

District 11-A2

Roaring News

Serving Oakland and Macomb Counties

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February 2021



A New Year is underway. As Lions, what are we going to do to make a change? There are many options to choose from; as a club, we can be more active in the community, we can individually look to move into a leadership role by becoming a Zone-Chair in our Region, or we can simply become more active within our club.

Due to the COVID Pandemic, the first half of the 2020-2021 Lionistic year was incredibly quiet. Now that it is dissipating some and with the weather changing, we can make a difference. WE SERVE, BUILD THE PRIDE. There are 5 months left in this year and we can continue to make a difference.

As to the Convention, we hope to have something in place by mid-March. We are looking at a couple of different options. Depending upon the virus and any restrictions put in place by the state we may be able to have it outside in a tent in May. More to follow!



I am looking forward to the months ahead and to seeing what we all can do for this year. 1VDG Jim Leach is looking for Zone Chairs and possibly up to 3 Region Chairs. So far one member has filed for the position of Lions of Michigan Service Foundation trusty. This will be for a two-year term. If you are Interested in serving in this position, please have your club send a letter of nomination for you to PDG Jack. Do not forget that all dues have to be paid up in order to be able to vote.

Thank you for the support!

DG 11A-2

Leo Schaefer



1st Vice District Governor's Notes

February is a busy month; the Region meetings are coming up. It is always good to hear how the clubs are helping their communities and about which projects and fundraisers have been successful for them.

I recently sent out this message to all of the Club Presidents and Secretaries and asked them to share it with their members. I also asked Past Council Chair Frank to send it out through his distribution list. I am including it here



to hopefully reach even more of the Lions in the District. If you have any questions or are interested at all in serving next year, please contact me.

We are getting closer to next year and planning has already begun. As you know, if this were a normal year, I would have been out making club visits. This is where I would be asking around to see who would like to serve on the District Cabinet as a Zone Chair or Region Chair. I have not been able to do that. Since this year has not been a normal one, I would like to offer all of you a chance to serve on next year's Cabinet and hopefully get the experience that comes with being in this position. I have always thought that Zone Chairs and Region Chairs are the most important part of the Cabinet as you are the ones out there interacting with the clubs and finding out what is working for them and what is not.

Although I would like to have both positions (Zone & Region Chairs) it all depends upon how many Lions say yes. If you or someone in your club is interested in serving on the District level next year, have them contact me at jamesleachjr@yahoo.com or 248-561-3203. I can discuss with them the requirements for filling each position. International has changed them recently.



TO SERVE ON NEXT
YEAR'S CABINET!!!

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.

1st VDG Jim, Jr.

What's Going on Around the District?

The Royal Oak Lions Club adopted two families via the Royal Oak Salvation Army (SAL) for Christmas 2020. Eleven members of our Club spent 32 hours shopping, labeling, and dropping off 65 gifts - all of which were personally purchased and donated by those members



The Eastpointe Lions Club recently partnered with Dominic's Christmas Wish to provide pajamas and books for children in area shelters. Drop boxes were placed throughout the community. 1500 books plus 1300 pairs of pajamas were collected. Toys and blankets were also collected and distributed.



Although delayed by COVID, the Lake Orion Lions Club was able to provide special needs students with a fantastic Christmas celebration. Lion Jim Pettinato as Santa Claus, Lion Phil Steele as his elf and Lion Jim Lykins as the Lion delighted the children as they passed out gifts and celebrated the holidays.



Psssst!!! Important Information

2021 LIONS OF MICHIGAN VIRTUAL FORUM:
THE **SERVICE** MUST GO ON!
LION PRIDE ADVERTISEMENT SPECIAL:
¼ PAGE AD FOR JUST \$40.00

Take advantage of this special advertising rate to showcase your club's service and support of the Michigan Forum. Advertisements will appear in the February and March issues of the Lion Pride.

Please submit your camera ready advertisement for inclusion in the Lion Pride via email to:
wburns@lionsofmi.com

Deadline for the March Pride: February 22

Donations to the Beaumont Silent Children's Fund should be sent to :

Beaumont Health Center

4949 Coolidge Hwy

Royal Oak, MI 48073

Attn: Kris Rutkowski Section A

The Lathrup Village Lions Club has made masks available in royal blue with a gold Lions emblem on them. The masks cost \$15 each and can be ordered by sending a request, along with a check made payable to the club, to:

PDG William Luper

29776 Sierra Pointe Circle

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Questions? Call PDG Bill at 248-432-7023



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



I WANT YOU

The Beverly Hills Lions Club welcomes Mark Scicluna and Court Vining, sponsored by Patrick Wojas.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Jodi Gunst, sponsored by Laura Szymanski.

The Washington Lions Club welcomes Neil Loos, sponsored by Charley Thom.

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes:

Geraldine Allen	Karen Besimer	Michelle Boni	Christina Vertz
Kathleen Bourlier	Linda Boni	Debbie Bradford	Nina Wasmundt
Amelia Casali	Cynthia Coraci	Cheryl Cosgrove	Phillis Wexler
Toni Dombrowski	Pat Eggersten	Nancy Fantene	Arlene Whitworth
Barbara Gill	Janice Gutierrez	Valerie Gach	Sandra Whitworth
Mary Ann Gwizdala	Robin Highfield	Susan Hill	Marilyn Winter
Pam Ledwith	Grace Lupu	Linda McCleary	
Marlene McFadden	Pat Meadows	Cheryl Neville	
Dorcas Mertes	Anne O'Neil	Geri Overholser	
Michele Palchak	Nina Rath	Cathy Riggs	
Sharon Roush	Grace Shalawylo	Robyn Smith	
Lorraine Starnes	Sharon Therian	Sandra Varto	



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS – Feb 2021

Powerful Corporate Relationship Originating from Lions



Lions Club member, PDG Tom Polk was working in Information Technology in Wabash, Indiana when he answered a call from his employer who was seeking to make an impact with a charitable organization.

Through his club Lion Tom had raised money for and been involved with Leader Dog for years. He took this personal relationship to work with him and introduced Midwest Eye Consultants and Dr. Lindsay Culver (pictured above) to Leader Dog.

In only a few years time, Midwest Eye Consultants has donated more than \$126,000 to Leader Dog, has raised a puppy for the organization and dramatically increased awareness of Leader Dog within the state of Indiana.

Dr. Culver explained the impact blindness can have on people and the importance of making the community aware of Leader Dog, "I've already told patients about Leader Dog," she says. "A diagnosis like that can lead to depression and feelings of isolation. A Leader Dog can help a person regain their independence and confidence."

More clients served. Another puppy raised. All made possible by an introduction from a local Lions club member.

If you know of a business (big or small) you would like to introduce to Leader Dog, please contact our director of corporate relations, Dave Bann, at (248) 218 – 6318 or dave.bann@leaderdog.org.



IN EVERY LEADER DOG
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Serving through COVID

The need for our programs has not diminished since the pandemic. While we were able to hold a few classes in person, most of our services have been home deliveries for both guide dogs and white cane training. Summer Experience Camp was held (very successfully) virtually this past summer.

Leader Dogs Issued YTD*: 53

Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) Clients

Served YTD: 41

Summer Experience Camp YTD: 38

States/Countries Served (guide dogs and orientation & mobility) YTD: Colorado, Virginia, Tennessee, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Minnesota, Michigan, Maine, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Florida, North Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, New York

States/Countries Served (Summer Experience Camp – virtually) YTD: Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Canada

* Year to Date runs with our fiscal year of July 1 – June 30. Current YTD is from July 1- December 31, 2020.

Training Tips & More

Visit and share our blog (a fancy word for an article on the web) to learn training tips and experience client stories:

www.leaderdog.org/blog/category/blog/



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MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION, MAY 20-21

The MD 11 Lions Convention planning committee is hard at work planning the details of the 2021 convention, to be held in Holland at the DoubleTree Hotel May 20-21. For those of you who have never attended the MD 11 Lions Convention in the past, you are encouraged to attend!

LCI President Choi is our invited guest speaker, and we are optimistic about his travel to Michigan. We are in constant contact with the hotel staff in the planning of this year's convention. At this time, the committee is planning for an in-person event with the option to move to a virtual event if warranted.

Paws for a Cause will be our host for the pre-convention picnic on Thursday, May 19. We are excited to partner with Paws for a Cause and tour their facility. The picnic is a great opportunity to meet with Lion friends from around the state and affords everyone in attendance the chance to meet with President Choi in a relaxed environment.

Reservations at the hotel can be made by calling 616-394-0111. Mention Lions of Michigan when making your arrangements.

Watch for future updates and announcements!



LIONS CLUBS OF MICHIGAN DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES PROGRAM D.A.D.

The Defense Against Diabetes (D.A.D.) program is an eight-week lifestyle change program developed from the CDC's year-long National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) curriculum. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) has selected key elements of the NDPP and made them deliverable in eight, one-hour distance learning sessions. Sessions will be facilitated via the Zoom platform by a trained and certified DPP Lifestyle Coach with experience providing the CDC's program.

NKFM's Lifestyle Coaches will work with Lions Club members to develop healthier eating habits and introduce physical activity into their weekly routines. Each participant will be provided the tools and support necessary to succeed at the program. Lifestyle Coaches will be available to participants anytime throughout the program via phone, text, and email.

DAD 8-Week Workshop for District 11-A2

To register for the program: <http://bit.ly/3psGMnd>

Information Session: March 16 at 6:00 PM

To join: <https://bit.ly/3iSfQe8>

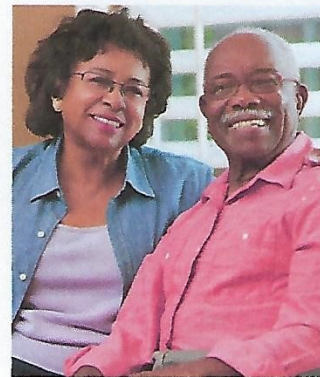
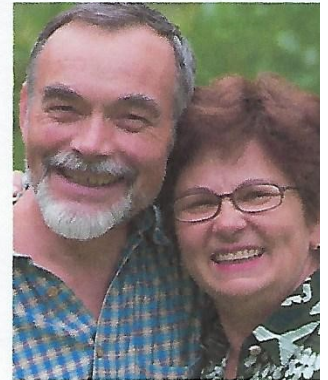
Lions Club Contact: Lion Roger Blackwell 810-923-2954

Session 1: March 30, Session 2: April 13, Session 3: April 20, Session 4: April 27

Session 5: May 4, Session 6: May 11, Session 7: May 18, Session 8: May 25

There is no cost for participants. The Lions of Michigan & Lions Club International Foundation is funding this program. The only thing we ask of you is a commitment to attend all 8 weekly sessions, and have the willingness to learn how to use the Zoom platform.

The collaboration between the Lions of Michigan and the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is especially important as Diabetes is the leading cause of Blindness and Chronic Kidney Disease.



For program information and to find out about upcoming workshops, please contact Ed Bohach at 248-863-7136 or email ebohach@nkfm.org

This program has been funded by your local Michigan Lions Club as a grant from Lions International Club Foundation



Introducing "Lions Cards for Kids!"

A Covid – safe, fun project anyone can do!

Would you write even just one quick note of support for a child fighting cancer?

In recognition of International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day on February 15th, your Michigan Childhood Cancer Committee (MCCC) has an easy challenge for every Michigan Lion!

Make or buy a card of encouragement for a child battling cancer. It can be as simple as you like, or you can go "all-out" with stickers, glitter and other decorations. Just write from your heart or Google and Pinterest will give you tons of ideas. Whatever you choose, we challenge our 12,000 Michigan Lions to send out a card...or three! This could also be a fun family project and can of course be done anytime throughout the year.

Once it's done, send it to one of the addresses below. Our Lions focus projects will get them to the kids. Easy peasy! Make sure to sign them from "Lion Your Name Here."

A big "Thank You" from the kids, and from all of us on the MCCC!

- Kids Kicking Cancer
27600 Northwestern Hwy #220
Southfield, MI 48034
- Camp Quality
5 E Main St #6
Boyer City, MI 49712
- Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids
30130 Harper Ave.
St Clair Shores, MI 48082

Lion Laura Hunt, MCCC Chair

DISTRICT 11-A2 COMMITTEE SIGN UP SHEET 2021-2022

An opportunity to serve District 11-A2 either as a District Committee Chairperson or a Region Committee Representative is available for the Lionistic year 2019-2020. Please indicate your first, second and third choice by number or by placing CH for Chairperson by the requested Committee you would like to be considered for. I cannot guarantee your first choice but will consider all requests. PLEASE return completed form no later than March 1, 2021. PLEASE PRINT!!!!

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Spouse/Partner In Service: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 Zip: _____ Club: _____
 Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____
 Region: _____ Zone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Please indicate Committee Choices (1, 2, 3) or Committee Chairperson(CH) by the Committee you would like to serve on.

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| _____ All State Band
_____ Audit Budget Finance
_____ Bear Lake Camp
_____ Beaumont Silent Children's Fund
_____ Childhood Cancer
_____ Constitution and By-Laws
_____ Convention International
_____ Convention MD-11
_____ Convention District 11-A2 (See below)
_____ District Editor (Lions Pride Magazine)
_____ District Peace Poster
_____ District 11-A2 Hearing Program
_____ District Newsletter
_____ Eversight Michigan
_____ Finance Advisory Restricted Fund
_____ GLT (Global Leadership Team) | _____ GMT (Global Membership Team)
_____ GST (Global Service Team)
_____ Information Technology
_____ JDRF/D.A.D.
_____ Leos
_____ Lions Hearing Center of Michigan
_____ Leader Dogs for the Blind
_____ Lions Quest
_____ Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
_____ Madonna University - Lions Hearing Program
_____ Penrickton Center for Blind Children
_____ Public Relations and Lions Information
_____ Project Kidsight
_____ Strategic Planning
_____ White Cane |
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District 11-A2 Convention (Please circle your choice)

Sergeant at Arms	Credentials	Resolution	Memorial Service
Registration	Elections	Rules	

_____ I will work on any Committee you assign me, just put me to work!!!

WE SERVE! It's what we do, join our humanitarian group of Lions, Lioness and Leos living up to our motto.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: 1VDG JIM LEACH, JR. - 557 THURBER DR., TROY, MI 48085 or jamesleachjr@yahoo.com

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website [LClCon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.



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!



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FOR THE BLIND

Rochester Hills, Michigan | 888.777.5332





SMART WAYS TO GIVE

IT'S A WIN-WIN-WIN... WIN!
The following gifts benefits you, your Lions club, Leader Dogs for the Blind and the people we serve!

Donate from your investments! Donating directly from your IRA, DAF and even gifts of stock can provide great tax benefits AND support your favorite charities.

If you are 70 ½ years old or older and have a traditional IRA, you are eligible to make a tax-free gift from your IRA called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). These gifts are always tax-free, regardless of whether you itemize on your tax return and are a powerful way to help those we serve.

If you have a donor-advised fund (DAF), now is a great time to consider making a grant to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Make a future gift! Leaving a donation in your estate plan is a simple but impactful way to support the work we do and ensure our future.

Designate Leader Dog as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, IRA, life insurance or DAF.

You can also avoid capital gains taxes by making a gift of stock directly to Leader Dog.

Designate a gift from your will or trust to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Visit Freewill.com/leaderdog for an easy way to draft a free, legal will in just 20 minutes!

For more information about these ways to give or to talk about how your club can receive recognition, call Lion Lora Cabarios, Director of Personal and Planned Giving at 248.650.7109 or email lora.cabarios@leaderdog.org.

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Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic

Sunday, May 16, 2021

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 11:30 am
Shotgun Start 1:00 pm
Awards Dinner 6:00 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
To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit 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

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)



Celebrate 40 Years of Service with the
Sterling Heights Lioness Club

Friday: June 4, 2021

\$40.00 = per person Beer & Wine included

Villa Penna

43985 Hayes Rd.

Sterling Heights

Social: 6:00 PM Welcome: 6:30 PM Dinner: 7:00 PM

If required by law - Please wear your mask.

Reservations Due by May 21, 2021

Lioness Nina Rath: 586-977-1589

Lioness Sandra Varto: s_10961@yahoo.com

586-992-9423

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Registration Form: Sterling Heights Lioness Club Anniversary Celebration

CONTACT PERSON & PHONE #: _____

LIST THE NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING: (Please Print)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

No.: _____ @ \$40.00 each = \$_____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO STERLING HEIGHTS LIONESS CLUB

Mail to Lioness Sandra Varto 8491 Stanford S. , #A, Washington Mi. 48094



Sterling Heights Lioness Club is Celebrating their
40th Anniversary
June 4, 2021

This is an opportunity for you to join us as we celebrate this special occasion with a congratulatory Business or Personal ad in our 40th Anniversary program book

Listed below is the price list for a BLACK & WHITE
Congratulatory ad for this special event.

Business Card	\$25.00
Quarter Page	\$35.00
Half Page	\$70.00
Full Page	\$125.00

Please email a Print Ready Ad to Lioness Sandra Varto
s_10961@yahoo.com. Make your check payable to the Sterling Heights
Lioness Club and mail your Business Card or personal ad with a check to
Sandra Varto

8491 Stanford S., #A,
Washington MI. 48094

Questions please contact Lioness Sandra Varto S_10961@yahoo.com
Deadline to place your Ad is May 14, 2021

To obtain further information
Please contact
Lioness Sandra Varto
586-992-9423