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### New District Governor: "Serve to Live, Live to Serve"



"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – Melvin Jones

So that is our focus for this year. I truly believe that if we put our service out there, others will want to join us! Yes, there is obviously more to it than just doing service projects. Advertising is a big part of being successful. We must let our communities know what, when, and where and then we must follow it up by telling them how we did. How many people we served, how many hours we put in and where any donations will be going.

So, here's my motto for the year – "Serve to Live, Live to Serve"

It's a big circle and doing one makes me want to do the other. I hope you feel the same way. We will be doing several District Service Projects this year and I hope you will join us for them.

I'm fresh off a plane from Honolulu, Hawaii and a long trip that covered New Zealand, Melbourne and Cairns, Australia and the Honolulu. I spent that time with my sisters, and we went exciting places and did exciting things, including getting sworn in as District Governor! I know some of them got put on Facebook and hope you got to see them. I can't thank them enough for joining me on the trip of a lifetime.

Please join us at the Cabinet Installation Picnic on July 21, 2024, at the Romeo Lions Den. Let our District Tail Twister Jim Bone know you're coming (the flyer is out there), so we know how many people we're feeding. Our Cabinet is here for you, so show them your support!







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International Convention is something everyone should experience at least once, so put it on your to do list. 2027 is in Washington DC if you don't want to travel too far and need time to save, as it can get expensive. There's entertainment, learning opportunities, lots of information, shopping, and pins to trade, as well as meeting new Lions and spending time with those you already know. Our new International President, Fabricio Oliveira, has chosen "Make Your Mark" as his motto for the year and said, "Everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we make our mark on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share."

I'm looking forward to spending time with all of you and will be in touch soon to make those plans. In the meantime, keep doing the things that you do and remember that we are here if you need something or have something to say (good or bad) and we hope to try out some new things, so be prepared to help us.

Lastly, life would not be right if I didn't share this quote with you. It was the first one I shared and still the best – "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world" – Anne Frank

So don't wait another moment.....Make Your Mark.

Lion Rhonda Furly District Governor













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### 1st Vice District Governor Monthly Submission

Happy New Year!

Yes, I know it sounds crazy, especially this time of year, but we are now embarking on a new Lions year. I would like to thank the loyal and devoted Lions who attended the District Convention and especially those who voted during the elections. While the convention was held in April, the results of the elections begin this month.

I am very happy to be serving with PDGs Blazek and Unruh, Governor Furby, 2nd VDG Lucrero and Secretary/Treasurer Thiede. Together we have begun work on trying to improve our positions with Membership, Marketing, and Meetings.

What does this mean? It means we are looking at ways to increase membership, improve our marketing (so Lionism is not the best kept secret in the community) and hopefully improve the format of Regional and Zone meetings in a way that encourages attendance.

There are no easy or solid answers to these formidable improvement desires, but with your help, we will find a path forward. It started with a survey at the District Convention and will continue with other forms of canvasing opinions. The desired result is finding out from you, how we should proceed with making our District one of the top Districts in Global Region CA1.

While a few of us have been elected to be the face and voice of our District, every single Lion in our District has a voice and we want to hear your opinion. We have a task set upon us to improve our position with Membership, Marketing and Meetings and we look forward to working with you to establish some new parameters.

Your participation at the grass roots level is very important to establish a format that is acceptable to the majority.

1st Vice District Governor

Lion Mark Scielana

new year





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## **2nd Vice District Governor Monthly Submission**

What is a Lion?

What is a Lion? It's a question I am frequently asked when talking about being a member of the Lions Club. The answer can be as complex, or simple, as you'd like it to be.

Like most, I wear the title of "Lion" with great pride. To me, it's an honor to wear the title and be a representative of an organization that has thrived for over a century. But what is a "Lion" and what does it mean to be one? Lions are a diverse group. We are young, old, and from a variety of social and economic circumstances.



Some of us joined on a whim and for some, Lionism is a proud family tradition. All you have to do is look to our clubs to figure out what it means to be a Lion. You will easily find examples of the good and giving nature of Lionism.

New Baltimore is home to the largest flagpole in the State. It's a point of pride for the community. Ever since 1903, New Baltimore had had a water tower as part of its defining characteristic. The original was replaced in 1948 with the replacement being decommissioned in 1994. By 2016, the old tower had fallen into disrepair and the city decided to demolish it; leaving a void in the city's identity. That's when the New Baltimore Lions stepped in with an idea – Build a REALLY big flagpole.

The New Baltimore Lions worked with the local community to bring the vision of this project to fruition. They fundraised to cover the costs of building the flagpole by selling individual commemorative monogrammed donor bricks. As part of their commitment to the city, they also pledged to cover the cost of maintaining the flagpole. They do this through their Jack-Of-Spades fundraiser. This year, they were able to raise about \$75,000 for the maintenance fund. This is one of the ways that they have made their mark on their community.

In 1938, the Lake Orion Lions started their Christmas Basket Program. At that time, Lake Orion was largely a resort community, so a lot of people were out of work during the winter months. The local Lions Club devised this program as a way to help out their fellow neighbors. This program continues today providing two weeks' worth of food and home goods to over 225 families and around 90 senior citizens.







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The Lake Orion Lions Christmas Basket program is an endeavor that requires the participation and support of the full club to purchase, package, and distribute these baskets. To date, the Lake Orion Lions Club has provided baskets to over 40,000 of their neighbors over the program's 85 year history.

Mid-morning, on Monday, November 30th, the unthinkable happened at Oxford High School. In the wake of the Oxford shooting, Oxford and its surrounding communities were in shock. A small, new, pizza shop in the area, Sick Pizza Company, wanted to help but really didn't know how. What they did know was that food has the ability to comfort the heartbroken and weary. The day after the shooting, they decided to try and raise money by giving away pizzas for donation with the proceeds to benefit those affected by the senseless act of violence. It didn't matter how much you gave, if you gave any amount, you got a pizza. Volunteers worked tirelessly churning out one pizza after another from sunup to sundown. Their original goal was set at \$25,000.

The fundraiser was a success, but because of how successful it was, Sick Pizza ran into some issues. By Friday, they had raised more than \$75k for the survivors, but they had also run out of pizza boxes and toppers to keep the boxes from falling on to the pizza. One of the volunteers working at the pizzeria reached out with a video plea for help on social media and the Romeo Lions just happened to see it. Lions members rallied to assist and quickly collected more than 1,800 boxes and 1,000 toppers from local pizzerias. Two Romeo Lions members dropped off the much needed supplies that evening and stayed to fold boxes for 3 hours. All in all, Sick Pizza Company was able to raise \$102,160 for the survivors of the school shooting.

Back in October of 2023, a 7 year-old Washington Twp. boy by the name of Ryder Finkel was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer – diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG). A tumor had grown at the base of his skull and was putting pressure on his brain and brain stem. The Finkel family was rocked. A GoFundMe was immediately started to help with the costs of treatment and the family began to prepare for the worst.

After seeing the GoFundMe, Lions sprang into action offering assistance to the Finkel family in whatever manner they could. They helped connect the family with the Detroit Lions which started what is now a lifelong friendship between Ryder, and his brother Wyatt, and Detroit Lions Defensive End, Aiden Hutchinson. T-shirts were designed to aid in fundraising efforts as well. Lions helped support fundraisers and got Ryder and Wyatt on as honorary Grand Marshalls along with Santa for the local Christmas parade. Clubs from all over District 11-A2 ordered t-shirts and sent financial donations to help the family. In the end, over \$10,000 was raised by the Lions of District 11-A2.





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I am happy to report that a brain scan in April showed that there was a 28% decrease in the size of the tumor pressing on Ryders brain stem. There have been 2 more scans since then, each showing no new growth. Ryder's father, Tim, thanked the Lions club for helping his family. Although they don't know what the future holds, or how much time they have left with Ryder, the support of the Lions Clubs from District 11-A2 and the funds raised will help ensure that they spend that time focused on creating great family memories.

These are just a few examples from our District, but there are limitless examples that could be referenced from Lions Clubs around the world.

So, what does it mean to be a Lion? One could say it's as simple as being a club member and raising money for those in need - whether it be for individuals or other organizations. Personally, for me, a Lion is someone who is deeply committed to making the world a better place. We are kind and selfless. We care deeply for our communities and those in need and strive to help where we can. We voluntarily take on this responsibility and because of this, we understand that wearing the Lions pin proudly upon your chest is both an honor and a burden.

Wherever there is a need, there's a Lion trying to help.

Lion Jamie Lucero

2nd Vice District Governor

### **New Members Welcomed In June**

Sterling Heights

#### Armada

Joe Jabara sponsored by Donald Jenkins

#### **Center Line**

Marc Gagnon sponsored by Karen Pietrzyk

#### Lake Orion

Hallie McCombe sponsored by Patricia Stoner-Lauer

#### **Mount Clemens**

Chandler Deceuninck sponsored by Glen Deceuninck



Steven Smith sponsored by Mary Welsh Rita Vermeersch sponsored by Mary Welsh









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ATTENTION ALL INCOMING CLUB OFFICERS, THOSE THAT ARE THINKING ABOUT BEING A CLUB OFFICERS, OR THOSE LIONS WHO WANT MORE INFORMATION BEFORE TAKING THE STEP FORWARD!

### District 11-A2

Club Officer Training will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 & Saturday, August 17, 2024

Both will be held at Leader Dogs for the Blind in the Polk Residence Banquet Room – 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, 48307

> Doors open at 8:30 am Session will begin at 9:00 am sharp

Roles and Responsibilities for each position will be covered along with a look at the new Lions Portal from International

Any questions, please contact Jim Leach, Jr. at jamesleachjr@yahoo.com, 248-561-3203 or DG Rhonda Furby at rhonda.furby2022@gmail.com, 586-945-9391





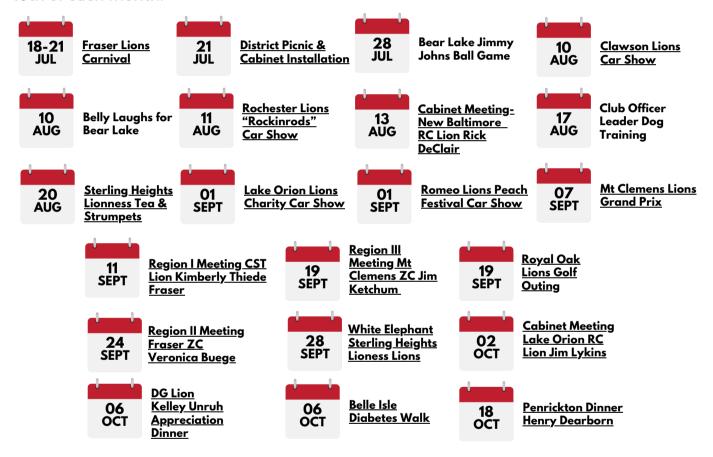


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### **Upcoming Events**

Click on the calendar icon for more information.

To submit an event, email details to lionsnewsletterlla2@gmail.com. The deadline is the 10th of each month.









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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

### Distr

### District 11-A2 Project KidSight, Inc.

Paul Hemeryck, PCC 30752 Glenwood Warren, MI 48088

### 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 10th of each month.



### Rochester Lions Club Raises Money for Leader Dogs

Lions Kathy & Lowell Gladd of the Rochester Lions Club participated in the annual Bark & Brew fundraiser which benefits the Leader Dog for the Blind organization. Lion Lowell walked in the 5K run/walk and Lion Kathy helped run games for the children.

The Rochester Lions Club installed two new members on May 20, 2024. PDG Connie Shelton led the induction of new members Kamala Felarca and Dane Scheidemantel with their sponsor Lion Lowell Gladd (Membership Chair).









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## Sterling Heights Lions Present New Donation Box

The St. Clair Shores Lions Club presented a drop box request for residents to donate old eyeglasses and hearing aids at the City Council meeting on Oct. 2.

Charles Bellestri, president of the St. Clair Shores Lions Club, presented the drop box request. He said they purchased a mailbox from the U.S. Postal Service, refurbished it and will use it for recycled hearing aids and eyeglasses.

These items will be sanitized and shipped to at-risk areas for people who need them. The box is going to be placed in front of City Hall.



L to R Saint Clair Shores Sec-Treas Dave VanBeek, District 11-A2 Governor Kelley Unruh, Service Chair Randy Klinger, Pres. Chuck Bellestri.jpg

Councilwoman Candice Rusie thinks this is great, saying people will think about the box when conducting other business at City Hall.

"I love the fact that this will be just so much more visible for the community," Rusie said. "Nice bright yellow, and it will stay in people's minds."

Councilman Ron Frederick thanked Bellestri for his work. This is, I think, the beginning of something really great and a good partnership between the city and the Lions Club," Frederick said.





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MOUNT CLEMENS LIONS CLUB PRESENTS 3151 RUNNING CAR RACE FOR KIDS

#### Ready... Set... Let's Go!

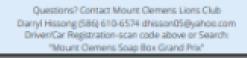
The 32nd running of the Grand Prix children's championship is off to the races, as the Mount Clemens Lions Club gets ready to cross the finish line during this year's much-anticipated event. This family-friendly race has been a yearly staple of the community for three decades. It continues to draw crowds from across the region for a day of family, friends, and race car excitement!

See how businesses and individuals can sponsor this year's event to ensure the most impact for children entering the race, and the local community.

THANK YOU!











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### DISTRICT 11-A2



### District Picnic and Cabinet Installation

### Serve to Live, Live to Serve

Sunday July 21st 2024

Hosted by DG Rhonda Furby & The Eastpointe Lions Club

Location: Romeo Lion's Den

269 E. Washington St. Romeo Mi. 48065

Doors open at Noon Lunch at 1:00 Pm Installation at 2:00 Pm

### Potluck, please bring a dish to pass

A thru H Salads and Vegetables

<u>I thru P</u> Desserts <u>O thru Z</u> Appetizers

Meat, Beer, Wine and Soda compliments of the Eastpointe Lions

Please shoot me an e-mail at <u>pdgjim1011@gmail.com</u> if you are planning to attend so I can get a head count.





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Join us for a night of fun, entertainment & baseball at Jimmy John's Field!



## LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP FUNDRAISER

\$10 per ticket donated back to our organization!

BEAVERS VS. HOPPERS SUNDAY, JULY 28 - 1:05 PM GATES OPEN 12 PM

#### Group Perks Include:

- · Game seating in party patio area
- · Group photo on the field
- · Welcome message on the scoreboard
- · Kids Run the Bases after the game
- · Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog
- · Meet & Greet with a team mascot
- Free Parking

#### Enjoy an All American BBQ!

Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ Pulled Chicken, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies. Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes. Each guest will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS





"Your exemplary team made our night smooth and effortless. It was an amazing event and everyone went home happy. Jimmy John's Field is a true field of dreams." - Stewart





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Algonac Lions Club 1905 Mill Rd, Algonac

Scan QR Code for More!



Tickets Available at khcomedy.ticketleap.com/bearlake \$25 Show Only \$45 Show, Buffet Dinner, & 2 Drink Tickets





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\$15 PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS AUGUST 5TH OR \$20 DAY OF SHOW EMAIL: info@clawsonlions.org OR CALL CLIVE: 248-979-5250





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# Tea & Strumpets



Bee-uliful Bees

A Sterling Heights Lioness Lions (lub Fundraiser

Tuesday - August 20 - (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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\$20 Preregistration • \$25 Day of Register at www.lakeorionlions.org



Questions email streetsignjoe@gmail.com or call Joe Hildebrand 248-762-1393





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### Patrick L. Rinke Memorial Peach Jestival Car Show

Sunday September 1st, 2024 7:30am - 4:00pm

Pre-Registration----- \$15.00 (Must be received by August 23,2024)

On-Site Registration----- \$20.00

VENUE: Blue Water Trucking, 14889 33 Mile, Bruce Twp MI
If you would like to park together, please arrive together, Thanks!
Complimentary Dash Plaque for the first 150 cars to register 50/50
Drawing, Door Prizes, Entertainment and Concessions
Free Shuttle to and from Peach Festival Pancake Breakfast
Car show drivers receive 50% off breakfast

Trophies to be awarded for Driver's Choice, Best in Show 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Peach Festival President's Award, Blue Water Trucking Award, and Peach Queen's Pick. Special Award for best 1970's car to be determined by car show staff.

You must arrive and register by NOON for judging. Awards at 3:00 pm. If you wish to participate in the evening parade, see attached flyer.

#### ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIONS CHARITIES





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## ROYAL OAK LIONS CLUB PECKY D. LEWIS, JR. 17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING





### THURSDAY SEPT. 19, 2024 at GLEN OAKS GOLF CLUB

Glen Oaks Golf Club is located at 30500 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington, MI 48334.

Registration opens at 9:30 am

Shotgun start promptly at 11:00 a.m. / Lunch served at the turn.

#### THIS IS A 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE EVENT.

The cost is \$155 per golfer, discounted to \$150.00 if paid by September 1.

This includes golf and cart, lunch at the turn, beer & soda on the course, and hors d'oeuvres and a prime steak dinner after golf. Prizes will be awarded for Best Team Scores, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive contests for both men and women.

Cash bar at Dinner.

All profits from this event support the Lions Clubs International Foundation and other Lions Club charities which include Leader Dog, The Silent Children's Program (Speech Therapy at Corewell), Vision and Hearing assistance programs, our Lions Scholarship Program, and many other local charities.

	Please register team members. List team captain first.		
	NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS	PHONE
Golfer 1			
Golfer 2			
Golfer 3			
Golfer 4			
DINNER ONLY \$50 PER PERSON - Includes tax and tip:			
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Please make checks payable to Royal Oak Lions Club Charities, 27705 Harvard Rd., Southfield, MI 48076.			
For additional information call Laura Mastracci 248-514-7694 or Marty McMillan 313-550-9661			









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### COME ALL

## WHITE ELEPHANT

### WITH A TWIST

A Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club Fundraiser
Saturday, September 28, 2024
12:00 Noon \$25 Donation
Sterling Heights Lions Club
12828 Canal Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

### FOOD \* FUN \* MONEY PAFFLE

Brind a WRAPPED gift for the White Elephant and

Some \$1 bills for the Twist.

All proceeds go to the charities we support.

Tickets must be bought in advance—no walk ins Contact Lioness Lion for tickets





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## PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE IPDG KELLEY UNRUH APPRECIATION DINNER

Hosted by Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club Branch

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH 1-4 PM

UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTER 26601 RYAN ROAD WARREN, MICHIGAN

> SOCIAL HOUR 1 PM DINNER 2 PM PROGRAM 3 PM

### \$25.00 PER PERSON Buffet Luncheon and Beverages

Garden Salad, Pork Chops with Apple Sauce, Beef Sirloin Tips, Green Beans, Roasted Redskin Potatoes Ice Cream Sundaes, Coffee, Tea, Milk, Soft Drinks CASH BAR

#### RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 TO

Lioness Lion Sandra Varto S\_10961@yahoo.com

BUSINESS CASUAL PLEASE