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#### **District Lions 'Stampede' to Convention**

Hello Lions!! The Stampede is almost upon us! I don't know about you but I am very excited and looking forward to our Convention. I hope each of you are also. Our guest, International Director Dianne Pitts and her husband PCC Joe are excited to come spend the weekend with us and see all the great things we do in our District. Like last year's convention, we are keeping it casual apart from Saturday's banquet. Grab your western wear and let's have a weekend for the ages.

Yes, we are changing some things up from how we have traditionally done them in the past. I feel this is important as we move forward as a District and Lions. Will there be hiccups and some grumbling? Probably, but we will never know if it makes things better, worse, or no change at all without trying. Here are two quotes from the best western actor of all time, John Wayne. "Tomorrow hopes we have learned something from yesterday" and "What's the secret of success? Right decisions. How do we make right decisions? Experience. How do we get experience? Wrong decisions."



First, I bet most of you read those in a John Wayne voice! But secondly and most importantly, they summarize change. Yes, it is a word many people have an issue with. But how can we evolve and keep current with everything around us if we don't change and accept it? Both of the quotes talk about experience being the key to making the decisions to change. We can't find our way forward without relying on our past. I remember way back many moons ago when I was inducted into Lions. The Lion doing the ceremony made a point to talk about our Lions logo on the banner. They mentioned that it has 2 lions heads facing opposite directions- one looking back at our past and drawing from it and one looking at our future and where we can go. Sadly, I believe sometimes as Lions we forget this and solely look only at our past and how things have always been done. I understand tradition and I respect the reasoning for it but it doesn't mean we can't honor it in a new and different ways. I ask each of you keep an open mind as we try new ways of doing things. I accept any constructive criticism that you may have. Some may work, some may not. But without trying we will never know. Thomas Edison once said "Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless". We will never gain new experience to draw from in the future if we don't continue to try something new.

Speaking of some new things for the convention, we have the Diabetes Lunch and Learn. This is a healthy style lunch on Saturday with a program from the National Kidney Foundation being set up for us by PRC Roger Blackwell. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about diabetes and prevention while enjoying a delicious meal. I highly encourage you to attend, spaces are still available. We are also for the first time that I can remember doing a group service project Saturday afternoon. We are Lions and we Serve!! Please give us an hour of your time and help us assemble children's blankets that we are donating to a local shelter. This is a project that anyone can do not matter your skill set or physical ability. If you remember, please bring scissors with you for cutting the fringe along the edges.







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While on the convention discussion, I ask you to consider also attending the MD-11 convention in Muskegon on May 20-22. It sounds like a great time. First, the guest for the weekend is PIP Doulas Alexander. Meeting and hearing him speak is worth the trip alone. He is an amazing leader and true Lion to the heart. But that's not all. The Thursday evening picnic will be aboard the LST 393, a retired Landing Ship Tank from WWII and is one of only 2 remaining. But there's more! Friday night will bring back the ever popular "Lions Got Talent" show. It was a hit last year and the demand was too great to not have it again. Please sign up to show off your hidden skills. But there's even more (I feel like Billy Mays on late night TV). On Saturday afternoon, we will have the first ever MD-11 parade through the streets of Muskegon. If your club wants to participate marching or with your float sign up now!! Let's show off our Lion Pride for all to see. But the most important part is to come and support our own PDG Connie Shelton as she receives the SA Dodge award at the Saturday banquet. This is the highest award given by our Multiple District and only 2 per year are presented. PDG Connie is most deserving and it would be great to give her our support.

Don't forget in April is our last Cabinet meeting of the year at Sterling Heights and the Madonna Kickoff Dinner in Livonia. More information to come on these soon.

Thank you for all you have and are doing for your communities.

Shawn Blaszczyk

11 A-2 District Governor

### Registration for MD 11 Convention OPEN

Registration for the MD 11 Lions Convention is now OPEN! The Convention will take place at the VanDyk Mortgage Center/Delta Hotels in Muskegon from May 18-20. Sponsorship opportunities and more information are available at www.lionsofmi.com.



#### LCIF Club Coordinator for 2023-2024

Dear Presidents/Secretaries: When reporting Officers for 2023-2024 to LCI, please, include your Immediate Past President automatically as your Club's LCIF Club Coordinator. There is a place to report them along with other Officers of your Club. At our training for LCIF last October, we were informed that LCI is following the same procedure for Clubs as it does for LCI itself. The Immediate Past International President becomes the Lion Leader for LCIF for the next year. Your Club Coordinator will not receive an overabundance of emails/materials from LCIF but your Club LCIF Coordinator will be able to keep your Club informed of LCIF news.

Thank you for taking care of this!

Lion Maureen Kennedy, PRC District Coordinator, LCIF, District 11A2







## MAY 18-20, 2023 VANDYK MORTGAGE CENTER MUSKEGON, MI



## Kickoff Picnic

Thursday Night Kickoff Picnic hosted by Muskegon Northside Lions Club. Join us aboard the USS LST 393 and enjoy a BBQ catered meal by the Ravenna Lions Club



## Lions Got Talent

Do you have a hidden talent? Join the Lions Got Talent Show on Friday Night! Looking for singers, comedians, magicians, dancers, and more! Show us what you got! The stage is waiting for you to shine.



## Lions of Michigan Parade

Grab your club members, your yellow vests, club shirts, old cars and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other! Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, humor, & talents. It's your time to shine and BE EXTRAORDINARY!



## IPIP Douglas Alexander

Join us in welcoming keynote speaker for Saturday Night, IPIP Douglas Alexander who served as the Lions Clubs International President in 2021-2022 with the theme "Service From The Heart."



REGISTER TODAY
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Exhibitors, Service Project, Breakout Sessions and More!





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## '23-'24 Global Action Team (GAT) Applications Now Being Accepted



The GAT is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions' visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

Term One year; selected by the multiple district (per the multiple district constitutional bylaws). May serve multiple terms. Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 year, and must be submitted to the Lions State Office no later than May 1, 2023.

#### Recommended Qualifications:

- Passionate about Lions, effectively promotes the Lions International Strategic Plan, and is invested in the association's future.
- Experience in leading and developing service activities within the last five years. • Familiar with LCI and LCIF service programs, partnerships and grants.
- Graduate or faculty member of an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute or Faculty Development Institute, or other professional leadership program.
- Able to use technology (Email, Microsoft Office, MyLCI, LCI website, social media). Reporting · GST multiple district coordinator reports to GAT area leader.
- GLT, GMT, and GST multiple district coordinators report to multiple district Global Action Team chairperson (council chairperson).
- Applications will be emailed upon request. Contact Lion Wendy Burns at wburns@lionsofmi.com



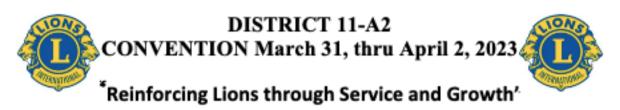
District 11-A2 Governor Shawn Blaszczyk Credential Co-Chairperson Rhonda Furby, 2VDG 29041 Brittany Court, Roseville, MI 48066 carousel\_girl@hotmail.com

#### **DELEGATES TO DISTRICT CONVENTION**

- 1. Delegates/Alternates form must be received by the Credential Chairman by March 29, 2023.
- The number of Delegates allowed per club is based on the total membership stated on the February 2022 MMR. It is one delegate for each 10 members or major fraction thereof.
- 3. To change an Alternate to a Delegate at the Convention, the club President or Secretary or the District Governor must be present and appear with said Alternate.
- 4. To receive voting credential, all Delegates must be registered at the Convention.
- 5. This form must be signed by both the President and Secretary of your club.

Club	Name:	
Mem	bership as of <b>February 2022 MMR</b> :	
Signa	ture of President:	
Signa	ture of Secretary:	
	Delegate	Office use
	Alternate	Office use





Saturday April 1, 2023

#### Diabetes Luncheon

Presented by National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

Location:

Comfort Inn & Suites 2424 South Mission Street Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Cost \$24.00

#### Lunch Served at 12:00 noon

Please plan to attend this informative luncheon for individuals who have type 2 diabetes or have family or friends who have T2D. You will learn about good nutrition and healthy eating habits to help control Type 2 Diabetes.

The Luncheon is limited to 35 participates.





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## 1st Vice DG: 'Develop Leaders in Your Club to Build for a Stronger Lions Club'

As an officer of a Lions Club, it is important to encourage and develop new members to become future leaders in the organization. Here are the top five things you can do to develop leaders in your club:

- 1. Mentorship: Assign experienced members as mentors to new members, so they can learn the ropes, gain insight into the organization, and develop their skills.
- 2. Training and Education: Offer training and educational programs that focus on leadership development, such as workshops, webinars, and seminars.
- 3. Upcoming educational opportunities include: the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, being held in Reno Nevada, September 21-23 2023 (www.lionsforum.org.) and Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake, November 3-5, 2023.
- 4. Encourage Involvement: Encourage new members to get involved in the club's activities, projects, and committees. This will give them hands-on experience and an opportunity to develop their leadership skills.
- 5. Provide Opportunities for Growth: Offer new members leadership roles and opportunities to take on more responsibilities within the club. This will give them the chance to demonstrate their skills and gain experience.
- 6. Recognize Achievements: Recognize and reward new members for their contributions and achievements. This will give them a sense of accomplishment and encourage them to continue to develop their skills and grow as leaders.
- 7. Lions Clubs offer many types of awards; Club level, District level, State level, and International level. By implementing these five strategies, you can help new members develop into strong leaders in your club. This will not only benefit them, but will also help the club to grow and continue to make a positive impact in your community.

I look forward to seeing you at the District Convention at the end of this month.

Respectfully submitted,

IVDG Kelley Unruh









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#### **DISTRICT 11-A2 COMMITTEE SIGN UP SHEET** 2023-2024

An opportunity to serve District 11-A2 either as a District Committee Chairperson or a Region Committee Representative is available for the Lionistic year 2023-2024. Please indicate your first, second and third choice by number or by placing CH for Chairperson by the requested Committee you would like to be *considered* for. I cannot guarantee your first choice but will consider all requests. PLEASE return completed form no later than April 15, 2023. PLEASE PRINT!!!!

Name:	Title:
Spouse/Partner In Service:	
Address:	City:
Zip:	Club:
Home Number:	Cell Number:
Region: Zone:	
E-mail:	<u> </u>
Please indicate Committee Choices (1, 2, 3) or Commi	ttee Chairperson(CH) by the Committee you would like
to ser	ve on.
All State Band	GMT (Global Membership Team)
Audit Budget Finance	GST (Global Service Team)
Bear Lake Camp	Information Technology
Beaumont Silent Children's Fund	JDRF/D.A.D.
Childhood Cancer	Lions Hearing Center of Michigan
Constitution and By-Laws	Leader Dogs for the Blind
Convention International	Lions Quest
Convention MD-11	Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
Convention District 11-A2 (See below)	Madonna University - Lions Hearing Program
District Editor (Newsletter/Lions Pride)	Penrickton Center for Blind Children
District Peace Poster	Public Relations/Social Media
Eversight Michigan	Project Kidsight
Finance Advisory Restricted Fund	Strategic Planning
GLT (Global Leadership Team)	White Cane
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District 11-A2 Convention (Place 'X' to left yo	our choice)
Sergeant at Arms Resolution	Memorial Service
Registration Credentials	Rules Planning
Elections	
I will work on any Committee you assign me	, just put me to work!!!
WE SERVE! It's what we do, join our humanitarian grou	up of Lions and Leos living up to our motto.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: 1VDG KELLEY UNRUH

44374 Bayview Ave. Apt. 46203, Clinton Twp, MI 48038 or kunruh48@gmail.com





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#### **2VDG Monthly Submission**

"You can never plan the future by the past." -Edmund Burke

How many times have we all heard these words, "That's the way we have always done it"? We cannot continue to let that be our secondary motto.

For a while now we have been trying to urge everyone to change things up. We don't have to give everything a complete makeover, just try a new service project or add something new to your best fundraiser. We may all be missing out on the best thing to ever happen to us by always doing it the same way. Is your plan for tomorrow to have things happen exactly as they did today? I bet it's not! Sure, there may be some things that are the same but not everything. Just like we change things in our personal lives, we must do the same with our Lions activities. The public who participate in our activities get tired of doing the same thing year after year too and after a while they stop showing up, our impact goes down and we don't generate as many funds. If we are slow to recognize the signs, our best fundraiser or service project may go up in smoke and we'll be desperately seeking something to replace it.

We need to use that same forward-thinking attitude in our clubs. For years we have done things the same way and now a lot of us are trying to figure out how to fix a dwindling membership problem. We need to train our replacements and then step aside (or step up) and let them start to train their replacement. Not so that we can stop being a Lion, but to give others a chance to do their part. One of the reasons that people drop out is because there is nothing for them to do. We also need to encourage our newer members to try their hand at something new. They need to understand that we long time members believe in them, and their ideas and we can help foster that belief by allowing them the chance to be an officer, a committee chair, or even Governor. Give them a chance to put together a service project or fundraiser and make their own contributions to the way "We Serve." We shouldn't be inviting people to become Lions and then asking them to sit in the back of the room and do nothing but pay their dues. We must allow them to "Serve" too, even if it's in a way that is different than we have always done it!

The Michigan Forum was well attended, and I learned a lot. I wish that I could have attended more of the breakout sessions. Friday night we participated in a great service project for Kids' Food Basket by helping to pack sack meals for them. Check them out at kidsfodbasket.org to see how you might be able to help as they serve 10,000 healthy meals a day to kids in four counties in West Michigan.

It was great to see everyone who came out for the last round of Region Meetings, and I thank you for your participation. I also hope that you will be joining us at our District Convention in Mount Pleasant on March 31 through April 2. Grab your cowboy gear and come "Stampede" with Governor Shawn and this year's Cabinet as we take care of business, complete our service project, and have a great time!

Don't wait another moment...and don't let tomorrow be the same as today!

Respectfully submitted,







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### **New Members Welcomed In February**

#### **Birmingham**

Christian Moeser

#### Clawson

Carol McLean sponsored by Jen Murphy
Danielle Fernandez sponsored by Rebecca Airriess

#### **New Baltimore**

Don Harvey sponsored by Jason Harvey Michale O'Brien sponsored by Sue Cipriano Rita Ban sponsored by Michelle Boyd

#### Royal Oak

Kim Smith sponsored by Mary Lambrix

#### **Shelby Township**

Zachary Giannetti sponsored by Frank Giannetti

#### **Sterling Heights**

Ben Martin sponsored by Kimberly Martin Jeanette Springer sponsored by Eileen Naciasz



#### **Upcoming Events**

Click on the calendar icon for more information.

To submit an event, email details to lionsnewsletterla2@gmail.com. The deadline each month is the lst.



## **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!



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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: Kellie Bouren 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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#### WASHINGTON LIONS FISH FRY

58000 Van Dyke, Washington, MI

4:30 - 7:00 PM





BAKED OR FRIED FISH, BAKED POTATO OR FRENCH FRIES,
MAC & CHEESE, COLE SLAW, ROLL & BUTTER,
DESSERT & BEVERAGE

CASH, or CREDIT CARD WITH SERVICE FEE

ADULTS \$17.00

CHILD 6 – 12: \$9.00 / 5 & UNDER FREE

ALL YOU CAN EAT, NOT ALL YOU CAN TAKE!





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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 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and June 11<sup>th</sup>

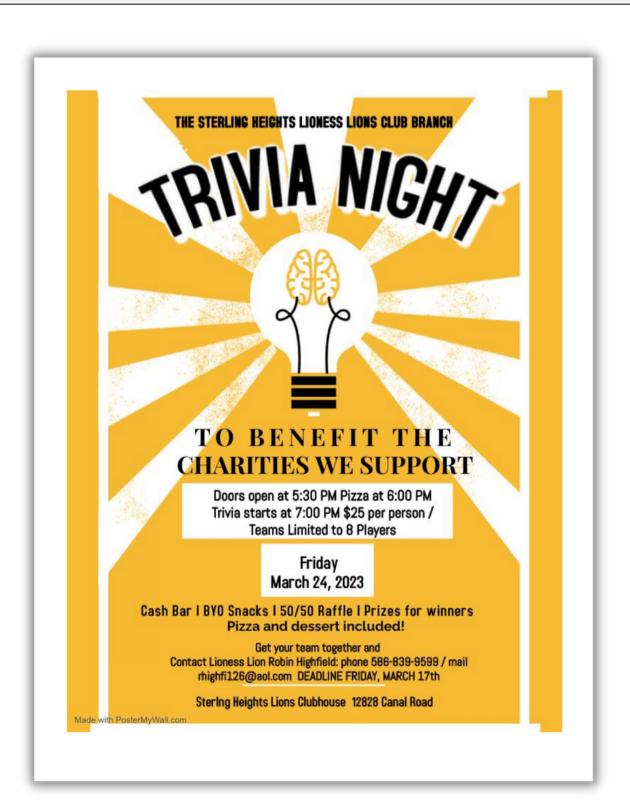








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### CENTER LINE LIONS CLUB

66<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
For the benefit of Sight & Hearing Conservation

SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023



8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

50 / 50 Raffle

CENTER LINE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA 26300 ARSENAL, CENTER LINE

ADULTS: \$7.00

CHILDREN ages 4-12: \$4.00 CHILDREN 3 & under: Free

DONATIONS GREATLY
APPRECIATED







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Metamora Lions Club House, 3790 N. Oak St. Metamora, Mi. 48455

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Doors open at 5pm-Dinner at 6

Tickets \$60 per person OR \$400 Table of 8

Gourmet Wild Game Dinner Catered by Metamora Country Club!

3 Drink tickets! Cash Bar for Mixed Cocktails!

Door prizes! Win a Ruger 10/22! Hourly Drawings!

#### **SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE**

Platinum \$2,500

Gold \$1,000

Wer \$500

See the second page for sponsorship and event details.

#### Order your tickets today online

www.bearlakecamp.org "under the event tab"

Or to purchase tickets via mail send check payable to Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to: 3409 N. Five Lakes Rd. Lapeer, Mi 48448

For More information Contact

Jack Patton japlapelp@gmail.com 248-535-9011

Traci Tribley traci@bearlakecamp.org 810-245-0726

Rick Fleming rick.metamoracc@yahoo.com 248-969-2120







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## DISTRICT 11-A2 CABINET MEETING



"Reinforcing Lions through Service and Growth"

Wednesday, April 12th, 2023

Hosted by DGE Kelley Unruh & The Sterling Heights Lions Club

Location: Sterling Heights Lions Clubhouse 12828 Canal Road Sterling Heights, MI 48013

Doors open at 6:00 PM – Dinner 6:45

#### Meal Cost: \$15 per person with cash bar Please R.S.V.P. by April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Please Make Checks Payable to: Sterling Heights Lions Club

Send reservations to:	PZC Eileen Maciasz
	53346 Clarion Dr.
	Macomb Twp, MI 48042

Names	
Club	
Number of neonle	X \$15.00 =



You must RSVP in advance to secure a meal. Sorry, no phone reservations.







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# Tea & Strumpets



Seedlings

A Sterling Heights Lioness Lions (lub Fundraiser

Tuesday - April 18th - (Voon

Sterling Heights Lions (Jubhouse 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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## **SAVETHE DATE!**

Madonna University and Lions Clubs

## 36th Annual Dinner

Thursday, April 20, 2023 6 p.m.

Madonna University Welcome Center 36700 Schoolcraft Road Livonia, MI 48150-1176 Dinner cost of \$25

For more information, call 734-432-5589



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## Trivia Event

Sponsored by The Royal Oak Lions Club Supported by @Kroger Family of Companies

Fundraiser for Families of Pediatric Cancer Patients in Treatment at Beaumont, Royal Oak

**Sunday, April 23, 2023** 

**Berkley American Legion** 

2079 12 Mile Rd., Berkley, MI 48072

3 - 5 pm

\$30 = Entry + 2 Drink Tix + Snacks 50/50 Drawing Will Be Held

Must be 21 to enter

For Information: Call Lion Laura-248-514-7694