

District 11-A2

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April 2022



April already? Wow, where has all the time gone?

We had our Convention in Bay City on March 25-27 and it seemed like everyone who was there had a great time. I want to congratulate District Governor-Elect Shawn; he is going to be a great leader for this District, taking us even higher than we are now and on to so many great things. Also, congratulations to 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Kelley and 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Rhonda; they will do a fantastic job this year.



We were very honored to have International Director Bob Block and his wonderful wife, Lion Brenda, as our guests for the Convention. Director Bob fit right in with all of us very well. He is an amazing Lion and was great to talk to and listen to as he had some exceptional stories and information to pass on. Lion Brenda's presentation at Saturday's breakfast was one of the highlights of the convention. To hear her story, made you think about Lions from a totally unique perspective.

I also need to congratulate Lion Tammi Graber, Lion Jim Diez and PCC Frank Cunningham for receiving Presidential Appreciation Certificates. All three of you are so deserving of this award and much more. Also, congratulations to Immediate Past District Governor Leo Schaefer on his Presidential Medal; Past District



Connie Shelton on her Presidential Medal, 1st Vice District Governor Shawn Blaszczyk on receiving the Leadership Medal, and to PCC Paul Hemeryck on receiving the first ever “Paul Hemeryck Leadership Award.” All of these Lions are hardworking, dedicated to our motto, “We Serve” and are very deserving of these awards. I want to thank everyone who was at the Convention, it meant so much to me to have all of you there.

I would like to thank my Convention Co-Chairs, Lions Dick, and Nancy Maxwell. It is absolutely amazing to consider all of the behind-the-scenes work these two did to make sure that the convention was as great as it was. Some of you may have noticed that I had a white binder with me all weekend long. Inside of that binder was exactly everything I needed to know about every event going on; who to recognize, thank, have speak, present an award, etc. I did not screw up too many times during the convention and that was due to the fantastic organization by Lions Dick and Nancy.

I need to also thank my club, the Lake Orion Lions Club. What an incredible group of people! They have supported me twice now as I have gone through the ranks and have done it 110%. Whenever I asked for anything, they were there without question. They are just an amazing club, and I am so lucky to have had their support of me all of these years. Due to all of the COVID uncertainty our attendance numbers were down a little, but it was fantastic to be back together again. I am sure that we will be back with much higher attendance next year.

One last comment on the convention; I must thank GMT Tammi Graber for putting on a fantastic “60x60 Membership Recruiting” session at the convention. The room was packed! She gave out A LOT of valuable information on how to help clubs recruit and get new members. If you were not able to attend then you should know that she is putting on another session at the MD 11 convention in May in Auburn Hills, please try and make it!

In April, we have a lot going on; we had the last Cabinet meeting for the year on April 7th at Washington and on April 21st we have the Madonna Kickoff dinner. So, as usual, another busy month in the district! On the horizon in May is the Beaumont Silent Child Dinner and the MD-11 Convention in Auburn Hills.

Cash for Camp update: The Project is going great! Many of you have generously donated to First Lady Kim’s special project. I told Kim to bring the basket to the convention so everyone had an opportunity to donate. It would have been a great idea if the Governor remembered to let the crowd know it was there! It was also at the Cabinet meeting so folks had one last chance to donate. Remember, this is money that the camp can desperately use. Thank you so much for your generosity! This is definitely another example of “Together We Can, Together We Will.” That is why this project works; it is simple and it is easy. We can all be proud of this and what we have done together.

Thank you for all you do and all you serve.

Talk to you next month.

Governor Jim



District Governor-Elect Shawn Blasczyk

11-A2 Lions, I need to start out by saying thank you all very much for your support and for electing me as your next District Governor. I am extremely grateful, humbled, and honored. I look forward to all of us putting on our hard hats and getting to work to build something even greater.

Speaking of elections, congratulations to all of the others who were elected as well. We have a great team and I look forward to working beside each of you.

March was definitely a very busy month. I had Governor Elect training via zoom a couple of days a week for 3 weeks. What a great experience I had meeting many Lions from around the world who will be in the same position next year as me. We have actually become friends even without meeting in person. Two of my classmates are from eastern Europe (Croatia and Georgia). It was very interesting hearing them talk about what is going on with Lions in that region and how they helping with the Ukraine refugees. Their efforts are truly those of Lions. I can't wait to meet them all in Montreal in June.

I also had a few club visits. I enjoyed the camaraderie and hearing the awesome things you are doing and planning. Keep up all of the good work. And of course, we ended the month with the District Convention. What a blast it was. I must admit that I almost forgot what having one was like. Great job to the committee and all who helped.

As you may have heard, we are going to Mount Pleasant next year at the Comfort Inn and Suites. This is a new location for us so I hope many of you will come and check it out. Lastly, we have Madonna and Silent Children's dinners coming up along with the MD11 convention in Auburn Hills. Please try to attend if you can. Also, don't forget to purchase your Campaign 100 raffle tickets before the convention (\$20 gets you a chance at some awesome prizes) and a check from the proceeds will be presented to PIP Joe Preston at the convention.

I thank each of you again for everything.
DGE Shawn (still a little strange typing that



1VDG-Elect Kelley Unruh

Our final quarter has arrived! Hopefully, your club elections have occurred and the new officers are excited about leading next year. How will your club accomplish all of its goals? If not, try to get the new officers “get off on the right foot” by having a planning session to potentially revise the fourth quarter goals and thus get experience for planning their own year. Thank-you for supporting my desire to become the 1VDG for 11-A2 for the upcoming year. I truly appreciate how we all work together for the greater good.

Yours in Lionism,

1VDG-E Kelley Unruh



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

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

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.

DISTRICT CONVENTION!!!

A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.. THANK YOU TO LION JIM LYKINS FOR THE FANTASTIC PHOTOS





What's Going On Around the District??



Jerry Baumgart, the Clarkston Area Lions Club Treasurer, is shown here presenting a check to the Clarkston Independence District Library Director Julie Meredith. The annual donation is dedicated to providing resources to vision-impaired patrons of the library.

The Bear Lake Camp Buffalo and Boar Wild Game Dinner was held on April 9 at the Metamora Lions Club. A fantastic dinner featuring turkey, venison and wild boar followed by auctions and raffles provided all in attendance with a wonderful evening. The event sold out so be sure to keep on eye on it when it returns next year and purchase your tickets early!



“60 by 60” 60 NEW MEMBERS IN 60 DAYS CHALLENGE

I'm sure by now you've heard of the challenge from the Council of Governors --- **each District is challenged to SPONSOR 60 new MEMBERS in 60 DAYS.** (aka 60 by 60) The challenge runs April 1-May 31. When we achieve this our District Governor Jim will receive some awesome recognition and our clubs will get an influx of new energy with new Lions. That's always a good thing!!

More Lions = more service for our community!

Where to start??

*make a pledge! SAY YES! I will be one of the Lions that take the challenge and share our opportunity to serve.

* ask- invite- share how your club serves with others

*Plan a club **Membership Growth Event!** Find details on the Lions website at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/membership-growth-event>

CONVENTION ATTENDEES

**There will be a Convention Breakout session on Saturday
right after the Blind lunch to talk more about this.**

I will be facilitating. I hope you and those from your club attending convention will take part.

We will be looking for a pledge from your Club.

How many new Lions can your Club sponsor during this CHALLENGE?

I will have new Member Induction Kits at the breakout session. How many will your club need for this campaign? Like a scout....always prepared!! We can do this!!!

On another note.....would you like to be on the District Global Membership Team? Shoot me an email or call or text! WE NEED YOU and your creativity!!!

Lion Tammi Graber
District Global Membership Chair
New Baltimore Lions
586-883-4643
tammitupper@aol.com





Calling all Project Kidsight Screeners and Paper Help



Fellow Lions,

It has been some time since things have been going well for us as a group, but we are hopeful that that is going to change in the coming months. To that end, we need to know how many of you are interested in continuing as a screener for Project Kidsight. We would like to update our list of screeners and decide if new training is necessary. We also are going to be performing background checks on everyone involved, this includes screeners and those who fill out paper for us. If you will be involved with the children, you need to be background checked.

So, everyone who would like to remain involved needs to let Lion Rhonda know. Please inform me by email at carousel_girl@hotmail.com. Do not call or text me, because I would like to make sure email addresses are correct for all of you, so if you have a preferred email address let me know, as well as a contact number and your club.

Please respond either way and we can get things underway for the background checks and updates to our communication list and our calendar.

I hope to have responses from everyone by the end of March and then send out background check information at the beginning of April.

Thank you,
Rhonda Furby
Region 3 Chairperson
Lions District 11-A2
Eastpointe Lions
Project Kidsight Operations Chairperson



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

I WANT YOU

The Armada Lions Club welcomes Justin Jerzewski, sponsored by Steve Jerzewski.

The Milford Huron Valley Lions Club welcomes Jane Zimmerman, sponsored by Ivy Stogdill.

The Milford Huron Valley Lions Club welcomes Kathy Mouradian, sponsored by Anita Granger.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Ann Matusky, sponsored by Linda Schultz.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Daniel Witek, sponsored by Linda Schultz.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Jeanette Witek, sponsored by Allen Fletcher.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Kenneth Matusky, sponsored by Allen Fletcher.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Linda Witek, sponsored by Linda Schultz.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes Thomas Witek, sponsored by Allen Fletcher.

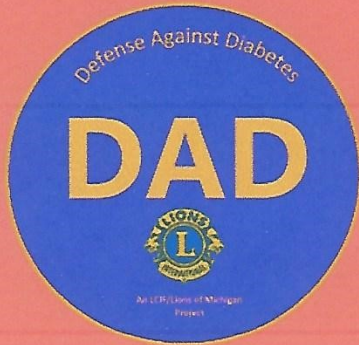
The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Joseph Croke, sponsored by Ronald Papa.

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

The Sterling Heights Lions Club welcomes Louise Fragmoli, sponsored by Ronald Papa.

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

The Wixom Walled Lake Lions Club welcomes Joshua Lange, sponsored by Marion Maki.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



NATIONAL KIDNEY
FOUNDATION

of Michigan

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, in partnership with the Lions Club of Michigan, is offering the 8-Week Defense Against Diabetes (D.A.D.) program. This program is fully funded by L.C.I.F. and designed specially to help prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 Diabetes and improve the lives of those already living with it. This is done by encouraging healthier eating habits and introducing more physical activity into your weekly routines.

This program consists of 8 one-hour weekly session taught entirely on Zoom.

Call Ed Bohach at 734-222-9800 x 2240 or Email ebohach@nkfm.org for more information.

VISIT WWW.BIT.LY/NKFM-DAD
TO REGISTER

Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

Cookbook Fundraiser



Lions Clubs are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with hearing and vision loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to be "Knights of the Blind," and she declared that "the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus — the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Our new Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of their hearing loss. Lions Clubs or other nonprofit organizations who sell 20 or more cookbooks collectively will receive a \$5 rebate for each book sold to be used for their local projects.

As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

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Cookbook Order and Donation Form

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I would like to purchase _____ cookbook(s) for \$15 each for a total of \$_____.

I would like to make a donation to the Lions Hearing Centers in the amount of \$_____.

Payment Method: ___ Check ___ Credit Card ___ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Lions Club or Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____



Madonna University and Lions/Lioness Clubs 35th Dinner

Thursday, April 21, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Welcome Center Great Room
Enclosed is a confirmation
with a campus map

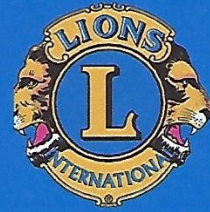
Madonna University Campus
36700 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, MI 48150

**To RSVP, visit madonna.edu/lionsclub
or complete the enclosed reply card by
Wednesday, April 13**

For questions, contact JoAnne Chapman in
the Advancement Office at 734-432-5589
or email prezevents@madonna.edu



Our degrees change lives.



Supporting the Deaf Community

A nationally-acclaimed center for programs and services for Deaf students, and the oldest private, liberal arts integrated program for Deaf and hearing impaired students, together with a baccalaureate degree in sign language studies.

If you have any questions regarding the services Madonna University provides to Deaf students or would like a representative to speak to your group, please feel free to contact the Office of Counseling and Disability Resources at 734-432-5639.

Unwavering Commitment

The Lions/Lioness commitment for more than 40 years to the Madonna University Deaf and Hearing Impaired Program has resulted in the following:

- **Lions/Lioness Endowment**

The interest generated from the endowment assists Deaf and physically disabled students each semester with interpreting services and scholarships.

- **In-Class Services**

Deaf and hearing impaired students receive interpreting and/or note-taking services in the classroom and at all University functions.



2022 FrostBite Open

Charity Benefit for

Penrickton Center for Blind Children

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Registration Ford Employee / Non-Sponsor Golfers

\$500 per foursome

Registration 6:30 a.m. / Shotgun Start 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast / Hot Dog-Chip-Beverage / Banquet Dinner



18 Holes of Golf with Cart / Golfers Packs

Longest Drive / Closest to the Pin (per 18 holes)

Hole In One Prize (per 18 holes)

Team Money per Course

**Space Limited
Only 360 Golfers!**

8768 N. Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
734.453.7272

Registration: March 10, 2022 thru April 15, 2022



For More Information Contacts at Dearborn Complex:

Brenda Evans 734.674.9868

Mike Kerekes 734.818.6332

Penrickton Center: Chelsea Lyson 734.946.7500

Golfers Names / Phone Numbers

#1: _____	#2: _____
#3: _____	#4: _____

Full Payment Due Upon Registration

www.frostbiteopen.org / Check Us Out On Facebook

26530 Eureka Road / Taylor / MI / 48180





Join us in celebrating

Our 41st Annual

“Very Special Evening”

Wednesday, May 18 • Social: 5:45 p.m., Dinner: 7:15 p.m.

The San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan

Tickets are \$28 per person with a cash bar. Reserved seating is available for full tables of 10.

RSVP by May 1

HIGHLIGHTS

- special Silent Children’s presentation
- presentation of Ralph Lynam Award
- parade of checks
- door prizes and money raffle

TICKETS

For more information and tickets call:
 Kellie Bouren (Beaumont Children’s): 248-655-5975
 Harold Stephens, PDG (District 11 A-1): 248-661-0480
 Bob Westbury, ZC (District 11 A-2): 248-528-3141



Club: _____

City: _____

Name: _____

Zip code: _____

Address: _____

Quantity: @ \$28 = Total \$ _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to **Beaumont Silent Children’s Speech Fund** and mail to:

Terri Donahue
 Children’s Speech Pathology department
 4949 Coolidge Hwy., Royal Oak, MI 48073
 248-655-5975

GROWING TOGETHER!
2022 MD 11 Lions Convention
 Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac
 DIRECT PHONE (248) 648-6016
 GROUP RATE: \$89 PER NIGHT *(plus fees & taxes)*
 REDUCED RATE AVAILABLE ONLY THRU APRIL 29, 2022

Name _____ Lion Spouse Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Spouse Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member? _____

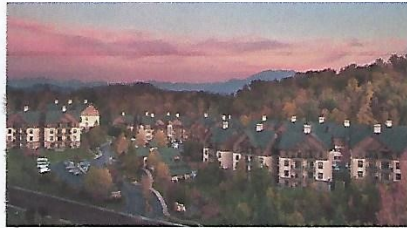
QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$12.00, May 19, 2022	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness N/C Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$23.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Friday Night Welcome Reception Only (free)	# _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$35.00 per person	\$ _____
Entrée Choice: Grilled Chicken _____	
Salisbury Steak w/Mushroom Demi Glaze _____	
GF _____ Vegetarian _____	Total: \$ _____

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless registration fee is paid. **(excluding Saturday Banquet)** 2. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 9, 2022. No refunds after May 10, 2022. 3. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 4:00; Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

Mail completed form and payment to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

MICHIGAN LIONS CAMPAIGN 100 RAFFLE
DRAWN AT STATE CONVENTION ON SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022
AUBURN HILLS MARRIOTT CENTERPOINTE



Club Wyndham Smoky Mountains in TN
Donated by ID Justin Faber Value: PRICELESS
 3 night stay 1 bdrm Deluxe – date is dependent upon availability ---
MUST be used by Sept. 30, 2022 - Here is the link with pictures
<https://clubwyndham.wyndhamdestinations.com/us/en/resorts/wyndham-hotels-resorts/united-states-ofamerica/tennessee/sevierville/>

AN ORIGINAL ACRYLIC PAINTING “ WINTER LANDSCAPE” SIGNED BY PIP JOE PRESTON,
 Co-Chair of LCIF Campaign 100,
 LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL.
FRAMED (18X22) Value: PRICELESS



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VALUE: \$1,000
ANONYMOUS DONOR



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- 2 Nights Lodging
- 2 Breakfasts
- Summer & Fall Golf is Optional & Available at a Discounted Rate
- Winter Activity Passes Inc: Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoeing
- **DONATED BY: Lions of District 11E2 & Thunder Bay Resort**
VALUE: \$650.00

SPORTS PACKAGE – TICKETS TO MULTIPLE COLLEGE SPORTING EVENTS

(Must contact ticket holder to make arrangements for mutually agreed upon game) –
 College Sporting Events include: (2) tickets for U of M football game (by PDG Dave & Lori Zeller); (2) tickets for MSU basketball game (by Ryan Thies); (4) tickets on 50 yd. line for Grand Valley State football game (by PID Gary & Lion Cheryl Anderson);
VALUE: PRICELESS

GROUP OF “10” ASSORTED GIFT CARDS OF \$25.00 EACH VALUE: \$250.00

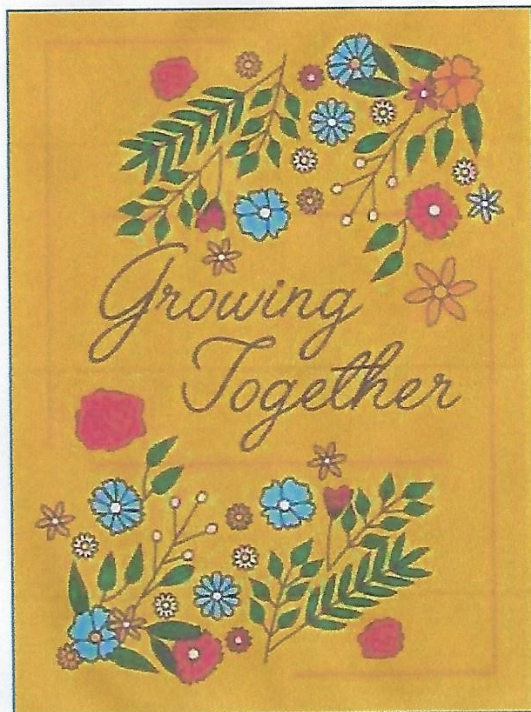
DONATED BY LCIF DISTRICT COORDINATORS & DISTRICT GOVERNORS

ONE OVERNIGHT STAY AT BOYNE MT. RESORT & (2) \$50 DINNER GIFT CARDS

DONATED BY: Boyne Mt. Resorts; Magnum Hospitality; and Boyne City Taproom
VALUE: \$200.00

GROWING TOGETHER
at the
MD 11 Lions Convention
Auburn Hills Marriott, Pontiac
May 19-21, 2022

Special Guest
LCI Past International President
Joe Preston



GROWING TOGETHER
MD 11 LIONS
CONVENTION
MAY 19-21

Join fellow Lions and friends
at the MD 11 Lions
Convention at the beautiful
Auburn Hills Marriott!

Growing Together is this
year's theme. Grow with us
as we explore *Growing your*
Club, Why am I a Lion? and
Spreading Seeds of Hope
through LCIF Campaign 100.
Reconnect with our roots in
Planting Seeds of Service.

Special LCI guests, PIP Joe
and Joni Preston will arrive in
time for the convention kick-
off picnic Thursday. Shelby
Township Lions Club will host
us at River Bend County Park.

Get your act together and
pre-register for the GONG
SHOW on Friday Night! Our
own Chuck Barris will be on-
hand along with a variety of
celebrity judges. BRING IT
ON!

*Come to learn,
network, celebrate
and be LIONS.
Growing Together-
again!*

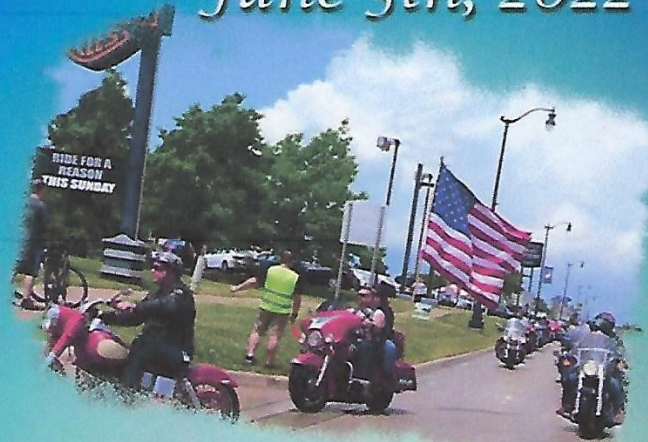
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22nd Annual



"Ride for a Reason"

June 5th, 2022



All proceeds benefit
Penrickton Center for
Blind Children



\$25 PER PERSON
LUNCH INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION
All Bikes Welcome

Stage at Cabela's in Dundee 10AM • Ride leaves noon sharp!
RIDE ENDS AT MOTOWN HARLEY IN TAYLOR, MI

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Motown Harley-Davidson — 734.947.4647

Penrickton Center for Blind Children — 734.946.7500

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