

# District 11-A2

## Roaring News

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December 2021



I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and spent time relaxing and thinking about all that you had to be thankful for. I am thankful for being given the opportunity to be Governor of this great District and to be able to meet all of you.

We had our second round of Region Meetings in November. The attendance was fantastic. It was great to see so many Lions attending these meetings and learning more about what other clubs are doing. It also gave them all a chance to brag about what their club is



doing. Believe me, it is wonderful to hear how you are involved and giving back to your communities.

More importantly, November saw Veteran's Day being recognized. This is something that needs to be more than just a day. ANY day, you see a Veteran, thank them for the job that they did or are doing to keep our country safe. They deserve all of the thanks that we can give them and so much more.

December will see the third Council of Governor's meeting; this is always a good meeting as this is when all of the Governor's decide who gets awards this year. I have my thoughts on some very deserving Lions so hopefully they will be selected.



I am sure with it being December many clubs are well into their busiest time of the year. Whether you are participating in Christmas Parades; selling candy canes, nuts, newspapers or whatever to raise money; or putting together food baskets for the needy in your community, it seems as though every club has some type of activity planned. I hope that all of you are successful in everything that you do.

If you are not too busy, the District Christmas Party is on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Fraser Lions Den. It sure would be great to see you there. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information. Our third Cabinet Meeting will be coming up in January so look for more information on that soon.

Cash for Camp update: the project is going great! Many of you have generously donated to First Lady Kim's special project and the big basket is getting filled quickly. To date, there is over \$1,800 in there! Thank you all very much for your generosity! The basket will be at all the District meetings and ready for your change.

From my family to yours, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for all you do and all you serve.

Talk to you next month.



Fellow Lions,

As you have all seen and heard the tragic events of Tuesday that left 4 children dead and so many lives damaged forever. The immediate reaction is, we are Lions, how are we helping? I have had a few clubs reach out to me and ask what can we do, what is the District doing to show our support/love/help for the wonderful community of Oxford. If any club would like to donate, please send a check to our Cabinet Treasurer, Angie Boomer at 3250 Stacey Circle, Oxford, 48371. Please make the check out to the District and put "Oxford" on the memo line. Once the money has been collected, I will get with the Oxford Lions and the Oxford Community to see where the greatest need is. I know this is a busy time for everyone, but if you want to do this and are able to, please send the check in by December 31st.

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UPDATE:

District Lions,

Some of you have asked if LCI/LCIF has been contacted about emergency grant money or if there is anything the state will do and what my thought is the money could go to. I have some more information below.

1) LCIF: LCIF will not help, their emergency grants are geared towards natural disasters even though I argued with them that this is a community disaster that, in many ways, is far more devastating than a natural occurrence ever could be. Anyway, I tried. There is a community grant that I may look into but it is not as quick as the emergency grants.

2) I do have some good news. I was at the Council of Governor's meeting yesterday and today. I brought this topic up and explained what LCIF is not doing and what my request to the District was. I then made a motion that the Council donate towards this, they did for \$2,000. My plan is once things have settled a little, I am going to talk to the Superintendent and establish a memorial scholarship in honor of the four students that were killed. I want our District to be the leaders in this, but, I am definitely going back to the other 9 Governors in the Multiple District and ask if they would like to donate also. District 11-D2 is just to the north of us in Lapeer county and their District Governor's two daughters actually go to Oxford High School. They were in the hallway Tuesday. I think this has the potential to be something huge, an absolute tribute to the four students and all of the others involved.

I think that should answer a lot of the questions out there and I apologize for not having all of the information to you on my original request. I knew that I could approach the Council this weekend to see if I could get some support there to be able to come back to our District and show you that we are not alone in this.

# 1VDG Shawn Blaszczyk

Happy late Thanksgiving, fellow Lions! I hope each of you had a great holiday and took time to reflect upon all of the things we have to be grateful for. But can you believe it's December already? Where has the year gone?

We wrapped up November with the second round of Region meetings. They were all well attended and the reports were awesome. It is great to hear how the clubs are running almost back to "normal" and assisting those in need. Keep up the great work and don't forget to report your service activities to LCI each month along with your MMR. I also had the honor of inducting three new members into



The New (Haven) Baltimore Lions. This put them at over 100 members. The club name is an inside joke if you were at the Region meeting that night. My apologies.

Coming up in December, we have the District Christmas party at Fraser on the 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you there. There are also many clubs hosting holiday events in their communities. I hope to be able to make it to a few of them and to see the great things they are doing in person. If you have a chance, please try to come out and support your fellow Lions and spread some Christmas cheer.

Lastly, I participated in the St. Jude's Nashville marathon the end of November. I ran the 5k race. Childhood cancer is a newer focus for Lions. Running in the race really made me see how important this cause is. I was truly woken up to it while running and all along the racecourse there were recovered children and their families cheering us on and giving high-fives. To describe that feeling is impossible. I will definitely be doing this again when I have a chance.

With that I wish each and everyone of you and your families a Merry Christmas and wishes for an amazing New Year.

1VDG Shawn Blaszczyk

# 2VDG Kelley Unruh

I hope that everyone had a fantastic and filling Thanksgiving.

As we approach the end of the second quarter, take a few minutes to review your progress toward goals. Don't be afraid to adjust your fundraisers and/or goals, if needed.

I look forward to tackling the New Year with all of you.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

2VDG Kelley Unruh

## What's Going On Around the District??



The Royal Oak Lions Club gathered to raise funds for the Leader Dog "green parade". Shown here are Lion Mary Lambrix, Region Chair Maureen Kennedy, Lion Karen Burke, Leader Dog Minkey, Zone Chair Laura Mastracci and Club President Bob Westbury.



The Lions Leadership Institute was held in Higgins Lake November 5-7. Students are shown here learning the ins and outs of ZOOM meetings.



There was a fantastic turnout at the Region 3 meeting held on November 9 in New Baltimore. Zone Chair Tammi Graber and her energetic crew provided an exciting and entertaining evening for all in attendance.

## 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 Lupher

29776 Sierra Point Circle

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Phone Inquiries can be made at

248-432-7023



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

The Beverly Hills Lions Club welcomes Robert Reaume, sponsored by Gordon McMullen.

The Hazel Park Lions Club welcomes Alissa Sullivan, no sponsor listed.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Darlene Socia, sponsored by Laura Szymanski.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Diane Thomson, sponsored by Laura Szymanski.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Marie Cebulski, sponsored by Tammi Graber.

The Romeo Lions Club welcomes Chris Alverson, sponsored by Todd Trbovich.

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Alan Czarnik, sponsored by Terry Newman.

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Christopher Farraj, sponsored by Mark Aubrey.

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Michael Seidler, sponsored by Mark Aubrey.

The Shelby Township Lions Club welcomes Yaz Abusaif, sponsored by Raymond DeBuck.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Basil Welsh, sponsored by Joseph Welsh.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Joann Jermanvs, sponsored by Charles McAllister.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Karen Koehn, sponsored by Charles McAllister.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Ray Harrison, sponsored by Ronald Papa.

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

The Sterling heights Lions Club welcomes Susan Joye, sponsored by Charles McAllister.





James Leach Jr.  
District 11-A2 Governor  
2021-2022  
2015-2016



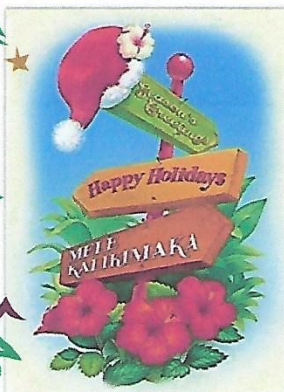
December 10<sup>th</sup>

District 11 A-2 Christmas Party  
Location: Fraser Lions Club Den  
34540 Utica Rd, Fraser 48026  
Time: 6:30 p.m. till ?

Everyone from the District is welcome.  
Christmas/Holiday Casual attire  
Please bring a dish to pass.  
Last names beginning with:

- A thru G - Main Dish
- H thru M - Appetizers
- N thru S – Vegetables/Salads
- T thru Z - Desserts

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER –  
HAWAIIAN SHIRT  
CONTEST!!!!





# MICHIGAN LIONS

2022: Service from the Heart of a Lion  
February 25-26, 2022

## REGISTRATION

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre –Flint 810-232-5300 -\$99  
Please complete the registration form and send it along with  
a check to Michigan Lions Forum,  
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911  
Telephone 571-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Registrants  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Registrants at \$40.00/person\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and  
proceedings booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received  
no later than February 7, 2022. **After 2/7/2022 \$50.00**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check here for the forum book on CD   
(For visually impaired only)

### REGISTER EARLY!

To guarantee lunch and materials!

*MARK THE SESSIONS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND*

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.

- Resale Fashion Show– Service Project
- Hospitality Suite – The Fillmore – 9:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY SESSIONS:

7:00 a.m. – Registration  
8:10 a.m. – Welcome

#### Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Public Speaking
- LCIF Grants
- Fundraising
- Global Action Team

#### Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Lions Learning Opportunities: Alli, Elli, FDI and more
- Diabetes
- Becoming a Social Media Super-User
- Marketing your Club

#### Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- Ice Breakers
- Lions 101 What We're All About
- Childhood Cancer
- Membership – The Power of Re-Gifting

#### Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- MyLCI/MyLion De-Mystified
- Lions of Michigan Foundation
- Hunger – Gardening for Good
- Passion to Serve!

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships;  
Keynote Speaker Sandy Pearson, Habitat for Humanity;  
Drawings, Dismissal

# 2022 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2022 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

## ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3" ..... \$15.00
2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) ..... \$20.00
3. 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal) ..... \$25.00
4. 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4" ..... \$40.00
5. Full page ad 7.5 x 10" ..... \$50.00

## EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table (includes one lunch ticket)  
and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

## LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Included is a print ready ad or message

Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size: 1/8 page 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page full page TOTAL COST: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

***Please note that all ads MUST be prepaid. Deadline to submit: 2-11-2022  
Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan Forum  
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911***



**Lions District 11-A2 Convention**  
 Come Party with Governor Jim Leach, Jr.  
*"Together We Can - Together We Will"*  
**March 25 – 27, 2022 @ Double Tree**   
 One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, Michigan



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Lioness: \_\_\_\_\_ Leo: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Timer \_\_\_\_\_ (1st Convention Attended & Lion less than 5 years)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Lioness: \_\_\_\_\_ Leo: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Timer \_\_\_\_\_ (1st Convention Attended & Lion less than 5 years)

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Reservations MUST be made directly. Call 989-891-6000 and ask for the Lions of Macomb and Oakland county rate. Room rates are \$99.00 per night + tax, the reservation deadline is February 28, 2022. Standard room rates apply after February 28.**

<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Amount</u>
_____	Registration: Lions, Lioness, Guest @ \$25 ea.	\$ _____
_____	<b>AFTER Jan 31 @ \$35 ea,</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
_____	<b>AFTER Feb. 28 @ \$45 ea.</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
_____	Registration: Leos & Children under 16 @ \$5 ea	\$ _____
_____	Ist Timer Registration: \$5 ea,	\$ _____
_____	Vendor Table Registration @ \$100 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Breakfast: @ \$19 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Blind Lunch (not available to Cabinet Members)	
_____	@ \$22 ea. <i>(Limited to 35) FIRST COME BASIS</i>	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Night Governor's Banquet: @ \$32 ea.	\$ _____

***(Number goes to LEFT of meal selection)***

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free  
 Other Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed registration form, with checks payable to  
**REGISTRATIONS AND CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DATES ABOVE, NOT IN MAIL BY  
 THESE DATES**

**Lions International District 11-A2**

*mail to:*

Lion Dick Maxwell  
 18701 Walmer Lane  
 Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Questions: 248-642-9561

## District Convention Rules

Please remember and follow these guidelines:

- ALL Convention attendees **MUST** be registered.
- Reservations & cancellations **MUST** be made with **BOTH** the hotel and the convention committee.
- Meal tickets must be purchased in advance; none will be sold at convention.
- Refunds will be given for all items **except registration fees** if request is received by the Convention Chairperson **no later than March 15th 2022.** Hotel cancellation policy will govern the refund of hotel reservation deposits.
- There is a **NO FUNDRAISING** policy at convention, and it will be enforced.
- Vendors – No direct sales – only conceptual referrals permitted.
- Alcoholic beverages in hotel common areas (**including MIXER and Banquet**) **MUST** be purchased from the hotel.

## Hotel Registration Policy

Please be advised, debit/credit cards will be authorized for an extra \$20-\$50 per day for any incidentals that may occur. This means there will be a pending HOLD for that amount on your account for a short period of time which is determined by your banking establishment. When you check out, payment will be posted to your account plus pending charges. Although the pending charges will be taken off, it will look as though you were charged.

We do not accept cash at check-in. We must gain authorization on a valid credit/debit card prior to completing the check –in process. Cash will be accepted on the day of departure if you prefer to do so.



## 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



Fellow Lions,

Nominations are now open for the 2022 – 2023 Lionistic year.

The following positions:

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Governor

Region I Region Chairperson

Region II Region Chairperson

Region III Region Chairperson

Trustee Lions of Michigan Service Foundation 2 year term

Nomination letters need to be sent to:

PDG Lion Scott Edward Berry

101 N Clinton Ave, Apt D

Saint Johns, MI 48879

Cell: 313-363-0547.

[Scott.edward.berry@outlook.com](mailto:Scott.edward.berry@outlook.com)

A copy needs to go to Wendy Burns at the Lions State Office.

**Wendy Burns, Executive Director**

**Lions Clubs of Michigan**

**5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911**

**Direct Line 517.887.6640 ext. 11 Fax 517.887.6642**

**[www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)**

All nomination letters must be received by January 26, 2022

Lion Frank