 195 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests - two Twin Beds that convert to a Royal King, one Double Sofa Bed, and up to two Pullman Beds



- I would like an Interior Stateroom for \_\_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).
- I would like an Oceanview Stateroom for \_\_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or under).
- I would like a Balcony Stateroom for \_\_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_\_ Children (Age 12 or Under).

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Credit/Debit Card \_\_\_ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Names: \_\_\_\_\_ - Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, Michigan 48911 - 517-887-6640 - 517-887-6642 (Fax) - info@lmsf.net





## 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

