December/January 2020-21

District 11-A2

Roaring News

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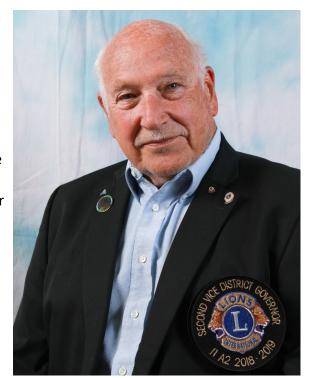
www.lionsdistrict11a2.org

2020 is gone! What a year it was.

There were major changes in 2020 for all Lions and Lions Clubs. Most notable of these changes were 10 months of no in-person meetings or get-togethers. It has been a challenge for all of us and now we can look forward to the NEW YEAR 2021.

Zoom is a popular way of having a meeting and is one of the new ways of doing things. I think this will stay around for a long time. The challenge facing all clubs will be keeping their members involved and staying with the Lions motto, WE SERVE. Today, more so than in the past, people are looking for ways to help others and to give to charities. Lions should be looking to take advantage of this and getting new members in the process.

Do not forget the Cabinet Meeting on January 13. It will be held via Zoom. The Region Meetings are scheduled for February 3rd, 10th, and 18th.



The Marines say that they are looking for a few good men. District 11A-2 Lions are looking for a few good women or men to step forward to be on the cabinet next year. We are in need of 3 Region Chairs and 7 Zone Chairs. Help keep this the number one District in the State. You can call or email 1st VDG Jim Leach, Jr. and ask him what it will take to step-up or you can talk to one of this year's Cabinet Members about their experiences.

Stay safe, stay healthy and have fun this coming New Year! Build the Pride!

We Serve

Leo Schaefer, DG 11A-2









1st Vice District Governor's Notes

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I am certainly glad to see 2020 end. 2021 has to be a better year. I am looking forward to the Cabinet Meeting coming up in a couple of weeks. It is always good to hear what is going on with the projects and committees.

Here is some interesting information. For the last 37 years, PNC bank has put together a list they call the "Christmas Price Index." They figure out how much it would cost for

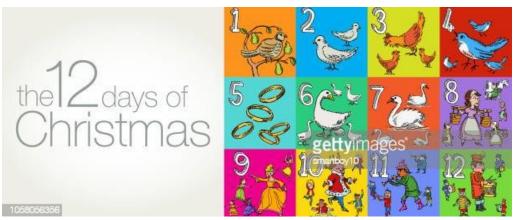


someone to buy everything listed in the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Each year, they adjust the cost based on availability of items and the rise or drop in market price (think five gold rings, how much is gold worth?). This year, just like everything else, Covid-19 has played a big hand in changing this. This year, your "True Love" will have to rely on technology to share all of the tidings of joy. Given social distancing and most live performances are not allowed, your leaping lords, dancing ladies, drumming drummers, and your piping pipers will not be coming to the party. If you were to purchase the twelve gifts, it would cost you \$16,168.14 which is down considerably from 2019 when it cost \$38,993.59 for the same gifts. If you felt very giving and wanted to give all 364 gifts listed in the song, it would cost \$105,561.80 down from \$170,298.03 in 2019. I guess it really depends on how you look at things, maybe Covid helped in this case?

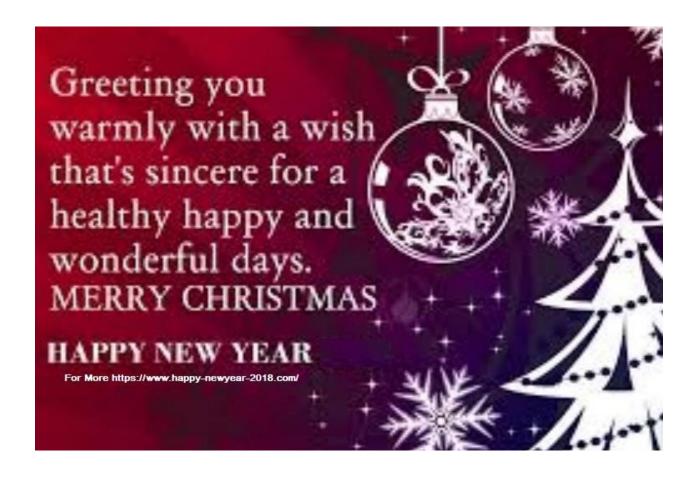
If there are clubs out in the District that would like me to come for a visit, please contact me and let me know, I would be more than happy to attend, either in person or virtually.

I will talk to you next month.

1st VDG Jim, Jr.



2nd VDG Elliott Hilton



Wishing all of the Lions, Lioness and Leos a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Continue to do all that you do for our charities and communities. Stay safe! See you all next year!

Yours in Lionism,

Elliott Hilton

2VDG 11-A2

Lioness Liaison Judith Kukuk

I would like to wish everyone a joyful holiday season. I hope that everyone is safe and COVID -free.

Because of COVID and the government shutdown there isn't much happening with the Lioness of the District. We all seem to be struggling with fund raising.

I do want to congratulate the Sterling Heights Lioness on a successful online Christmas wreath fundraiser!

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Lioness Judy





I have sad news from the Lions Bear Lake Blind Camp. It was decided at the board meeting to close the camp for the winter season. We are in the process of winterizing the camp and preparing it to be shut down. We will have volunteers periodically drive through and check on the camp. The Executive Director will remain as the only employee of the Camp.

The board felt that because of the lack of donations due to the COVID pandemic and because the Camp did not have any kids this past year and only a few adult programs that it made sense to close for the winter. If there comes a time where you think that you may have an extra dollar or two, then the Bear Lake Camp would appreciate your consideration .The Camp and the kids thank you in advance .

Jim Lykins
booballoon@yahoo.com
248-521-6293
Bear Lake Chairman

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



The Richmond Lions Club welcomes Jamie Clausen, sponsored by Lori Devos.



Psssssst!!! Important Information

Cabinet Secretary Rhonda says,

Per Governor Leo, the first Cabinet Meeting of the New Year will be held on January 13th and will be via Zoom ONLY. More Information will follow closer to the meeting date.



PCC Frank Cunningham says,

In an effort to clean up the District Distribution email list, if you wish to be removed from this list please let me know with an email to:

Frank.cunningham723@gmail.com

If you wish to remain on the list you need not do anything.



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 Lupher
29776 Sierra Pointe Circle
Farmington Hills, MI 48331
Questions? Call PDG Bill at 248-432-7023



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 <u>considered</u> for. I cannot guarantee your first choice but will consider all requests. PLEASE return completed form no later than March 1, 2021. PLEASE PRINT!!!!

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	District Peace Poster				Penrickton Center for Blind Children			
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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



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!







Mission Moment: Andy Stone

Excerpts from Andy Stone on LDB Facebook "Voices of the LD Community"





Leader Dog Client Andrew "Andy" Stone earned an MBA from ITT Technical Institute in Michigan and works for The Boeing Company in Washington. Together with his wife (above left), Andy currently has one retired Leader Dog, two cats and a horse. He received his first guide dog, Leader Dog Ingrid, in 2008 and his second dog, Leader Dog Rayna, in 2016 (above right).

"Thinking back to when I got my first Leader Dog, Ingrid, I was at a really different place in my life. It wasn't the best of places; it was when my vision started to get bad and I wasn't handling it very well. I wanted to have a companion with me all the time and getting Ingrid really made a huge difference in my mental state at that time and it made me more independent to get out more. I didn't get her to be outdoors more because then I was relying on friends and family to help me out with stuff.

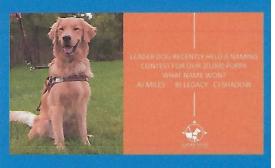
I've always had Retinitis Pigmentosa, but we didn't really know about it until I was in my late teens/early 20's. My whole life I've had difficulty seeing in the dark and now I have a little central vision that is still fairly good when I'm super close to something. In order to tie flies onto the line when I'm fishing, I have glasses with magnifiers in them. There were many times when I had my first Leader Dog, Ingrid, that she and I would go fishing on our own."

Andy's journey is like many of the clients Lions help us support. Regaining his independence and confidence re-opened opportunities for him.

Watch Andy's journey: https://youtu.be/SwvPHbeepOQ



Lions & Leader Dog Webinar Series Kicks Off



What was the first breed of dog used by Leader Dogs for the Blind? (hint: it wasn't a German Shepherd!)

Welcome to Lions Trivia at Leader Dog! This is the first of a series of informational webinars for Lions on their legacy project: Leader Dogs for the Blind. Join us each quarter for topics such as virtual campus tours, our prison puppy initiative, and client spotlight chats. We promise to show off some puppies as well.

Join the Lions Team via Zoom on your computer, tablet, smartphone or simply call in on your phone. Click on a date to register (or follow the link below it):

Tuesday, January 12 at noon Eastern https://bit.ly/2GaNGMt

Saturday, January 16 at 3pm Eastern https://bit.ly/2GaNGMt

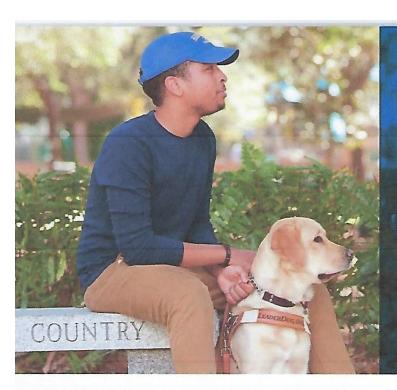
For Lions Trivia bring a pen and paper to keep score. Top scores will receive Leader Dog gift shop gift certificates, a plush stuffed puppy and more!

Know of someone interested in Lionism (or you want them to be)? Bring them along!

Questions or need help registering? Contact the Lions Team at Lionssupport@leaderdog.org. See you there!



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SMART WAYS TO GIVE

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.









LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE - LANSING, MICHIGAN 48911

VOICE: 517 887-6640

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WEB: www.lmsf.net

December 1, 2020

Dear Michigan Lion:

On June 28, 2018, Governor Rick Snyder signed Public Act 255, creating a Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury to assist our foundation in collecting donations to help improve the quality of life of people in our state with unmet needs. Public Act 255 of 2018 added our Lions of Michigan Foundation to the list of only nine Michigan charities eligible to receive donations directly from Michigan tax payers when they file their annual state income tax return.

As each qualified charity is required to collect \$50,000 in donations annually through this special program to guarantee eligibility for the future, we are asking for any help that you can provide to ensure that we remain eligible. Just a donation of \$5 to \$10 to our foundation from each Michigan Lions member or a family member or friend on the Michigan Voluntary Contribution Schedule (MI Form 4642) would ensure that we cannot be removed from the list of qualified charities.

Since 1984, our Lions of Michigan Foundation has operated programs that address serious human needs in our state. By working in partnership with our Michigan Lions Clubs and other community service organizations and charities, we provide disadvantaged Michigan families with access to affordable eye care, hearing aids and services aimed at helping people succeed academically and socially, gain and retain employment, maintain independence and prosper in life. We support our member Lions Clubs and their communities to help make them stronger and more viable.

Our foundation provides funding for equipment, supplies and program expenses for Project KidSight and the resources necessary for our Michigan Lions to help children suffering from vision loss. Through our Emergency Individual Assistance Program, our foundation helps military families and veterans who have emergency needs, and we help people who suffer from severe vision and hearing disorders that can only be corrected through surgical intervention or costly medical procedures. Through our Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program, our foundation helps low-income people who suffer from hearing loss maintain self-sufficiency. And, through our Emergency Disaster Relief Program, we help families affected by natural disasters, including severe storms, flooding, fires and tornados.

We greatly appreciate any support that you and your family members and friends can provide to assist us in raising the \$50,000 required to remain as one of the charities eligible to receive donations through Michigan income tax return filings. With your help, we can continue to play a significant role in solving the social, economic and health care issues facing our state.

Sincerely yours,

Pam Schroeder President

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Enclosures

A Public Charity

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.

2020 MICHIGAN Voluntary Contributions Schedule

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this schedule to make a donation from your refund to any of the organizations listed below. If you are not receiving a refund, your donation will increase your tax due. Check the box associated with the dollar amount you wish to contribute in columns A or B or enter a specific dollar amount greater than \$10 in the space provided in column C. Enter the total of your contribution for each line in column D. For detailed descriptions of each fund, see the reverse side of this form. Include with Form MI-1040.

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5. Kiwanis Fund		\$5	\$10	\$	00	5.	00		
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This form must be included with your MI-1040 to ensure your contributions are properly credited to the designated fund(s).

Instructions for Form 4642, Voluntary Contributions Schedule

Michigan taxpayers can contribute \$5, \$10, or more to any of the following funds on the *Voluntary Contributions Schedule* (Form 4642). **Contributions to these funds will increase your tax liability or reduce your refund.**

American Red Cross Michigan Fund

The American Red Cross is always there for you and your community, helping to alleviate suffering caused by disasters big and small. The Red Cross shelters, and provides emotional support to Michigan residents and beyond; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. By mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors, the Red Cross responds to more than 60,000 disasters annually. In Michigan, last year more than 6,000 volunteers logged more than 200,000 hours assisting others. On average 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services.

Animal Welfare Fund

The outside world can be a harsh, scary place for homeless pets. And throughout Michigan, small towns and big cities alike struggle to find the resources they need to provide medical care to the animals they rescue. Through the Animal Welfare Fund, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) offers grants to Michigan's registered animal shelters to help support spaying and neutering programs for shelter dogs and cats up for adoption. Grants also help support many anti-cruelty and proper care programs around the state. Shelters also use grant monies from your generous donations to help care for animals that are seized as part of animal cruelty cases.

Children's Trust Fund - Prevent Child Abuse Michigan

The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) supports services throughout Michigan to prevent child abuse and neglect. CTF funds home visitation services; respite care; services for families with incarcerated family members; and parenting education and support. CTF supports a statewide network of local Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Councils. Examples of local Council work are teaching professionals about mandated reporting; teaching parents and caregivers about infant head trauma prevention and infant safe sleep practices; and establishing baby pantries to provide diapers, formula, and clothing. In the coming year, CTF and its local Councils will lead statewide efforts to build local responses to the opioid crisis.

Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund

Fostering Futures Scholarship provides scholarships to young adults who have experienced foster care to help them achieve a college education. Approximately 13,500 students are in the Michigan foster care system and many students do not have family support after they age out of the system. Nationally, about 75 percent of students express a desire to attend college, less than 10 percent enroll in college and less than three percent graduate college. Scholarships are awarded via an application process and paid directly to the students' college or university to assist with tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies. For more information visit www.fosteringfutures-mi.com.

Kiwanis Fund

Kids need Kiwanis! Kiwanis clubs around the world, work to impact the lives of the children and families within their communities through leadership programs, hunger prevention, scholarships, reading programs, grants and so much more. Every Kiwanis club is unique because we cater our programs to the unique needs of the kids in our local communities. Your donation will be given to a club in your area and used entirely for our programs, keeping your contribution and its impact local. For more information about Kiwanis, go to www.MiKiwanis.org

Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a Public Charity that was created in the early 1980's to help Lions Clubs provide services in Michigan communities. The organization is dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs. The Lions of Michigan Foundation works together with Michigan Lions Clubs and other charities to deliver services aimed at helping children and adults with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, retain employment and maintain self-sufficiency. For more information, visit www.lmsf.net or write info@lmsf.net.

The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial Fund

Honor Michigan residents who served in World War II. Officially recognized as the state's tribute to its contributions during the war, the memorial will span three quarters of an acre and provide a year-round destination to tell Michigan's unique story and educate future generations. More than 600,000 Michigan residents served on the war front while countless others served on the home front producing necessary planes, tanks Jeeps and K-rations. Help us pay tribute to the legacy of Michigan's Greatest Generation who sacrificed so all are inspired by the values, ideals and deeds that ensured our freedom today. The goal for dedication is 2020. The time to support is now. Don't let our heroes fade away. www.michiganww2memorial.org

Military Family Relief Fund

The Military Family Relief Fund provides grants to qualifying families of military members in either the Michigan National Guard or Reserves who are called to active duty as a result of the national response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

United Way Fund

Contributions to the United Way Fund (of America) will be used to improve the lives of Michigan residents by mobilizing the caring power of communities to provide for basic needs, including, but not limited to, food, clothing, and shelter.

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.

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 playe in:	ed a key role
Any other information in support of Nominee's Service w	ork:
Name of Honorary Committee Member placing the nomination	Date Submitted