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Lions District 11 A-2 Roaring News



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New Beginnings on the Horizon

It is April and that means Spring has finally arrived! Many of you are either being April Fools, or planting flowers, getting your garden ready, or maybe a good Spring cleaning of your house. No matter what you are doing, Spring brings a time of rebirth and new beginnings. Why not use this time as a rebirth for your club or even yourself as a Lion? We as Lions keep hearing the word "change", sometimes more than we care to. But why do we hear this? The answer is to look around us. Just as you see the flowers starting to pop out of the ground or the leaves on the trees, the world around us is in constant change also. As Lions we need to adapt to these changes in order to do our best in serving those who need us. If we continue to fall behind the times, we will be losing out on many opportunities. We must keep our eyes and minds open to all possibilities, drawing on the experiences of our past and applying those to the now. Our next generation of Lions doesn't think or communicate the same way as the one before them, and that generation doesn't the same way as their predecessors.



We hear many stories that Lions are reluctant to change. Why is this? Are we just comfortable in our ways? Are we scared that the changes won't work? These are valid but we won't know the answers if we don't try. Then there are traditions. Nobody has said traditions need to go away. I believe they need to be kept for the most part. But a tweak here or there isn't the end of the world, especially if it helps to bring interest to newer Lions. I was reminded of this during our memorial service at convention. We lost many Lions with more years of service than many of us may ever reach. Their impact was immense. And I was thinking how will we ever be able to replace them? And that answer is to recruit newer Lions of a younger generation. And to get these Lions we must work on communicating and doing projects as they do. So look around you as the new Spring life blossoms and think of how you, your club, and our Association can grow anew also.

Speaking of convention, all I can say AWESOME! I truly had a great time, and it was because of the 194 of you that attended. You are what makes it fun- your camaraderie, your friendships, your passion as a Lion. I hope each of you enjoyed it as well. ID Dianne Pitts and her husband, PCC Joe were a perfect fit for us. They were like one of our own. She was truly impressed with all we do, our dedication, our family atmosphere, and all our leadership (past, present, and future). What amazed us the most was the blanket making service project Saturday afternoon. We had over 40 Lions show up and finished 24 blankets in just about an hour! Thank you GST Kelly Morin for arranging everything. The blankets were delivered to the Infant Pantry in Mount Pleasant on Sunday after the close of the convention. ID Dianne and PCC Joe went as well and came away impressed with what the Pantry does to help the less fortunate.





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I would like to congratulate again those who received an award or recognition at the convention. They are as follows: New Voices certificates to Susan Robbins (Service) of Beverly Hills, Jeff Byrum (marketing) of New Baltimore, and Stan Hughes (membership) of Ortonville; International Presidents Certificate to 2VDGE Mark Scicluna (Beverly Hills) and Pat Meadows (Sterling Hgts. Lioness Lions); International Presidents Leadership Medals to RC Bob Westbury (Royal Oak) and DGE Kelley Unruh (Sterling Heights). A Melvin Jones Fellowship was given to CS Dave Van Beek (St. Clair Shores) and PDG Connie Shelton was given the Distinguished Service Award. Lastly, PRC Maureen Kennedy was given the Paul Hemeryck Leadership award. All of these were well deserved. And I am also proud to announce that PDG Jack Becher was elected to the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame!

I must also congratulate the newly elected District officers: DGE Kelley Unruh, 1VDGE Rhonda Furby, 2VDGE Mark Scicluna, and those Kelley has asked to be on her Cabinet. They will undoubtedly do a wonderful job for our District.

My final thanks must go to Lions Dick and Nancy Maxwell and their committee for another outstanding convention. They do an amazing job and are already beginning to work next year in Grand Rapids at the Double Tree Airport. See all of you there!

Please see information in the newsletter on the District new member induction and orientation on April 30 at Leader Dog. This is open to everyone and any new members that may not have received any orientation or would like to possibly learn more. We finished with a positive gain in March and that is awesome. Let's continue to work on that for the next 3 months and finish the Lion year strong. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Madonna Dinner, the Beaumont Silent Children Very Special Evening, and the MD-11 convention coming up. I don't have many clubs left to visit or scheduled, if you would like me to stop by, please contact me. Keep up all your amazing work and thank you for everything you do!

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.



LEARN MORE





LIONS OF MICHIGAN

Multiple District Convention

*Together We Can...
Be Extraordinary*

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."



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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

Gov. Proclaims 'White Cane Week'

April 28 - May 7

This proclamation can be used to make your local governments aware of this important time to inform citizens of the White Cane Law, and your local fundraising efforts. Also be aware that October 15 is considered White Cane Day by many organizations associated with the blind and visually impaired.

If you need more information regarding the history of the White Cane, and the importance of recognizing individuals who are using these essential tools of mobility, please let me know.

Lion Roger Bosse
269 578-3684





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Sock It To Me Challenge Returns!

It has come to our attention that 11-D2 has collected over 9000 pairs of socks, compared to our 8500 pairs. SO, more socks are needed for pure bragging rights!.

Our goal is 2500 additional pairs before Friday, May 12.

Please bring your new or almost new socks to either the Convention or the April Cabinet Meeting and give them to FVDG Kelley. As before, the socks can also be dropped off at her office, located at:

Keller Williams Realty Great Lakes
28220 Harper Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
(between 11 & 12 Mile)

In December, we surprised the MD GST and the other Districts with our sock count. Let's continue to be the #1 District in MD !!!



District Walks To Combat Blindness

Please see the below https to Joining our Team to walk or donate to the Michigan VisionWalk Event on Saturday May 13, 2023 at Kensington MetroPark.

Let's cure blinding retinal degenerative diseases together! Please join our VisionWalk team or make a donation to the Foundation Fighting Blindness and help us save and restore sight to the 10 million Americans living in darkness. Our team is walking in support of someone very dear to us with a blinding eye disease. We hope that you will support our team by making a donation and joining us at VisionWalk!

Please let me know if you have any questions at email: rblackwel@comcast.net.

Thank you,
Lion Roger Blackwell

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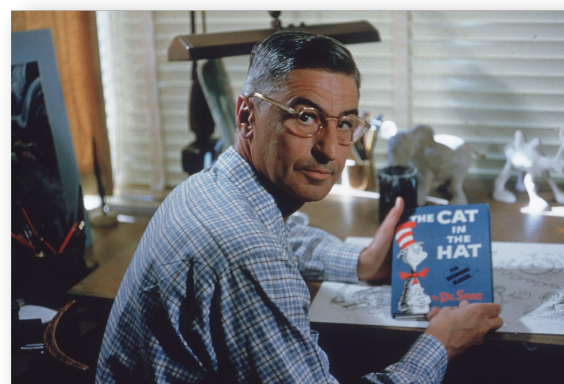
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2VDG Monthly Submission

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." – Dr. Suess

I love Dr. Suess and have great memories of reading his books as a child. That light-hearted rhyming prose which still teaches us something is fabulous and when you throw in a few wacky pictures of crazy things it always makes me smile.

By the time you read this our convention and elections will be over, but we still have a few months of work left to do this year. Let the renewal of springtime fill you with the energy to handle whatever service projects and fundraisers your club has planned. Maybe you can even find the energy to go report those things to International so that we can meet Governor Shawn's goal of 100% reporting on service projects. All it means is that each club must report one project. If your club has already done so, pat yourself on the back. If not, what are you waiting for? If you need help, let us know!



Due to past health issues and some other factors, I decided to participate in the D.A.D. Program and see how it can help me to make lifestyle changes. After two meetings I can tell you that I recognize just how lazy I have gotten about food and activity. I have already started to amp up my activity level and pay much more attention to the food I eat. I can't wait to learn the rest of what the program can teach me and put it into practice! I'm certain I can have success if I put in the effort and am grateful for the opportunity that Lions have provided.

I would like to extend a very sincere apology for a comment I made at a District meeting regarding talking for a long time. What I have learned is this, sometimes people have to repeat things several time for us to finally take them in and sometimes people love what they are talking about so much that they can just keep going. Just because we have heard it before doesn't mean that someone else doesn't need the information. So, in the future I will be patient and kind to those who are speaking.

I urge you all to keep thinking about the possibility of stepping forward into new positions at your club and the district level. Also keep thinking about how to retain long standing members as well as bring in new ones. Sharing your thoughts with us may help us develop a plan to meld our two generations and you may be the best person to step forward and lead us in the endeavor. You never know if something will fit until you try it on. It may be uncomfortable for a while, but sometimes we have to break things in. We have faith that you can do something new and different, so have faith in yourself and give it a try.

Don't wait another moment...Smile!

2VDG Lion Rhonda





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New Members Welcomed In March

Armada

Neil Mork sponsored by Greg Diederich
Ryan O'Leary, Sr sponsored by Donald Jenkins

Eastpointe

Gerald De Vyver sponsored by Michael Wiley

Mount Clemens

Antonio Trivelloni sponsored by Darryl Hissong
Glenn Deceuninck sponsored by Gary Stahl
Jim Yore sponsored by James Ketchum
Lindsay Ledington sponsored by Peter Frame
Monika Rittner sponsored by Darryl Hissong

New Baltimore

Jennifer Estes sponsored by Rebecca Zampaglione
Stacy Butler sponsored by Theresa Hickey

Richmond

Steve Bertolotti sponsored by Charles Capozzo

Royal Oak

Gerarad (Gerry) Froehlich sponsored by Maureen Kennedy

Welcome!

Upcoming Events

Click on the calendar icon for more information.

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



State Projects
Virtual Zoom Series



District Induction
and Orientation



Sterling Heights
Lioness Spring
Luncheon



Sterling Heights
Lions Euchre



Bear Lake
Spring Workbee
Cleanup



Sterling Heights
Lioness Bunco



Silent Children 'A
Very Special Night'



Romeo Lions
Mayfest



Leader Dogs
Campus Tour



Ride For A
Reason



Fraser Lions
Handmade
Fundraiser



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



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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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

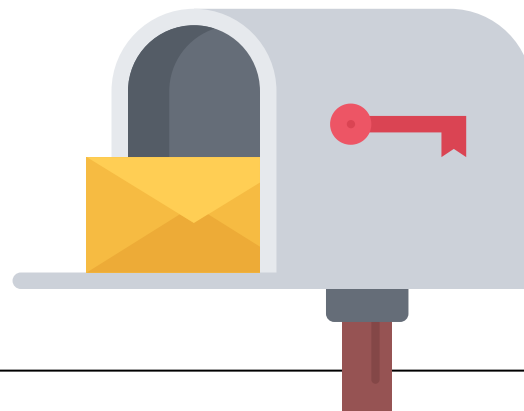
Lions Club International Foundation

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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EXCLUSIVE

COVERAGE

Happening Around the District

Does your club have work you'd like to highlight?
Email details to lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com.
The deadline each month is the 1st.

NEWS UPDATE

Mt Clemens Convention Newbies

"Delegates and members of the Mount Clemens Lions were welcomed in Mt Pleasant for the District 11A2 Convention held the weekend of March 31 through April 1. We were pleased to have five members attending. Our three delegates were all 'First Timers'. From registration and the mixer the first evening to the meetings and Governor's banquet on Saturday through to the election of new officers on Sunday, the total weekend was a memorable experience. The Western Roundup theme brought out the Cowboys and Cowgirls in us all. Pictured are Lions Dave Herrington, Dawn Porter and husband Chris, Pres. Jim Ketchum, Darryl Hissong and Jim Novara. We look forward to next year's District Convention in Grand Rapids.



Ortonville Lions Spread Easter Cheer

"Another successful Ortonville Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt is in the books! Approximately 200 children participated in the event that was held April 9th. It was a little overcast and cool but that didn't deter the kids from collecting ALL 1600 eggs that had been placed on the football field that morning! Included with the candy filled eggs, were "special" marked eggs which the lucky finder could redeem for prizes! Along with the Ortonville Lion, the Easter Bunny was on site greeting the children and taking the time to pose for pictures, Morgan Childers (4-H) brought some of her rabbits for the kids to pet and a home made quilt was raffled off with all proceeds going to the O.L.C.....whewwwww! Congratulations to Lonnie and Cindy Dew on winning the quilt! It was a great morning and we would like to thank all of you for your support! WE SERVE!"





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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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State Projects Virtual Zoom Series

Live and interactive

Trivia, Q & A and Discussion

Prizes, Music and FUN!

For more info and to register go to
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 <p>April 16, 2023 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>April is National</i> DONATE LIFE Month</p>	 <p>April 30, 2023 7:00 pm</p> 	 <p>May 7, 2023 7:00 pm</p> 
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Recordings of these and previous presentations available at lionsofmi.com/projects



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DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION & ORIENTATION

SUNDAY APRIL 30 NOON-3PM

AT LEADER DOG

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

BRING YOUR NEW MEMBERS AND SPONSORS
(EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN INDUCTED ALREADY)
THIS IS A GOOD LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

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RSVP TO CS DAVE VAN BEEK BY APRIL 26

Dbeeker58@gmail.com



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Sterling Heights Lioness
Lions Club Branch
Spring Luncheon

*Rockin Around
The Clock*

<p>Noon - 4PM Donation \$35.00 Before April 18 \$50.00 after April 18 For Tickets Please Call 586-557-1299</p>	<p>May 7, 2023</p> <p>Shelby Gardens 50265 Van Dyke Shelby Township</p>
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Euchre Tournament **STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS**

CHARITY FUND RAISER

Friday, May 12, 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, pop, snacks and

1 drink ticket at the Cash Bar

CASH PRIZES

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LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Spring Workbee

May 13th, 2023

Registration 8:00 AM

Cleanup 9:00 AM



LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Easy, Medium, and
Advanced Tasks available
Please bring your own gloves and tools



TO PRE-REGISTER & SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAVORITE
TASK AHEAD OF TIME CONTACT TRACI OR JESSE

Lions Bear Lake Camp
3409 N Five Lakes Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446

traci@bearlakecamp.org
jwalling@bearlakecamp.org



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**Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club Branch
Sterling Heights Lions Clubhouse
12828 Canal Road – Sterling Heights**

Doors open at 6:30 PM – Games start at 7:00 PM

\$10.00

3 Games – 4 Cash Prizes!

Includes snacks & treats – Cash Bar

Money Raffle

March 21, 2023

May 16, 2023

July 18, 2023

September 19, 2023

November 21, 2023



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Join Us in Celebrating



Our 42nd Annual

"Very Special Evening"

Wednesday, May 17 • Social: 5:45 p.m., Dinner: 7:15 p.m.

The San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver, Troy, Michigan

Tickets are \$30 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): 248-655-5660

Harriet Robinson, PRC (District 11 A-1): 248-227-1049

Bob Westbury, ZC (District 11 A-2): 248-528-3141

Club: _____ City: _____

Name: _____ Zip code: _____

Address: _____ Quantity: @ \$30 = 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

Our 42nd Annual
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248-655-5660



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Romeo MayFest 2023

SPRING FAIR & ORV SHOW

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LIVE MUSIC & BEER TENT TIL 11PM

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(ADMISSION INCLUDED!)

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Romeo MI 48065





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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!

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TIME - 1-4PM **SOLD OUT**

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Eastpointe Lions Club Update

Greetings Fellow Lions!

June 4th 2023 please mark this date on your calendar!
This is the day for Penrickton Center for Blind Children's
Ride for a Reason.

In years past Penrickton Center itself ran its 50/50 raffle and
would raise only a couple a hundred dollars. Then the Eastpointe
Lions Club took over. The 50/50. Last year we raised over \$1400.00.
We could have raised more but we did not have enough help.

This year I am calling out for all Eastpointe Lions to show our true colors
and turn out for this very important event.

If you can help out please call Lion Paul Hemeryck (586) 484-9613.

We are now shorthanded and need your help.

So please bring your own lawn chair and be ready to cut and sell tickets!

Time 8:30 am

The Place: Cabela's Sporting Goods

110 Cabela Blvd E

Dundee MI 48131

(around the back)

If you cannot find us when you get there just call me and I'll direct you in.

(586) 445-1111

In Lionism

Lion Mike Wiley

Lions President

Eastpointe Lions Club



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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

