

District 11-A2

Roaring News

Serving Oakland and Macomb Counties

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February 2022



We had a great Cabinet Meeting on January 20th. Even from Zoomland, I could hear the exciting reports on all of our projects and committees. Lionism and the desire to serve are very, very strong and alive in our District. We are over halfway through this year and there is a lot of work that we can still do to make sure we end the year just as great as we started.

I would like to congratulate PDG Jack Becher whose nomination by our District was forwarded to the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation Selection Committee for induction into the Hall of Fame. He is a very worthy candidate and hopefully we will get some good news in a few months. I would love to see a great leader like PDG Jack get inducted into the Hall.



February is a busy month with a lot of club projects and fundraisers already scheduled. We also have our final round of Region Meetings for the year. Thursday, February 3rd is Region 3 with ZC Sonny Eplin at Eastpointe Manor in Eastpointe. Wednesday, February 9th is Region 1 with ZC Bob Erickson at Johnny Black's in Lake Orion. We will wrap them up on Monday, February 14th at the Berkley Knights of Columbus Hall with RC Maureen Kennedy. Please come out and listen to what other clubs are doing for fundraisers. You never know what might work for your club. These should be great meetings so please get your RSVP in soon. We have the Bear Lake Kickoff Dinner on Wednesday, February 16th. This is hosted by the Shelby Township Lions and held at the Fraser Lions Den. Also in February and at the Fraser Lions Den is the District Euchre Tournament on Sunday, February 20th. This event is hosted by the winners from last year, the Eastpointe Lions. Get some teams together and see if you can come win the trophy. Then you can host this fun event next year. Flyers for both of these events have been sent out.

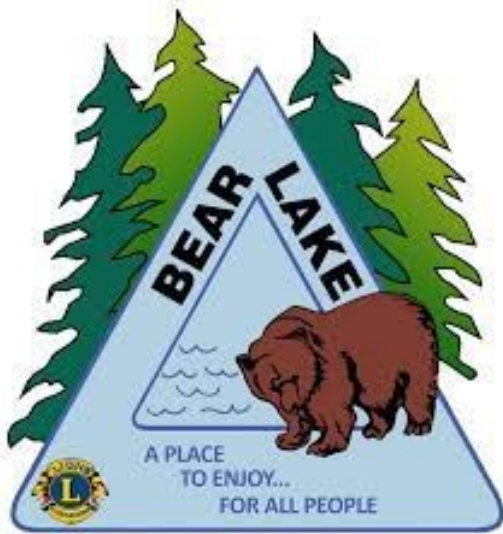


Cash for Camp update: The project is going great! Many of you have generously donated to First Lady Kim's special project, and the big basket is getting filled quickly. The total is closing in on \$2,000! Thank you all very much for your generosity! The basket will be at all of the District meetings and will be ready for your spare change.

Thank you for all that you do and all you serve.

Talk to you next month.

Governor Jim



The Lions Bear Lake Camp needs your help!

The Camp is in the process of getting ready for the 2022 season and there is much work to be done prior to the sessions beginning in April. Any club or individual is welcome to pitch in and help with several ongoing renovation projects. Projects include the removal of beds, re-painting the cabins and laying carpet squares. Workdays have been set up every Saturday beginning January 15 and ending March 19 (excluding the weekend of March 5). Sessions run from 8 am until 2 pm.

To sign up, visit the following Google document:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t7JMF1sm-4LjIE4qZo1M1_aeUt5hRUNY10-zplfp-IE/edit?usp=sharing

You can also contact Executive Director Shelly O'Henley at 810-837-0119

1VDG Shawn Blaszczyk

Happy February, Lions! Where is the time going? We had a great Cabinet meeting in Eastpointe last month. Quite a bit of business was accomplished. This month brings on the last round of Region meetings. I hope to see many of you there and to hear all of the great things your clubs have been doing. The world around us is continuing to change each day and hearing how your club is adapting to that is awesome.

The ways we are adapting is a common and important topic in my Vice District Governor groups and training. We are not alone in this; we are in this together with the Lions of the world. Rethinking how we do the same things, thinking outside of the box on how we can do new things, and deciding if how we have done things in the past/traditions need updating is where we are at. Because of these discussions, I would love to hear from you about your ideas on ways we can

adapt as a District and as a Cabinet to the new world. We are here to help you and your clubs to be successful. Your views are important to me as I start preparing for the upcoming year.

But before that we need to continue to support DG Jim and the rest of his year. So, I urge you to attend the upcoming convention in Bay City at the end of March, celebrate our amazing accomplishments so far and just enjoy Lions fellowship. So, break out your Hawaiian gear and come have a fun weekend.

Lastly, I am asking that if you haven't already, please complete one of the District Committee sign up sheets and return it to me. I would love to receive so many of them that you make it difficult on me to choose who I place where. Just like the world is changing, it's time we do some changing as well. So, if you have felt it's always the same people on the same committees, don't be hesitant to sign up this time.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Lions Michigan Forum Committee is disappointed to announce that we will not be able to hold an in-person Forum this year due to the cancellation of all events at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint.

Refunds will be issued for those who have already registered.

We will move forward with a virtual Lions Michigan Forum to be held on February 26.

PLEASE WATCH FOR NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THIS FREE EVENT.

PDG Karen Routson and Executive Director Lion Wendy Burns

What's Going On Around the District??

Four members of the Royal Oak Lions Club (and one spouse!) volunteered at Forgotten Harvest on January 24th in observance of World Hunger Awareness. 541 boxes of non-perishable food were packed for distribution!



Shown here are Lion Bob Westbury, Lion Mary Lambrix, Lion Laura Mastracci, spouse Mark Mastracci and Lion Maureen Elliott at the distribution center.

Lions Bob Westbury and Laura Mastracci are shown here on the distribution line. Another excellent volunteer opportunity for the Royal Oak Lions Club!

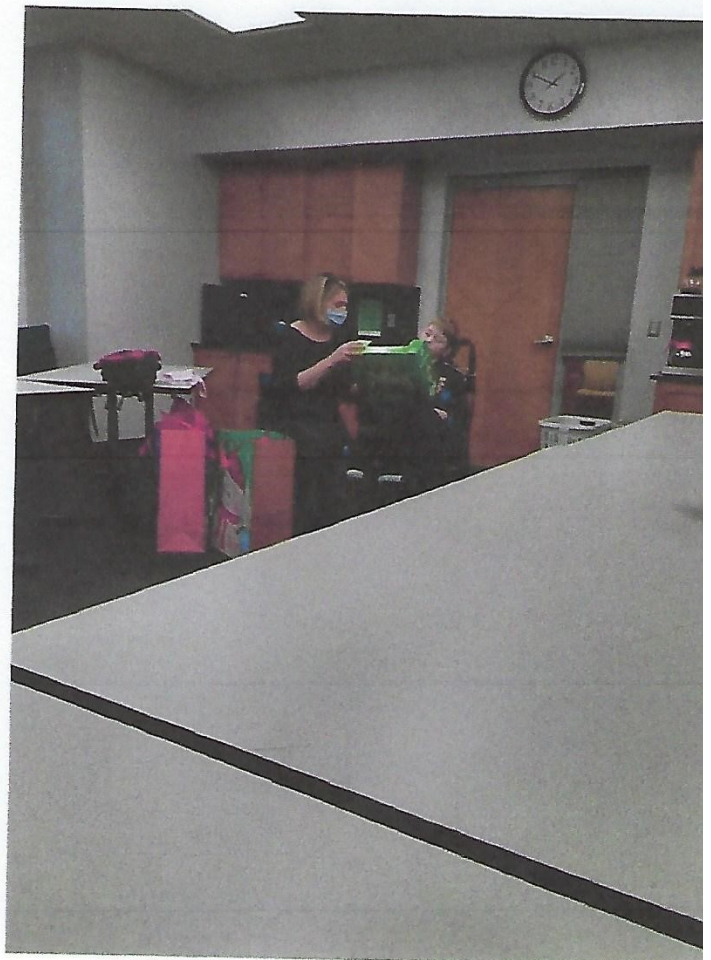




Clarkston Area Lions President Bob Murdock (left) and Treasurer Jerry Baumgart (right) recently presented Ryan Pizzo of Neiman's Family Market with the Leader Dogs for the Blind Founders Tribute plaque in recognition of Neiman's ongoing support of Lions Club fundraising activities.



The Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club Branch adopted Penrickton Center 10-year-old Derek at Christmas in 2020. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, they were not able to meet with him for Christmas that year, but did provide gifts for the Center to present to him on our behalf. Once again we adopted Derek for 2021, but again were not able to meet with him due to the pandemic until January 5, 2022. Needless to say, this was an experience we will never forget. We were able to visit with Derek with the help of Patricia Obrzut, the Assistant Director of Penrickton, who is pictured helping him open his gifts, which included several items of clothing, socks, an Orbeez Soothing Spa, and a Learn & Groove Rainbow Lights Piano. Also pictured with Derek are Lioness Lions Pat Meadows (President), Debbie Bradford, Marilyn Winter (2nd V.P.), and Sandra Varto (Secretary).



Lions Masks—Royal Blue with Gold Emblem

\$15 each

Send check made payable to the
Lathrup Village Lions Club,
and your shipping information,
to:

PDG William Lupher

29776 Sierra Point Circle

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Phone Inquiries can be made at

248-432-7023



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

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.**



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

I WANT YOU

The Beverly Hills Lions Club welcomes Amy Gorguze da Silva, sponsored by Lisa Thiele.

The Mount Clemens Lions Club welcomes Lois Spruytte, sponsored by Gary Stahl.

The New Baltimore Lions Club welcomes James Bernard, sponsored by Tammi Graber.

The Richmond Lions Club welcomes Michael Kerr, sponsored by Jill Konwinski.

The Washington Lions Club welcomes John Doychich, sponsored by John Doychich.

The Washington Lions Club welcomes Winn Renken, sponsored by Jim Banaszek.





LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS

February 2021

From Suzy Farbman, Read the Spirit

Lions are “Message Carriers”

What Happens When an International Advocate for Women Needed a Miracle? A Divine Message Placed by a Lion Appeared



While Wendi was working to help women learn to read by the water wells in South Sudan, her eyesight started to diminish. She was going blind from Retinitis Pigmentosa.

Receiving such a tough diagnosis, she decided to go camping on her own for a week. “I didn’t want to fall apart in front of my kids.” From her home in Wisconsin, she went to Bridgeman, MI, camping on the sand dunes. She made a list of everything she’d miss, including the chance to someday see her grandkids’ faces. The concession stand on the beach happened to have a Lions Club brochure featuring a “really cute” guide dog from Leader Dogs for the Blind. “I’d never have guessed that seven years later that organization would make a profound difference in my life.”

She didn’t fall apart. *Continued next column*

“I thanked God for saving me from a nervous breakdown.

I just decided not to give up. The inspiration I got from my refugee friends gave me the strength to go on.

I’m a storyteller and a fundraiser who’s committed to positive change. I could still be that person. My life’s work now has become decreasing the stigma of blindness and other disabilities caused by ableist attitudes.”

Only 10% of legally blind people use a white cane or a sight dog to go places on their own. When you use these aids, she says, you gain independence, but you make your blindness known to others. “For me, coming out with my blindness gave me my life back.” At first Wendi was “embarrassed” to be going blind. “Not anymore,” she says. “My goal now is to help others with low or no vision remain independent.” She’s dedicated to combatting ableism and to improving the safety and accessibility of environments.

As baby boomers mature, Wendi says, age-related blindness is a growing concern. “I’m sounding the alarm. We’re reaching a crisis point. We need many more resources to help people with sight loss stay independent.”

Order free brochures for your club to post on our website (under Lions/Resources).

 **BE OF SERVICE**
LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER   

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: _____



DISTRICT 11-A2
REGION ONE MEETING



“Together We Can, Together We Will”

Wednesday, February 9th, 2022

Hosted by Zone Chair Bob Erickson
& the Lake Orion Lions Club

Location: Johnny Black’s Public House
3575 S Baldwin Road
Lake Orion, MI 48359

Meal Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar.
Please R.S.V.P. by February 2nd, 2022

Send reservations to: Cabinet Treasurer Angie Boomer
3250 Stacey Circle
Oxford, MI 48371

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Lake Orion Lions Club

Person Name(s): _____

Club Name: _____

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 11-A2
REGION II MEETING
District Governor
James Leach, Jr.**

“Together We Can, Together We Will”

Monday, February 14, 2022

**Hosted by Region Chair Maureen Kennedy
& the Royal Oak Lions Club**

Berkley Knights of Columbus Hall

2299 12 Mile Rd., Berkley, MI 48072

**Doors open at 6:00 pm
Meeting starts at 6:45 pm**

**Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar.
Please R.S.V.P. by February 7, 2022**

**Send reservations to: *RC Maureen Kennedy
1323 W. Farnum Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48067***

Please Make Checks Payable to Royal Oak Lions Club

Person Name(s):

Club Name:

Number attending at \$15 per person:

Total Amount Due:

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



*Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp
Kick off Dinner & Parade of Checks*

*Hosted by the Shelby Township Lions Club
Special THANKS to Fraser Lions*

February 16, 2022 – 6pm

Fraser Lions Den
34540 Utica Rd., Fraser

\$20 Per Person Includes Dinner, Coffee & Soft Drinks

****Cash Bar** **50/50 Raffle** **Gift Baskets****

Make check payable to: Shelby Twp. Lions Club
Mail to: 12875 Boardwalk Dr., Romeo 48065
No later than February 11, 2022

Group Name: _____ # Attending _____
Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Lion Bob Bittner - (586) 212-1028 / rlb1028@comcast.net

Lion PDG John Wallace - (810) 602-0278 / wallacecomapny3107@sbcglobal.net



**DISTRICT 11-A2
REGION 3 MEETING**



Together We Can, Together We Will

**17TH
Thursday February 3, 2022**
Hosted by ZC Sonny Eplin
& the Eastpointe Lions Club

Location:
**Eastpointe Manor
24611 Gratiot Avenue
Eastpointe, MI 48021**

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 28, 2022**

*Send reservations to: Zone Chair Sonny Eplin
24875 Johnson
Eastpointe, MI 48021*

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Eastpointe 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.**



Lions District 11-A2 District Euchre Tournament

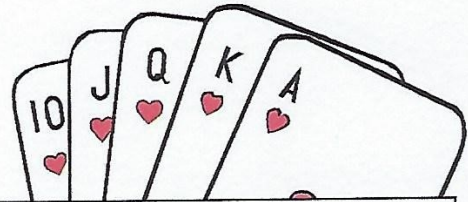


Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Hosted by the Eastpointe Lions Club

Sunday, February 20, 2021

Registration begins at 12 Noon
Game start begins at 1:00 PM



Event Location is the.....

Fraser Lions Club House

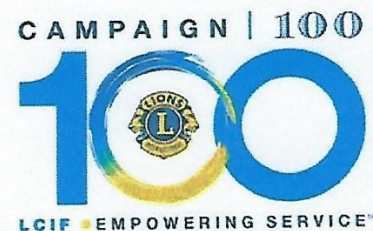
34540 Utica Road
Fraser, Michigan 48026

(East side of Utica Road just south of 15 Mile Road)

Cost is \$15 per player for the entry fee into the tournament.

Additional \$5.00 Fee for lunch

**For more information, please call
Lion Randy Lewis at 586-202-7858**





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



Name: _____

Lion: _____ Lioness: _____ Leo: _____ Spouse: _____ Guest: _____

Club Name: _____

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

Name: _____

Lion: _____ Lioness: _____ Leo: _____ Spouse: _____ Guest: _____

Club Name: _____

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

Phone: Day: _____ Evening: _____

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

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

(Number goes to LEFT of meal selection)

_____ Beef _____ Fish _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free
 Other Dietary Restrictions: _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

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

Lions International District 11-A2

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

Questions: 248-642-9561

District Convention Rules

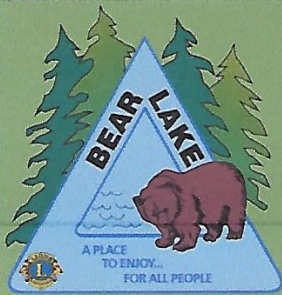
Please remember and follow these guidelines:

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

Hotel Registration Policy

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

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



ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
HOSTED BY
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP



APRIL 9, 2022
BUFFALO & BOAR WILD GAME DINNER

DOORS OPEN AT 5 P.M.

DINNER AT 6 P.M.

EVENT IS FROM 6 P.M. - 10 P.M.

\$50 PER PERSON

\$360 FOR A TABLE OF 8

LOCATION:

METAMORA LIONS CLUB
3790 N. OAK STREET
METAMORA, MI. 48455

Tickets include:

Dinner

3 Drink Tickets

Entered into hourly drawings

Event Favor

Grab your tickets today at any of the following:

www.bearlakecamp.org

Hunters Den

Metamora Golf & Country Club

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Limited to the first 300 people.

GUNS & RAFFLES

\$100 Mega Ticket Raffle

\$20 WORTH OF BUCKET RAFFLE
TICKETS

CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 3 BIG
GUNS

CZ-USA Redhead Premier
12 Gauge Over and Under
CZ-USA Redhead Premier
20 Gauge Over and Under
Diamondback DB15 300
Blackout

1 CHANCE TO WIN THE
MYSTERY GUN AND A 64 GUN
CANNON GUN SAFE
MODEL #TS5940
H59"XW40"XD24" - 655LBS

\$20 Mystery Gun and Gun Safe Raffle

(1 ticket per person)

Bucket Raffles

Booze Baskets
Ammo
Trail Cams
and MORE

Live Auction Items

\$500 Value or more
Fishing Charters
Pheasant Hunts
Golf Packages
Weekend Stays
and MORE!

\$20 Card Gun Raffle

8 Decks
Combo of 8 Guns & Cross Bows
(Based on Selling 8 Decks)

\$10 CASH Square Boards

\$10 per square/100 Squares
1st Drawing - \$250
2nd Drawing - \$150
3rd Drawing - \$100

Menu for the Event

Includes

Buffalo, Boar, Venison, Turkey,
Pheasant
Salads & Desserts
Cash bar with beer, wine, coffee,
pop, water
Catered by
Metamora Golf & Country Club

Learn more about this fundraising event at
www.bearlakecamp.org. You may also contact Lion Jack
Patton, Chair, at (248) 535-9011 or info@bearlakecamp.org

ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY



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