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DG Calls for Renewed Resolve to Serve in the New Year

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I wish each of you a healthy and prosperous New Year. Can you believe we are into 2023 already? I read an article recently that described a conversation two people were having. One part of their conversation said "What will the new year bring us? 365 opportunities". We always tend to be looking ahead and planning for the future instead of living for the day or moment. Sometimes I believe it is good for us to take a step back and look at what is happening around us. I know this sounds odd from me as I have been saying this year to work at adapting to the changing time and moving ourselves forward. By taking time to see what is going on each day is a part of the adaption process. We can't change if we don't see what is happening if front of our eyes. But what really struck me about the conversation was how each of us can use it as our daily motto. What if each of us took the opportunity to do one small act of kindness for each of the 365 days? Think about it, that's almost 450,000 people we could touch in our District alone. What a difference!



The new year also means we are halfway through our Lions year! It is crazy to believe there is only 6 months left in my Governor year. There is so much work we have left to do but I know each of you have the drive and dedication to accomplish anything.

Not to be a downer, but December unfortunately brought us an enormous number of drops, much more than we expected. So, we have some work to do. First, I again ask you why did you drop these members? Ask yourself is there anything you can do to get them back? Think outside the box!! Try to find a solution to bring them back. Second, Christmas has just passed, and it is the season of giving and tends to be the time most people are feeling generous and good about helping others. It is also now the time of New Years resolutions. I am sure there are people who have resolved to volunteer more or help those in need more. We need to find these people and take advantage of these feelings they are having. Let's push ourselves to rebuild the membership over the next 6 months and finish the year with positive growth.

I want to again thank all of you for stepping up with your sock donations. You guys are amazing! VDGs Kelley and Rhonda, along with myself sorted and split the socks up. We were able to provide over 4000 pairs each to MCREST and Grace Centers for Hope on December 17th. Both organizations were mind blown. This is what we do as Lions and you proved it. As a reminder, if your club has not reported a service project this year on MyLion, this is the perfect project to report.

The third cabinet meeting is January 12th in Troy hosted by RC Mark Scicluna and the Beverly Hills Lions. Please get your RSVP in as soon as possible. Also, the Michigan Lions Forum is coming up February 24th in Grand Rapids. This will be the first in-person forum in 2 years. It is a great learning experience if you can attend.







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Lastly, we have a District convention coming March 31-April 2 in Mount Pleasant at the Comfort Inn and Suites. The registration information is out. I urge you to register early as the cost increases as we get closer to the event. The theme is going to be 11A2 Stampede. Break out your jeans, cowboy hats, boots and whatever else you think and have a fun time. Our guest for the weekend is ID Dianne Pitts from South Carolina. She is looking forward to visiting us and hearing all the awesome things we do in 11A2. We are trying some new things and are hoping they will be well received. On Saturday, we are switching from the blind lunch to a diabetes lunch. PRC Roger is working on a presentation to go on along with the healthy lunch and how it relates with diabetes prevention. After the lunch we are doing a group service project because we are Lions and this is what we do. We have purchased 30 children's size blanket kits to assemble and package up. We will be donating the blankets to the Infant Pantry in Mount Pleasant.

As always, thank you for each and everything you do to help make a difference for others.

Chawn Blaszczyk
11 A-2 District Governor

Lions of MI Leadership Institute Logo Redesign Contest

Calling all creatives! The Lions of MI Leadership Institute is excited to announce a Logo Contest for the Institute that is open to all Lions and Leos of the state of Michigan!

- Must include "Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute" or "Michigan Leadership Institute"
- Must include the Lions logo or word 'Lions'
- Maximum of two colors lionsclubs.org has four logo choices. These are the
 official logos and the only ones that will be accepted
 - Two in two colors two in black and white. Make your artwork match.
- Submission if made by mail must be postmarked by February 28th. Late entries will not be accepted. Email submissions due by 11:00 pm on February 28th.
- Submissions go to:
 - Lion Kimberly Thiede
 31335 Summer Lane West
 Fraser, MI 48026
 wingslover16@comcast.net
- Contact Lion Kimberly at 586-567-3287 or email with questions.
- Judging will be done by the Lions of Michigan leadership team.
- Winning entry will receive a free registration to the Leadership Institute. If the winner has already attended Leadership Institute or is a Leo the award will be \$250.







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2VDG Monthly Submission

"Hark, it's midnight, children dear. / Duck! Here comes another year!" – Ogden Nash "And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been." - Rainer Maria Rilke



That's right, we have done it again! Another milestone accomplished! But wait...there's more? As Lions we have six more months to go before our year ends, so yes there's more time... to plan and hold a new event for service or fundraising. More time to elect new officers. More time to attend our District Convention (March 31 to April 2, 2023) More time to attend a Region Meeting or Cabinet Meeting (check your emails for dates and times), more time to meet Lions you've never met before, more time to have fun, more time to report your service projects, more time to ask for help or ideas, more time to ...do what needs to be done and plan for the future.

So, though we have accomplished one milestone...(I mean who ever thought we would make it to 2023? Wasn't the world supposed to have ended already?) when we change our perspective, we still have more time to accomplish what we have set out to do.

Life has thrown us a curve, a slider, and a screwball all at the same time and we MUST find a way to change our perspective and be willing to make changes to "the way we have always done things" in order to survive. We MUST find a way to bring our very different generations together to continue our motto of "WE SERVE." And if it means we must give up a dinner meeting and hold one by Zoom instead then that is what we must do. Let's start by talking to those prospective members and finding out what they want, are they willing to compromise with our long-standing members over some things, and how would they go about making changes. Let's also talk to our long-standing members and find out what they want, are they willing to compromise with our newer members over some things, and how would they go about making changes.

Let's make it a priority to get started on changing our perspective and carry through by making productive changes designed to bring all of us together to accomplish new milestones. Please share your ideas with the rest of us!

Miracle of miracles, I have time in my schedule to visit more clubs! Let me know if you want to set something up. And if you don't need me at a meeting, perhaps I could help at one of your events? Don't wait another moment...

Respectfully submitted,

2016 Lion Rhonda





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New Members Welcomed In December

Lake Orion

Stephen Tobias sponsored by Pam Kline

New Baltimore

Allison Reardon sponsored by Sue Cipriano

Pontiac

Geraldine Sanders sponsored by Iraida Garcia

St Clair Shores

Amy Farr sponsored by David Van Beek

Sterling Heights

Kimberly Martin sponsored by Barbara Quandt



Upcoming Events

Click on the calendar icon for more information.

To submit an event, email details to lionsnewsletterlla2@gmail.com. The deadline each month is the lst.

O1 FEB Region 1 Meeting - Lake Orion Lions	O8 FEB Region 2 Meeting - Roseville Lions	10 Sterling Heights Lions Euchre
15 FEB Bear Lake Camp Dinner - Shelby Lions at Fraser Lions	16 Region 3 Meeting - Mt Clemens Lions	18 Polar Bear Plunge Bear Lake Camp
19 Eastpointe Lions Euchre Tournament	21 SHLL Tea n Strumpets	23-26 FEB New Baltimore Lions Winterfest
25 FEB Fraser Lions Luau	26 FEB District Euchre Tournament - Fraser Lions	31 Mar 02 Apr-





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Leader Dogs 'Top Dog Clubs'

Below is a list of local Clubs that have achieved TOP DOG status this Lionistic year:

Macomb Township Lions Club	\$30,000
Shelby Township Lions Club	\$15,250
Birmingham Lions Club	\$10,075
Sterling Heights Lions Club	\$6,375
Rochester Hills Lions Club	\$5,700
Rochester Lions Club	\$5,442
Milford Huron Valley Lions Club	\$5,355
Royal Oak Lions Club	\$5,070
Troy Community Lions Club	\$5,000



Bear Lake Camp Update

Happy New Year, Lions and Leos! The camp is starting off this year with a day group on January 16. Fifty Lapeer school teachers are coming in for a leadership and team building seminar, with other weekend groups to follow. We will not be closing down the cabins this year. As stated before, the heat and water will stay on so we can deep clean the cabins. In the kitchen at the main lodge, all the equipment was pulled out and the kitchen was power washed. This took a full weekend, done by the staff.



Capital Improvements

We started the bathroom renovations in January by removing all the light fixtures, paper towel dispensers, and wall towel hooks. First came the drywall ceiling repair; thanks to Lions Jim Tribley and John Tribley from District C2 for doing a great job. Then two fresh coats of paint on the ceiling and the walls were applied by Lion Dave and Chris Hacker from D2, and Liz Rheaume, Stan Huges, Jim Lykins and me from A2 . After the paint dries the new paper towel and soap dispensers will be hung. I know Lion Jim Lykins will take the lead on hanging the new light fixtures. The lights were donated as a group effort by Lion Jeff Bourdeau of JB Electric and the Shelby Lions club.

The camp has decided to do two cabins at a time. We really need more volunteers to help with the other 10 cabins. The taping and painting of each cabin takes 3-4 people two days to complete.

Please contact the camp directly if you or your club would like to help paint the bathrooms. If your group needs a place to stay overnight, you can stay at one of the cabins. Talk to Executive Director and Governor Traci or Jesse to set up dates and times for this work. This work needs to be done asap.

The other thing to know is the new updated website. It truly looks great and easy to navigate. Please notice there is a tab for a wish list. This goes directly to an Amazon page and shows the needed items for the camp. Makes donating really easy.

The Marketing committee, led by Chairs Lions PDG Fran and Tammie Grabowski of 11B2, met and are in the process of producing a new updated camp video.

It is encouraging and exciting to have Lions from Districts all over the state participating in projects to support the camp. Let's keep this trend moving!!!







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Fundraiser Updates

Saturday, February 18, 2023, will be the Sub-Zero Hero Polar Plunge at the camp. This is a new family event put on by the Lions Bear Lake Camp staff. This is a family fun afternoon event, with hot refreshments and dinner. See all the details on the attached flyer. There are over 75 people already signed up, and all MD11 and SD10 governors were challenged by DG Lion and Executive Director Traci Tribley to be part of the event and show support for the camp.

Saturday, April 8, 2023, will be the Buffalo & Boar Wild Game Dinner held at the Metamora Lions Club House. This is an annual event and a great way to support the camp. The food is gourmet wild game, and I can guarantee that you haven't had wild game prepared like this. We do need auction items, so if your club or district can put something together and get it to me or ED Traci, it would be greatly appreciated. See the attached flyer for this event

I also encourage all the district members to participate in their Lions Bear Lake Camp kick off dinner and the parade of checks. This is a way you can support this state project.

That's it for now.

Lion PHG Jack Patton
Lions Bear Lake Camp State Committee Chair





Melvin Jones 144th Birthday Fundraiser

Monday, January 16th begins LCIF week. I bet you didn't know that also happens to be our Founder Melvin Jones' 144th birthday.

How about donating \$1.00 for each of our Founder's birthdays? \$144.00 to LCIF whether individually or as a Club if you haven't already donated your budgeted amount. As a District, let's make DG Shawn a 100% President to LCIF. Also, DG Shawn would like more individuals to donate to LCIF this Lion Year.

So far this year, 12 out of 37 Clubs have donated to LCIF and 4 out of 1,363 individual members have donated.

Thank you!

Lion Maureen Kennedy. PRC
District Coordination for LCIF, District 11A2



Lions of Michigan All-State Band



The Lions of Michigan All-State Band is going to Boston and so can YOU!

All members participate in:

- Audition process
- Band rehearsals in Jan/March/May
- Pre-tour band camp at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, MI, July 3 – 5, 2023
- Band tour to Boston
 July 5 12, 2023
 Performances at:
 - Lions International Convention, Boston
 - The Plaza, Boston
 - Lions International Parade



LMASB CHARITIES, INC. LIONS ALL STATE BAND

We Serve Through Music



Scan the QR code to apply!

Tour includes:

- Motor coach transportation
- Hotel accommodations
- Meals
- Admission to attractions around Boston and New York City, including the 9/11 Museum
- Blue Man Group performance
- Broadway play

Per student cost is based on double occupancy. Local Lions Clubs are ready to help!



Michiganlionsband



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@lionsmiband



Lions of Michigan All State Band

Complete details, along with audition music, can be found at www.lionsmiband.org.





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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

Sight Conservation / Diabetes

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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Happening Around the District

Does your club have work you'd like to highlight? Email details to lionsnewsletterlla2@gmail.com. The deadline each month is the 1st.



Romeo Lions Holiday Service

On December 10th Romeo Lions hosted their annual Children's Christmas Party. 48 children received a tote bag full of gifts, treats, and a photo with Santa and each family received gift cards to help them make their Christmas special.

On December 18th, the Club held the 2nd annual Pack the Bus benefiting SamaritanHouse . The club and community members as well as local businesses donated \$2,000 worth on non-perishable food and hygiene products as well as \$1,075 in monetary donations for the food pantry.











Eastpointe Lions Move Meeting Locations

The Eastpointe Lions Club meetings will now be held at:

The Oddfellows Hall 23322 Gratiot Avenue Eastpointe MI 48021

East side of the street between 9 Mile & Stephens. First meeting January 5th 2023 at 6:30 PM







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Royal Oak Lions Spread Holiday Cheer

The Royal Oak Lions raised \$12,015.42 for the Salvation Army red kettle drive. It is the twelfth year in a row of over \$11,500. Eight Lions and several friends and family put in 87 hours. They also adopted two families for Christmas.

Lion Bob Westbury is in the first photo. His choir friend Matt Kozlowski is with him in the 2nd photo. More former choir members join in on the last photo taken on December 24th when \$1,534.91 was collected in 5 1/2 hours of caroling.











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DISTRICT 11-A2 REGION I MEETING

Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2023

Hosted by Zone Chair Jim Lykins & Lake Orion Lions Club

Location:

Johnny Blacks Lake House 3575 Baldwin Road Lake Orion, MI 48360

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 23, 2023

Send reservations to: ZC Jim Lykins

757 Bosco Dr.

Lake Orion, MI 48362

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Lake Orion 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 11-A2 REGION 2 MEETING



Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth'

February 8,2023

Hosted by ZC Eric Errickson & the Roseville Lions Club

Location:

Fraser Lions Club 34540 Utica Rd. Utica, MI 48026

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 February 5, 2023

Send reservations to: Lion Cathy Farmer PZC

24418 Berry

Warren, MI 48089

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Roseville 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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Euchre Tournament STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS

CHARITY FUND RAISER

Friday, February 10, 2023

Sterling Heights Lions Club House

12828 Canal Road,

Sterling Heights, Mi. 48313

(1/4 mile south of Hall Rd., west of Schoenherr)

Doors Open 6:00 - Play begins at 7:00 p.m.

\$15 Per person - includes pizza, snacks and

1 free drink ticket at the Cash Bar

CASH PRIZES

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Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp Kick-Off Dinner & Parade of Checks

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – 6 p.m.

Fraser Lion's Den 34540 Utica Road Fraser, MI 48026

\$30 Per Person Includes: Dinner, Coffee & Soft Drinks

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

Make check payable to: Shelby Township Lions Club

Mail to: 12875 Boardwalk Drive, Bruce Township, MI 48065

No later than Friday February 10, 2023

Group Name:	
Contact Person:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Name of Attendees:	

For questions and more info contact:

Lion Bob Bittner - (586) 212-1028 / RLB1028@comcast.net





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DISTRICT 11-A2 REGION 3 MEETING



Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth'

February 16, 2023

Hosted by ZC Dave Herrington & the Mount Clemens Lions Club

Location:

Riverhouse Banquet Center 5 AmVet Drive Mount Clemens

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Meeting starts at 6:45 PM
Directions: eastbound on Cass/Crocker, first street to the right after
crossing the bridge

Meal Cost: \$15 per person including bar. Please R.S.V.P. by February 9, 2023

Send reservations to: Lion Dave Herrington

165 Crocker Blvd.

Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Mount Clemens Lions Club

Person Name(s):	
Club Name:	
Number attending at \$15.00 per person:	
Total Amount Due: \$	

You may pay at the door if I know how many are attending

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





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Blue Finn Bar & Grill

13330 East Ten Mile Rd. in Warren

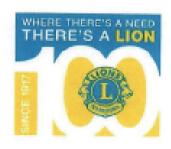
Doors open at 12:15 p.m. - Playing time 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$22.00 and includes Chicken Buffet Dinner and Desserts

Cash Prizes for Top 3 Places, Most Loaners - High Game Euchre Quarters - 50/50 & Chinese Raffle - Cash Bar

For More Information Call: Randy Lewis (586) 202-7858

Future Euchre Tournament Dates: October 16th, November 20th, December 18th, January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, and June 11th









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Tea & Strumpets



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Ladies

A Sterling Heights Lioness Lions (lub Fundraiser

Tuesday - February 21st - (Voon

Sterling Heights Lions (lubhouse 12828 (anal Road \$15.00

Please RSUP - 586-557-1299

Due to the limited nature of this event, special diets cannot be accommodated.





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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 Conve	ention Attende	ed & Lion less th	an 5 years)	
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Lion:	Lioness:	Leo:	Spouse:	Guest:	
Club Name:					
	(1st Conve			an 5 years)	
Phone:	Day:		Evening:		
tax, (Stan	Pakland and Ma dard King or 2 (ndard room rate	Queen Room es apply afte) the reservati er February 28.	on deadline is Amount	
	Registration: Lions,		@ \$25 each.	\$	
	AFTER Jan 31 AFTER Feb. 2			\$ \$	
	Registration: Leos &	Section 1	r 16 @ \$5 each	s	
	1st Timer (In lieu o		ttion)\$5 each	\$	
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Send co	empleted registration	form, with chec	ks payable to Lion	s International Di	strict 11-A2

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

Questions: 248-642-9561

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