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Training Key To Mentorship

You have all heard the saying "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". I have never believed that's true. I believe that we all are capable of learning something from the first breath we take until our last one. The same is true for Lions. It is just as important for us long-time Lions to continue to learn and take training as it is for our new Lions. I was reminded of this recently at our District new member induction and orientation. Although the crowd was less than hoped for, we had a great mix of new and "senior" Lions. Both were in attendance to try to learn something new. From the responses I have heard, they all picked up on something they didn't know or fully understand before. Why is this important? Because the more each of us know helps us to advance ourselves as a person, a Lion, a club, and an organization. We are able pass along and mentor those following us with the information we have obtained. This will only make those Lions better members and help them succeed, which in turn helps our clubs succeed. The more successful our clubs are means that they are serving those who need our help. So please never stop learning!



How many of your clubs do a new member orientation? If so, what do you cover in it? Do you fly through the information so that comprehending it is difficult? Please remember, your new members most likely are unfamiliar with most Lion things outside of your club. The purpose is to give them the basic information on how we are set up and how we operate so that they have an understanding. We want our new members to feel comfortable but not overwhelmed. Why is this initial training important to have? I told this story at the District orientation. When I became a Lion 20 some years ago, the club I was in did not have an orientation. At that time, there were a couple of members that were heavily involved in the District. To a new Lion, this meant absolutely nothing except that they wore jackets with a patch on them and went to/hosted meetings. They didn't take the time to fill me in with details nor did any other club member. So, for my first few years I went through the motions rather clueless (I know some of you probably still think this). Could I have been a more successful Lion those first years? Possibly. But having that information, I would have felt less lost. We don't want our new members to feel lost. This is how we unfortunately lose them early on. They are our future so we must do what we can to help them along the way so that we don't lose them. Each club should have a membership chair. If not, find someone to do it as our new Lions year starts shortly. I would like to see each of you have some kind of orientation for new members (it's also a nice refresher for current members) for the upcoming year. If you don't know what to do or include, we have the PowerPoint and slides from the District one we recently used. It can easily be customized for your clubs. You can also go to the LCI website and the resource center. There is some great information available there as well.







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Orientation isn't our only option for training. We have many learning opportunities available to us: Club officer training, the Michigan Lions Leadership Institute, Michigan Forum, and the USA-Canada Forum are a few in-person opportunities. Lions International offers an abundance of training on their website and the Lions Learn center. The Lions University also offers some great courses.

I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities. We all have heard a long-time member say the more you participate and give into Lions, the more you will get out of being a Lion. This is very true, and it goes beyond giving yourself in service but also with knowledge. I ask you to consider learning something new on a subject you may not fully understand or are curious about. Watch a webinar, attend a training session, or take an online course. Then take this information, put it to use in your everyday life and pass it along to someone else. In the end we will all be better Lions and even better humans.

Shawn Blaszczyk
11 A-2 District Governor

New Membership Dues Billing and Fees -- Effective July 1, 2023, \$46.00

Billing for a new member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$3.84 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the	Billing date for new	Semi-annual dues billed for each new	New member entrance fee (not pro-	Total dues &
month of	members	member	rated)	fees billed
July	July 1st	\$ 23.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 58.00
August	August 1st	19.16	35.00	54.16
September	September 1st	15.34	35.00	50.34
October	October 1st	11.50	35.00	46.50
November	November 1st	7.68	35.00	42.68
December	December 1st	3.84	35.00	38.84
January	January 1st	23.00	35.00	58.00
February	February 1st	19.16	35.00	54.16
March	March 1st	15.34	35.00	50.34
April	April 1st	11.50	35.00	46.50
May	May 1 st	7.68	35.00	42.68
June	June 1st	3.84	35.00	38.84

Billing for a new Family or Student member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$1.92 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:



World's Largest Celebration Of Service Sunday, June 4th

10 am - 2 pm pm CDT (Chicago) / GMT-5

REGISTER NOW tellathon.org

Join the World's Largest Celebration of Service

by Lion Dr. Patti Hill – Lions Clubs International 1st Vice President

I am so excited to invite each & every one of you to join me for the world's largest celebration of service: the 2023 LCIF Tell-A-Thon on Sunday, June 4th from 10 am - 2 pm CDT (Chicago) / GMT-5.

This year's Tell-A-Thon is focused on celebrating Lions' service across the globe; service that is empowered by your donations to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The 4-hour Tell-A-Thon will inspire you with stories of service, music, entertainment and special celebrity cameos from humanitarians, award winning musicians and actors, legendary sports figures & others!

What are you waiting for? Register at www.tellathon.org

Don't stop there... this is the perfect opportunity to share our Lions' story with your family, friends and community! Why not create a viewing party and invite your partners and community to join in the fun?

You can use this opportunity to share information about your club's impact on your community, conduct a vision screening or other service project.

You could even sell food, hold a silent auction or conduct raffles to raise funds for LCIF!



RESERVE THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE www.tellathon.org

Every Lion, Every Club...

Speaking of raising funds, we are asking every Lion and every Club to join Lion Greg and I in supporting LCIF with a donation that will empower our service for years to come. Our goal is to raise \$1 million through the Tell-A-Thon! So whether you donate \$5 or \$50,000, know that every dollar you donate will be used to change lives.

There are a number of ways to donate and every donation to the Tell-A-Thon is eligible for LCIF recognition programs, including Melvin Jones Fellowship: Donate @ www.tellathon.org

For all the latest Tell-A-Thon news, visit the <u>Lions Virtual TellAThon</u> Facebook group.

For more information about the Tell-A-Thon, model clubs and major donation opportunities, contact Lions Virtual @ info@lionsvirtual.org

Thank you for all you do and your support of the LCIF Tell-A-Thon!



Every Lion... Every Club Working together to raise US\$1 million





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2VDG Monthly Submission

"When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal, you do not change your decision to get there." Zig Ziglar

IAt the beginning of the year, I told you that I am a "quote" person and I use them to inspire me on a day-to-day basis. You can use quotes from famous people and quotes from books or songs or movies. We all have movie lines that we use, such as "leave the gun, take the cannoli" from Godfather fame or Yoda's famous, "Try not. Do or do not. There is no try." Song lyrics can raise our spirits or take them down. I know several people who can quote a song or a movie line for nearly every situation you may want to discuss. Quotes can be funny, serious, or somewhere in between, just like life and you can find quotes on almost any subject you choose to look for. I have read a lot of quotes in preparation for my article each month, some of which I have shared with you and some which I have put aside for a time when they might be more appropriate for what I am trying to communicate. This month I have decided to give you a bunch of quotes in the hope that you can choose one for yourself. Pick something that can become your mantra, something that will make you smile every time you read it, something that you can live by, something that resonates with you or whatever you want. And if you don't see one here, go look for one that suits you!

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." - Socrates

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." Arthur Ashe

"No one has ever become poor by giving." - Anne Frank

"You must do the things you think you cannot do." Eleanor Roosevelt

"The limits of the possible can only be defined by going beyond them into the impossible." - Arthur C. Clarke

"Pennies are not from heaven. They have to be earned here on earth." Margaret Thatcher

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way." Napoleon Hill

"Energy and persistence conquer all things." Benjamin Franklin

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit." Aristotle

"People seldom refuse help, if one offers it the right way." A.C. Benson

"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club." Jack London

"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it." George Halas

"Either I will find a way, or I will make one." Philip Sydney

"If you so choose, even the unexpected setbacks can bring new and positive possibilities. If you so choose, you can find value and fulfillment in every circumstance." Ralph Marston

"The will to do, the soul to dare." Sir Walter Scott "No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world." Robin Williams

"Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes." Oscar Wilde

"Service is the rent we pay for a room on earth." Unknown

Thanks for taking the time to read and thanks for allowing me to be of service to you over the past year!

2006 Lion Rhonda







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New Members Welcomed In April

Clawson

Shella Mitchell spnosored by Clive Brown

Lake Orion

Arthur Schrah sponsored by Rick Rice Sally Kelley sponsored by Sue Erickson Sherrie Fitzgibbon sponsored by Pam Kline

New Baltimore

Jen Harrison sponsored by Theresa Hickey Kathy Trombley sponsored by Colleen Wooten Theresa Miller sponsored by Marie Cornillie

Sterling Heights

Alena Kourkonliotis sponsored by April L'Ecuyer April L'Ecuyer sponsored by Mary Welsh Ashley Welsh sponsored by Joseph Welsh Beverly VanDamme sponsored by Mary Welsh Sean Ziegenhagen sponsored by April L'Ecuyer JoAnna Sheen sponsored by Pat Meadows

Richmond

Mark Delcourt sponsored by Derek Habel

Royal Oak

Kathleen Ferrando sponsored by Laura Mastracci



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.









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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

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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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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.



WATCH - Lake Orion Lions Donation Boxes Spotlight

Lions Club refurbishes mailboxes into eyeglass, hearing aid donation bins

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The Lake Orion Lions Club has been refurbishing old mailboxes so that they can be used to collect donated eyeglasses and hearing aids.







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Sterling Heights Lionesses Spring Luncheon

On May 7th the Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club Branch held our 17th annual Spring Luncheon. We were entertained by Earth Angels, a group from Canton, Michigan after our meal. They had us on our feet dancing, laughing, and smiling to the great music and fun. We had our HUGE opportunity raffle and had a great time.



Lioness Lions Michelle and Linda Boni, two of our many Pink Ladies



Committee of Lioness Lions Pink Ladies. LL Michelle Boni, LL Nancy Fantene, LL Linda Boni, LL Marlene McFadden, LL Dorcas Mertes.

Troy Lions Present Community Scholarships

The Troy Community Lions awarded two \$1,000 college scholarships to high school seniors, Puja Bhavsar and Altea Rumi. Puja will be attending New Jersey Institute of Technology and Altea will be attending Michigan State University.









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Milford Huron Valley Lions

On May 1st, the Milford Huron Valley Lions Club selected four local high school students to receive scholarship awards! Each recipient will receive \$1,125 to use toward their college education. The review process is based on the student's academic achievements, participation in extra-curricular activities, financial profile and personal recommendations. The selection was difficult given the outstanding accomplishments of all the applicants.

On May 13, 2023, several members of the Milford Huron Valley Lions Club journeyed to Lapeer, Michigan to join Lions from other clubs & participate in the Lions Bear Lake Camp annual Work Bee. Camp Director Traci Tribley & crew led the ambitious program. There was a lot to do & a lot was accomplished! Established relationships, as well as new were forged during the work efforts. Donations toward purchase of several new golf carts for the camp were previously made by our club, as well as other clubs throughout the state. These carts were delivered at the end of the day, and they are beautiful! Best Wishes to BLC for a successful camp season!



Lions Bear Lake Camp, Lapeer, Michigan: (L to R) Terry Granger, Liz, & Kathy Mouradian



Lions Bear Lake Camp, Lapeer, Michigan – New Golf Cart: (L to R) Kathy Mouradian & Anita Granger



Lions Bear Lake Camp, Lapeer, Michigan: (L to R) Keith Green, Karen Green, Anita Granger & Kathy Mouradian





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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





MAY 2023

Lions District 11 A-2 Flyers



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Experience #31 on the Lions International magazine checklist... "How Lionsitic Are You?" by visiting to the Leader Dog campus via a FREE personalized trip!

2023 DATES - June 3 | July 15 | Oct 21
TIME - 1-4PM

For questions call 248.218.6407

— FREE TOUR INCLUDES –

CANINE DEVELOPMENT CENTER TOUR

BLINDFOLD WALKS with a white cane



with a Leader Dog



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Warren City Fair

Halmich Park - 3001 E 13 Mile Road, Warren MI 48092

Sponsored by Warren Lions Club

June 14-18, 2023

Midway and Rides

 Wednesday
 3 PM - 11 PM

 Thursday
 3 PM - 11 PM

 Friday
 3 PM - 11 PM

 Saturday
 Noon - 11 PM

 Sunday
 Noon - 10 PM

Sponsorship Day's

Wednesday June 14 "Warren Lions Club Day" (\$5.00 off regular ride all day prices)

Ride 3 PM – 11 PM Coupons available at local Warren Merchants.

Thursday June 15 "Warren Lions Club Day (\$5.00 off regular ride all day prices)

Ride 3 PM – 11 PM Coupons available at local Warren Merchants Friday June 16 Ride Arm bands good from 3pm - 11 pm

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Saturday June 17 Ride Arm bands good from Noon – 6 pm and 6 pm – 11 pm Ride 12 PM – 11 PM

Sunday June 18 Ride Arm bands good from Noon – 6 pm and 6 pm – 11 pm

Entertainment

Wednesday June 14 "Warren Lions Club Day "

"THE WHIPLASH BAND" Showtime 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Thursday June 15 "Warren Lions Club Day "

"THE VIOLATORS" Showtime 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Friday June 16: "Warren Weekly Newspaper Day"

"KILLER B'S "ROCK AND BLUES BAND" Showtime 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Saturday June 17

" AMERICAN AGES BAND " Showtime 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Sunday June 18 " FATHERS DAY"

"THE BAR FLIES BAND" Showtime 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM





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Fraser Lions On-gong Fundraiser To Support Fraser Lions Charities







Fraser Lions is holding an on-going fundraiser. Some of the items are shown here. There are wreaths, table top decorations, fun snowpeople and many other cute things. All items are hand made.

Items are available for Christmas, Easter, Fourth of July, Breast Cancer, Spring, Fall

Orders will be taken with payment prior to beginning the project. Prices vary. A percentage of all sales will be donated to Fraser Lions Charities. Prices are cash and a 4% charge will be added for credit cards.

You imagine it we can probably make it for you.

For information please contact Lion Kimberly Thiede at wingslover16@comcast.net or 586-567-3287

