



Lions District 11 A-2 Roaring News



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DG Looks Ahead to New Year

The winter winds are howling, and the snow is flying already. That can only mean one thing.... December is here and the Christmas and holiday season is upon us. November flew by or at least I felt like it. We had a great second round of Region meetings. It's amazing to hear all the wonderful things you are doing or have planned. Keep up your awesome work. Thank you PDGs Leo and Jim for your Leadership presentation at the meetings. I truly hope it inspired some of you. We really need members to take the next step forward outside of your club. This is what allows us to keep moving forward and becoming stronger. My motto this year is "Reinforcing Lions with Service and Growth". Part of that growth and reinforcement is stepping up into new positions or trying something you never thought about doing. Growth isn't always numbers but is within us and our confidence. I know you can do it, please believe in yourself also. Many of us heard growing up the phrase 'you never know if you can unless you try' or something similar. I ask you now, why not try moving up?

I hope during the Thanksgiving holiday you all took time to think about all we have to be thankful for and to reflect on those less fortunate and how we can make things better for them. We can't fix everything at once but if we do one act of kindness a day, that's 365 people we have touched each for a year. Multiply that by our 1,325 members and that equals 483,625 lives we can do something good for. What an astonishing number.

Moving into December, I know many of you are preparing to assist your community in some way for Christmas whether it's food baskets, collecting for Salvation Army, hosting a party for the less fortunate, and so on. This is why we are Lions and your gift of time and service to those in need is appreciated very much. And the gift you receive is seeing and knowing you made someone else's life a little bit better.

Even though I know you truly enjoy your service to others, please make sure you take time for yourselves to celebrate with your family and friends. Our families should be the most important things in our lives. They are what inspire us and give us our energy. But we are also a Lions family. We are brothers and sisters in service. I know many clubs have their own celebrations and I have been invited to a few of them and I thank you for that! Enjoy this fun time together. I invite all of you to the District's Christmas party on December 9th at the Sterling Heights Lions clubhouse. Start time is 6:30. We are doing potluck appetizers and desserts with the traditional ugly sweater contest everyone looks forward to. And maybe a couple of other surprises this year as well. I hope to see many of you there.

And since it is December, the information on the District Convention is out!! It will be March 30-April 2 at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Mount Pleasant. My theme is District 11A2 Stampede. So, break out your cowboy hats, bandanas, and chaps (jeans required under them please). It's going to be a wild time I promise so sign up early, we want a huge crowd. If you never have been to our convention, I ask you why and encourage you to attend. The Friday night mixer is going to be a good time including some rodeo games. Saturday after the awards breakfast and business session, we are having a diabetes awareness lunch. Following that we are going to do a service project that all can participate in- making 30 children's blankets that we are hoping to donate to 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace' which is a non-profit that builds beds for children so that no child sleeps on the floor. I hope you will be there to help us!!

I look forward to seeing you all of you January 12th for the Cabinet meeting being hosted by Region Chair Mark Scicluna and the Beverly Hills Lions. Until then I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and for the New Year to bring you peace, joy, and happiness.

Shawn Blaszczyk
11 A-2 District Governor





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2VDG Monthly Submission

*"The most effective way to do it, is to do it."
Amelia Earhart*

And we did it! Together! No, I don't have any final numbers, but we got together and collected a large number of socks! I want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for every single pair! This is a fabulous thing we have done.

Remember this quote in everything you do. Yes, some thought may be required, but in the end the best way to get it done is to go and do it! Don't over think it, get moving, and get it done.

My congratulations to the Royal Oak Lions and the St. Clair Shores Lions Clubs as they have both inducted a new member in the last couple of weeks. These are just the ones I know about, so if your club inducted a new member as well then you also have my congratulations. Now give them something to do and let them go and do it!

Did you notice that Governor Shawn and 1VDG Kelley also used quotes in their articles last month? Quotes give us a focus for our thoughts as we try to inspire you (and ourselves) to keep moving forward, try new things, and think outside the box while "We Serve." Even if that fundraiser that your club does is still raising money, try throwing in something new. it could be just the thing to bring in a whole new crowd of people and you might raise even more money, find some new members, or a new project idea. Try stepping up into a new position and you might find that not only can you do the job, but you also enjoy it. Find a way to inspire yourself to both be and do more!

While you're thinking outside the box, don't forget your service activities and reporting them. If you are having trouble with reporting your activity, try calling our District Administrator Tracy Antrikin or Zone Chair Cheryl Satterthwaite for help. You should learn how to pronounce their last names, but they'll help you anyway! Governor Shawn has asked us to be 100% for Service reporting this year, and that means that every club needs to report at least one project and we would love to have you report them all. Should we put any less effort into our service reporting than we did into our sock collection?

In closing, I hope to see you all at the District Christmas Party and wish each of you and your families the Merriest and Happiest of Holidays!

Don't wait another moment...Go get it done!

Respectfully submitted,

2VDG Lion Rhonda





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New Members Welcomed In November

Clawson

Benjamin Craig sponsored by Rebecca Airriess

Eastpointe

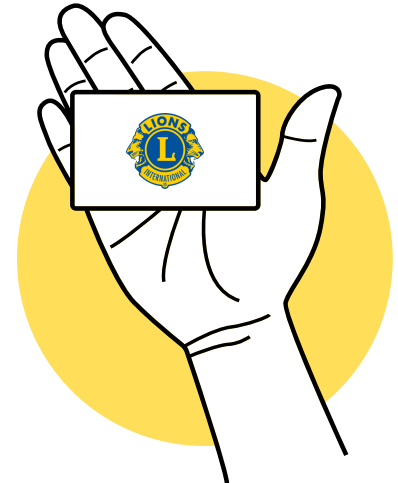
Anna Wejrandt sponsored by Debra Richards

Royal Oak

Juliana Mulcahy sponsored by Laura Mastracci

Shelby Township

Edward Page III sponsored by Vandel Rooker



Upcoming Events

Click on the calendar icon for more information.

To submit an event, email details to lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com. The deadline each month is the 1st.



Cabinet Meeting



District Euchre
Tournament



District 11 A2
Convention



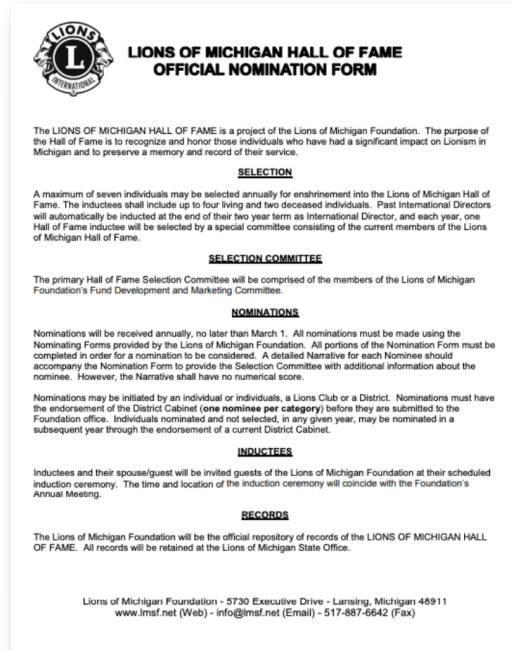


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Lion Recognition Opportunities Abound!



The LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME is a project of the Lions of Michigan Foundation. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor those individuals who have had a significant impact on Lionism in Michigan and to preserve a memory and record of their service.

LMSF "Hall of Fame application, due by 12-31-22 and sent to Governor Shawn.

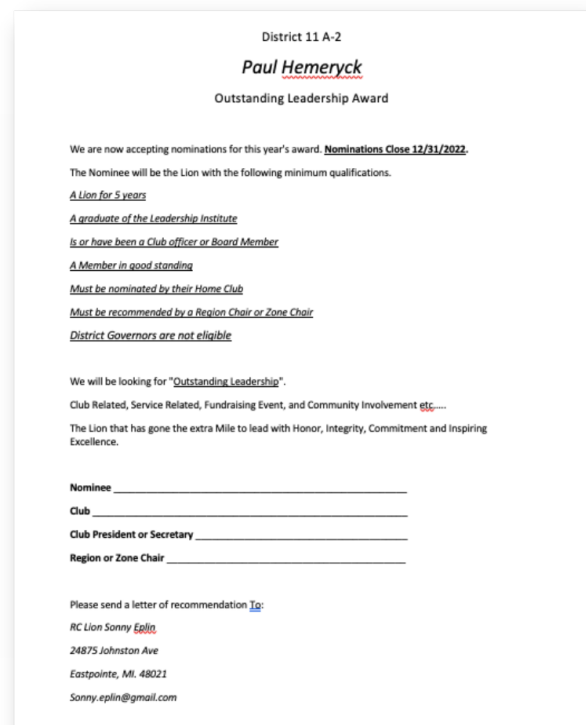
Click on the image at right to find the application online.

The District 11 A-2 Paul Hemeryck Outstanding Leadership Award application is now open.

Nominations are due to RC Lion Sonny Eplin by 12/31/2022.

The Nominee will be the Lion with the following minimum qualifications.

- A Lion for 5 years
- A graduate of the Leadership Institute
- Is or have been a Club officer or Board Member
- A Member in good standing
- Must be nominated by their Home Club
- Must be recommended by a Region Chair or Zone Chair
- District Governors are not eligible





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Clubs Encouraged to Nominate for Distinguished Service Awards



We all know Lions that do great things in our clubs and the district. Have you ever considered them for nomination for the District 11-A2 Distinguished Service Award? This award is presented each year to a fellow Lion by the Past District Governors of District 11-A2. This award is funded by the Past District Governors and no District funds are used.

Please read further information and the criteria used in the attachment. All applications must be signed by a Past District Governor and a PDG can sign only one application per year. If you have any further questions feel free to contact me or IPDG Lion Jim Leach. All applications must be submitted by February 1, 2023.

Yours in Lionism,

PCC Lion Frank Cunningham

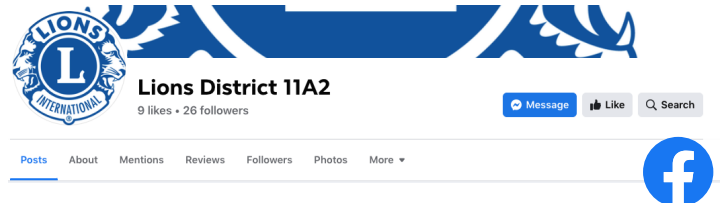
Email Correction:



jamesleachjr@yahoo.com

District 11 A2 Creates New Facebook Page

Admins for the previously established district page were no longer able to access the page. Therefore, the district has moved forward and created a new page for the purposes of sharing information on upcoming functions, events, success stories and notifications. Please be sure to find and like the page to stay up to date on all the latest.



Clubs Cautioned to Focus on Retention as New Year Approaches

As we all know, December is typically a month for a lot of drops, normally attributed to concern over payment of the January dues. One of OUR District goals this year is to increase our retention. I just looked and there have already been 7 drops this month. I urge each of you to do what you can to keep any members that are considering dropping. Talk to them, find out why they are thinking of dropping, and work with them as a Club to find a solution to keep them. Think outside the box!! If you are dropping them for non-payment of dues, contact them and find out why they haven't paid and see if you can work out a payment plan with them to keep them. If they feel they have lost their passion or interest, ask what they would like to see being done or what their interest is and find a project that follows it. There are many ways we can stop losing our members and keep them active. Active? There's a keyword. Get these members active in some way. That is another option to keeping them.





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Donation Mailing Addresses

Beaumont Silent Children's Fund Children's Speech Pathology

Attn: Kristine Rutkowski
4949 Coolidge Hwy
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Eversight

Attn: Alex Teska
3985 Research Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Lions of Michigan All State Band Mike Shields

52995 Washington Street
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

Leo Schaefer, IPDG
46399 Imperial Ln
Macomb Twp., MI 48044-3922

Sight Conservation/Diabetes/DAD

PZC Roger Blackwell, Chair
4555 Windswept Drive
Milford, MI 48380

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CHM Roger Blackwell, PZC
4555 Windswept Dr.
Milford, MI 48380

Bear Lake (Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp)

PDG Jack Patton, Chair
1880 Lochinvar Blvd
Oakland, MI 48363

District 11-A2 Project KidSight, Inc.


Paul Hemeryck, PCC
25509 Kelly Rd.
Roseville, MI 48066

Leader Dogs for the Blind

CHM Frank Cunningham, PCC
1039 S. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

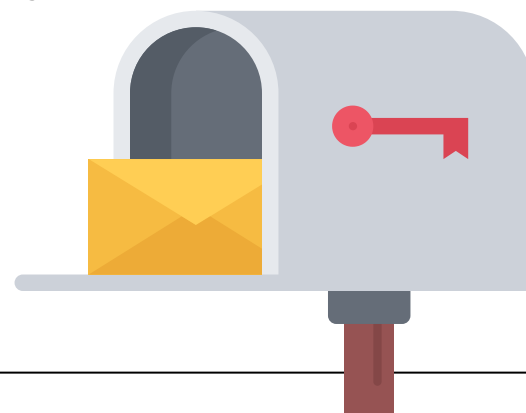
Lions Club International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122

 Please Note: All checks should have the Club ID number or the Individual Member ID number in the memo section.

Penrickton Center for Blind Children

CHM Dick Maxwell, PCT
18701 Walmer Ln.
Beverly Hills, MI 48025





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NEWS UPDATE

Eagle Scout Honors Local Lions Club



"When I was originally looking for a project, it came to my attention that the Lions club was in need of a memorial," Troy said. "Because of the important role of the Lions club in the community, I thought it would be a good idea to not just honor past Lions presidents, but to recognize all Almont Lions club members."

Read the full article: [CLICK HERE](#)

Nearly \$10k Raised for Local Charities



The Royal Oak Lions held their 49th annual century club dinner/raffle raising close to \$9,600. Over the years it has brought in about \$400,000 for charities. Shown calling off the numbers is Lion Bob Westury, who has been in charge for 35 years.





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NEWS UPDATE

Lions Charity Poker Raises \$5k for Leader Dogs

The Milford Huron Valley Lions Club has been active with several engaging events over the past several months. Our Club regularly participates in Charity Poker fundraiser events four times per year, and this endeavor has proven to be very lucrative. Members of our club visited Leader Dogs for a personalized tour through the facility, led by our host Mike Dengate. Zone Chairperson Cheryl Satterthwaite joined us afterward for pizza and our November monthly meeting. We have several new members who fully enjoyed the experience, including a walk with ambassador dog Finn and volunteer Mike. Eight members of our club also attended the Leader Dog Kickoff Dinner at the Somerset Inn on December 1, at which our newest club members Barbara Ryan and Kathy Mouradian presented our club's donation of \$5,000 to Leader Dogs.





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NEWS UPDATE

Sock Drive Success!

On Saturday, VDGs Kelley, Rhonda, and DG Shawn met with and donated the socks all of you collected to MCREST in Macomb and Grace of Hope Centers in Oakland. Final numbers will be given at the Cabinet meeting in January but at least 4,000 pairs were provided to each organization. Thank you for all your efforts and VDG Kelley for allowing us to use her office as a staging location.





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NEWS UPDATE

Richmond Lions Bring Santa to Town

275 attended the Richmond Lions annual club community service event. (Coordinated by Richmond Lions Chris and Brandie DeVos)

Kidsight: Richmond Lions Dennis Bolen and Charlene Ostby did check-in and Rhonda Furby did the screenings. (DG Shawn Blaszyk came in support of the event and they all had a photo with Santa) 21 kids were screened and 1 was referred. Two leader dog pups attended: Barney and LeRoy... Barney loved Santa and was even caught giving Santa a kiss!

Many middle and high school kids from Richmond, Memphis and Armada as well as St. Peter Lutheran school assisted with waiting tables, clean-up.





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DISTRICT 11-A2 Cabinet Meeting



"Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth"

January 12, 2023

Hosted by

RC Mark Scicluna & the Beverly Hills Lions Club

Location:

Shields Pizza

1476 W. Maple Rd

Troy, Mi. 48084

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Meeting starts at 6:45 PM

Meal Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar.

Please R.S.V.P. by January 7, 2023

*Send reservations to: Mark Scicluna
30040 Westbrook Pkwy.
Southfield, Mi. 48076*

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Beverly Hills Lions Club

Person Name(s): _____

Club Name: _____

Number attending at \$15.00 per person: _____

Total Amount Due: \$

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



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DISTRICT 11A2 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT



FRASER LIONS BANQUET HALL
34540 UTICA RD.
FRASER, MI 48026



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2023
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 12:00 PM
GAMES START AT 1:00 PM
\$15.00 PER PERSON

FOOD AND CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE

CALL LION TOM HILL FOR MORE INFO
(586)909-5773

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Lions District 11-A2 Convention
Come Party with Governor Shawn Blaszczyk
'Reinforcing Lions Through Service and Growth'
March 31 - April 2, 2023 @ Comfort Inn & Suites
2424 South Mission Street, Mt. Pleasant, 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 989-772-4000 and ask for the Lions of Oakland and Macomb County rate. Room rates are \$101.00 per night + tax, (Standard King or 2 Queen Room) the reservation deadline is February 28, 2023. Standard room rates apply after February 28.

<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Amount</u>
_____	Registration: Lions, Lioness, Guest @ \$25 each.	\$ _____
_____	AFTER Jan 31 @ \$35 each	\$ _____
_____	AFTER Feb. 28 @ \$45 each	\$ _____
_____	Registration: Leos & Children under 16 @ \$5 each	\$ _____
_____	1st Timer (In lieu of normal <u>registration</u>) \$5 each	\$ _____
_____	AFTER Jan 31 @ \$15 each	\$ _____
_____	AFTER Feb. 28 @ \$25 each	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Awards Breakfast @ \$21 each	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Diabetic Lunch and Talk (not available to Cabinet Members) @ \$24 ea. (Limited to 35) FIRST COME BASIS	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Night Governor's Banquet: @ \$35 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 **Lions International District 11-A2**

REGISTRATIONS AND CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DATES ABOVE, NOT IN MAIL BY THESE DATES

mail to:
Lion Dick Maxwell
18701 ~~Walmer~~ Lane
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Questions: 248-642-9561