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## Governor Talks Change, Welcomes New Ideas

"Make your life matter and have fun doing it." — Aaron Hurst

We can make our mark on every day and make our lives matter by doing service! And we sure can have some fun while we do it! Lions are good at these things. For that reason, we ask you to join us for our next round of Region Meetings as we also will be doing a service project at each one. We will have our meal and a few short announcements, then move into our service project. We would love to see you at each meeting, but at least come to your own Region's meeting and join in.

It seems as though all our talk of change has upset some people and I do apologize. It's not our intention to scare anyone, so let me just put some ideas in your head. When I joined Lions in 2000, we had around 50 clubs, well over 1200 members, had more than 400 people at conventions, and most of our district offices were held by someone who actually won an election, not ran unopposed. At present, we have 30 clubs, we are continuously under pressure to maintain our membership levels, have less than 200 people at convention and have a hell of a time getting people to step up for district offices (and club offices too). So, I ask you, what do we do to regain some of that ground and then keep gaining ground in the future? I do wish we had all the answers and could just wish things would get better. But wishing will not make it happen; that is up to us. We have been trying for several years to get everyone to help us answer the questions, so please, please, please, let us hear from you. If you have an idea on something to do, or not do, let us know. We can make ourselves bigger and better than ever, but the next move is up to us.

Our mission is not just about what Lions International wants us to do, or what the District Governor thinks we can do. We can "Make Our Mark" through our commitment to service and community and achieve the impossible. Bringing in new members and chartering new clubs gains us a wealth of new knowledge, ideas, and experience. It broadens our horizons and opens up new possibilities. It also gives us a greater leadership base to work with. I have said it before and I will say it again, Lions International has some of the best leadership training available. Please take advantage of it, through the Lions Leadership Institute or the Lions Learning Center online. That knowledge can be used in all areas of your life.







Don't forget that retaining our present members is part of the job too. The more we can keep the less stress we have to reach the goals. If you are not seeing a member who used to be around all the time, find out why. You don't have to be club president or officer to give someone a call. Be a concerned Lion and find out what we can do to help get them back to us. If part of the problem is that they are no longer comfortable in your club, suggest that they look for another club. Keeping meetings on task, on time, and upbeat will help keep Lions happy and happy Lions don't leave. Be open to trying new ideas and let someone else take the lead. You may be missing out on a great leader because you won't give them a chance. We can't ask people to join us and then just let them sit on a shelf. That's not why they joined, and they won't stay. We all need to take risks, so get out there and try something new!

Commitment to service and our community will get us noticed and bring us members. Clean up the local park, shovel snow, cut grass, feed someone who doesn't have enough, let kids paint pumpkins, pass out candy or toys or blankets, and do it with all the joy of serving those in need that we all feel! Even making a donation to LCIF can bring joy and hope to those who need us. You can't plan for one hurricane, much less two. Those affected by natural disasters need our help and unless you are able to go in person, there's no better way to do that than make a donation to LCIF. We know where that money goes and how much it can help, since we have been on the receiving end of more than one LCIF grant.

Once you have done that, don't forget to report your service through the portal. If you can't or have problems doing so, please call DA and GST Cheryl Satterthwaite to help.

Thank you for all that you do!

Don't wait another moment...go have some fun!

*Lion Rhonda Furby* District Governor









## Tail Twister's Tie Dye Request

As we all know our 2nd round of Region Meetings are coming up starting with the meeting in Lake Orion on Nov. 6th

This round of Region Meetings, I would like to dedicate to the memory of a young man that had Lionism in his heart. Scotty Nauman was a Lion at heart, and he did anything in his power to support the Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club in anything they did.

Scotty LIVED tie-dye and anything to do with it. Therefore, this round of meetings id dedicated to Scotty Nauman and his tie-dye. Please wear anything tie-dye to the meeting and be able to PROVE you are wearing it if it's not visible. Hope to see you all there and in TIE-DYE.



Lion Jim Bone

PDG

## **New Members Welcomed In September**



#### **Center Line**

Frances Gagnon sponsored by Karen Pietrzyk

**Clawson** Prashant Ahire sponsored by John Sullivan

Lake Orion Kelly Kassin sponsored by James Lykins

**New Baltimore** Emily Oehrlein sponsored by Mario Jimenez

**Royal Oak** Steven Woodard sponsored by Robert Westbury





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#### Lion's Club Silent Children's Speech Program Advisory Board Meeting CMN Updates 9/13/24

The last round of funding applications for pediatric programs systemwide were due August 15 and we have a funding committee meeting coming up in the next couple weeks to discuss award amounts. An update will be provided at the next advisory board meeting. CMN at Corewell Health Children's has a similar overall goal as last year and 100% of funds raised are used for pediatric programs and equipment needs systemwide. Lions Clubs throughout SE Michigan continue to make an impact on kids with speech challenges by funding scholarships for continued therapy once insurance runs out.

#### 2024 Upcoming Campaigns and Other Important Dates:

August 23 – September 27 Love's POS Miracle Balloon Campaign September 10 Costco Golf Outing September 1 – 30 Dairy Queen Round Up for Kids Campaign September 20 CU4Kids In the Cellar Fundraiser (Chicago) September 24 Marriott International Golf Outing September 27 Love's National Coffee Day Fundraiser September 27 – November 3 Great Clips Miracle Balloon Campaign October 20 RE/MAX Nexus Top Golf Event November 1 – 30 Valvoline Instant Oil Change Campaign November 2 Extra Life Game Day November 1 – December 31 Ace Hardware Holiday Round Up October 30 – January 7, 2025 7-Eleven,Inc. P6 Campaign

#### CMN Media Marketing & Special Events 4th Quarter

More than 100 third party events are hosted annually helping CMN support Corewell Health Children's, highlighted by this signature CMN event in November:

#### 104.3 WOMC Turn UP the Miracles Radiothon

The 7th year of partnership with WOMC 104.3 / Audacy radio will continue on Thursday, November 21, 2024. During this live, 12-hour broadcast, sponsors, local celebrities, miracle families, and clinical staff from Corewell Health Children's come together virtually to raise funds for Corewell Health Children's. Thank you to Lion Shirley Kelly for volunteering for our 4th annual Feldman Automotive Children's Miracle Celebrity Invitational last month. This event raised \$1.5 million that will benefit programs supported by CMN at Corewell Health Children's and the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation. Thanks for all you do to help kids at Corewell Health Children's live healthier lives!

Questions? Please contact Sara Klakulak, Program Director, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Corewell Health Children's: Sara.Klakulak@corewellhealth.org







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#### District 11 A-2 Paul Hemeryck Outstanding Leadership Award

We are now accepting nominations for this years award. Nominations Close 12/31/2024

The Nominee will be the Lion with the following minimum qualifications

- A Lion for 5 years
- A graduate of the Leadership Institute
- Is or have been a Club office or board member at some point
- Must be a Member in good standing
- Must be Nominated by their Home Club
- Must be Recommended by the Governor, a PDG, Region Chair or Zone Chair
- Current Governor and Past District Governors are NOT eligible

We will be looking for "Outstanding Leadership".

Club Related, Service Related, Fund Raising Event, Community Involvement etc...

The Lion that has gone the Extra Mile to lead with Honor, Integrity, Commitment, and Inspiring Excellence.

Nominee	
Club	
Club President or Secretary	
Gov, PDG, Region or Zone Chair	
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MUST send a letter of Recommendation To: PRC Lion Sonny Eplin 24875 Johnston Ave Eastpointe Mi 48021 sonny.eplin@gmail.com











### Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). Please be advised this filing relates specifically to the 501(c)(4). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the Annual Tax Filing information below. Thank you!

Annual Tax Filing Information O

Please note that Lions Clubs International is not authorized to provide guidance regarding your filing. For specific questions, please contact a local tax professional or the IRS.

Kindest regards,

Legal Division Lions Clubs International





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## Partner with Leader Dogs for the Blind for Your LCIF DCG Project!

#### What Are District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCGs)?

- DCGs allow clubs and districts to utilize a portion of the funds they donate to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Clubs that donate at least \$5,000, and districts that donate at least \$10,000 within a fiscal year, qualify to apply for a grant equal to 15% of their total contributions (excluding disaster donations).
- Eligible Projects: DCG funds support specific humanitarian activities that highlight the role of Lions in their communities. The funds cannot be used to pay membership dues or establish reserve funds.

#### Why Choose Leader Dogs for the Blind as Your Project?

- By choosing Leader Dogs for the Blind as your DCG project, you are directly supporting a nonprofit that serves individuals in your own community who are blind or visually impaired.
- Founded by Lions Club members in 1939, Leader Dogs for the Blind has a longstanding, deep connection with the Lions Clubs International community. We've partnered with over 4,900 Lions clubs worldwide to serve more than 17,000 clients across the globe, including many in your own neighborhoods.
- Lions are integral to our mission. They identify community members who could benefit from our services, provide direct assistance to clients, and help spread awareness about our programs. Lions contribute as Leader Dog Chairs, puppy raisers, and hosts for breeding stock dogs, while also advocating for the blind and visually impaired in their communities.
- By choosing Leader Dogs for the Blind, your club will help empower people with independence and mobility, fostering stronger, more inclusive communities.

#### SCAN TO LEARN MORE!

#### Join Us in Making a Difference!

By selecting Leader Dogs for the Blind as your DCG project, you are contributing to a legacy of service and support that spans across the globe while directly impacting your local community. Together, we can empower individuals with vision loss to live more independent, fulfilling lives. **Contact Us** today to learn more about how your club or district can partner with Leader Dogs for the Blind!







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Dear Lions of Districts 11-A1, 11-A2 and A-1,

It's that wonderful time of year again! We're thrilled to invite you to our annual Kick-Off Dinner, where we come together to celebrate the incredible dedication and impact of our local Lions and Lions Clubs in districts 11-A1, 11-A2, and A-1. Your commitment to our mission truly makes a difference, and we can't wait to honor all that you do!

#### Event Details: Date: Wednesday, December 4th, 2024 Location: Somerset Inn (2601 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy) Doors Open: 6:00 PM Dinner Begins: 7:00 PM Parade of Checks & Program: 8:00 PM

Seating is limited to the first 300 Lions, so please RSVP by November 25, 2024. We encourage you to share this invitation with your fellow Lions, but please remember that this event is specifically for Lions in the 11-A1, 11-A2, and A-1 districts. We'll also be mailing out paper invites to the clubs in these districts.

For your convenience, We've attached the flyer and RSVP details. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

For District 11-A1 and 11-A2 please contact Mara Phillips at <u>Mara.Phillips@leaderdog.org</u>.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission of service. Your passion and dedication inspire us all, and we are truly grateful for the difference you make in the lives of those we serve. We're looking forward to celebrating our shared achievements and the remarkable impact you have in our community!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Kelsey Martin-Gardner and Mara Phillips The Lions Engagement Team



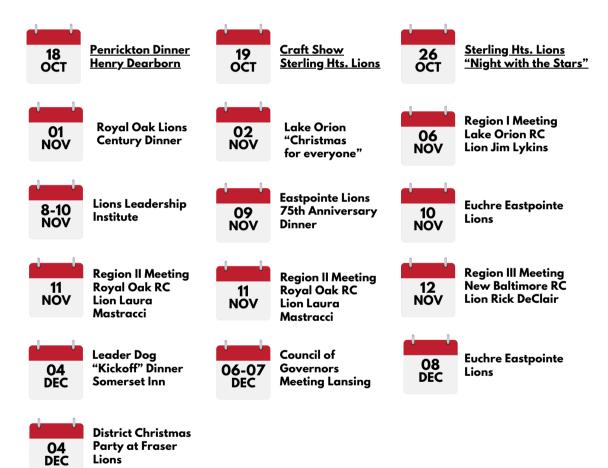


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## **Upcoming Events**

Click on the calendar icon for more information.

To submit an event, email details to lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com. The deadline is the 10th of each month.







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## **Donation Mailing Addresses**



#### Corwell Health Foundation Southeast Michigan, c/o Silent Children's Fund - CMN

Attn: Kellie Bouren 4949 Coolidge Hwy Royal Oak, MI 48073



## District 11-A2 Project KidSight, Inc.

Paul Hemeryck, PCC 30752 Glenwood Warren, MI 48088



#### **Bear Lake (Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp)** PDG Shawn Blaszczyk 11420 Balmoral Drive, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

#### 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.

#### Sight Conservation/Diabetes/DAD

PZC Roger Blackwell, Chair 4555 Windswept Drive Milford, MI 48380

#### 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

#### **Penrickton Center for Blind Children** CHM Dick Maxwell, PCT

18701 Walmer Ln. Beverly Hills, MI 48025

#### Leader Dogs for the Blind

CHM Frank Cunningham, PCC 1039 S. Rochester Rd. Rochester Hills, MI 48307

#### Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

Leo Schaefer, IPDG 46399 Imperial Ln Macomb Twp., MI 48044-3922





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**EXCLUSIVE** 

## 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 10th of each month.

## NEWS UPDATE

## Royal Oak Lions Highlight Monthly Events

17th Annual Pecky D. Lewis, Jr. Golf Outing at Glen Oaks Golf Club on Thursday, September 19, 2024.

We had 36 foursomes, a beautiful day, a wonderful steak dinner and a most appreciative participation by all the golfers. Money raised will support our annual donations to Lions Charities and community needs. Pictured are Lion Marty McMillan, Co-Chair of the event, as he welcomed the golfers, and one of the Hole Sponsor Signs.





#### Rise Against Hunger - Food Packing at St. Stephen Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 21, 2024

Four Royal Oak Lions (Maureen Kennedy, Laura Mastracci, Cindi Wells and Bob Westbury) and one former Royal Oak Lion (Mary Lambrix) joined about 45+ others to pack meals for folks in Asia. Rise Against Hunger's motto is Feed them First, after which they teach people how to dig wells for clean water, how to farm, and how to be self-sufficient. Other Lions, students from Troy High School and many members of St. Stephen church worked together for about 2.5 hours to pack 15,000 meals.



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## **NEWS UPDATE**

## **Troy Lions Screen For** Vision with Local FD

The Troy Community Lions did KidSight Screenings at 2 fire stations in Troy, in conjunction with the Troy Fire Dept. Open House. 62 children were screened. Pictured: Lions Jed Sprunger, Donna Quinn, Nancy Sheedy, Jim Quinn and Bernie Komraus (at Fire Station #5) Pictured: Lions Bill Gelement and Alexis Peake

with a "classic" fire truck (at Fire Station #3)





## **St Clair Shores Lions Recognized As Model Club For Campaign 100**

Learn more about Campaign 100 here:

LEARN MORE





Lions District 11 A-2 **Flyers** 



# Annual Kick-Off Dinner



# Friday, October 18, 2024 The Henry, Autograph Collection

300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn 48126







Our annual Kick-Off Dinner is a gathering of friends who support the mission of Penrickton Center: To help children who are visually impaired with multiple disabilities reach their potential. The evening features an update on our work this year, a musical/visual presentation introducing the children in our care and a personal story from one of our parents. 6:30 p.m. Social Hour (cash bar) 7:30 p.m. Dinner Parent reflection Entertainment Silent Auction Raffles and Door Prizes Parade of Checks

#### Tickets are \$45 each and available now.

To order yours, call Sheila at 734-946-7500

Penrickton Center for Blind Children, 26530 Eureka Road, Taylor MI 48180 734-946-7500



Lions District 11 A-2 **Flyers** 







Lions District 11 A-2 **Flyers** 







Lions District 11 A-2 **Flyers** 







Lions District 11 A-2 **Flyers** 



# Christmas For Everyone

Charity Dinner & Auction By the Lake Orion Lions Club

# Saturday, November 2nd, 2024

Tickets per person \$60 in advance \$70 at the door 7 p.m. Dinner & beverages included Doors open 5:30

Silent Auction



The Lake Orion Lions Club Questions & Donations 248 535-9011 www.lakeorionlions.org Or from Lion Member

### NEW LOCATION

Eagle Creek Academy 3739 Kern Road Lake Orion, MI 48363

"Where there is a need there is a Lion"



For Tickets

Proceeds from the event funds the Lake Orion Lions Club Christmas Basket Program. It provides food for the winter break for 240 families & senior citizens..





Lions District 11 A-2 **Flyers** 







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	LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE			
	The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a			
	highly regarded leadership skills development			
	event for Lions who are emerging leaders at			
	the club, zone, region, and			
	GRADUATE INSTITUTE			
	This Program expands on the t	opics you have		
	learned at the Leadership Insti	tute and gives you a		
	few more.			
VENT IN	FORMATION			
Dates	November 8 - 10, 2024	10No		
Location	R. A. MacMullan Center			
	104 Conservation Drive		2	
	Roscommon, MI 48653			
Questions?	Email Lions@lionsofmi.com	ERNATIONAL		
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## Lions District 11 A-2 Flyers

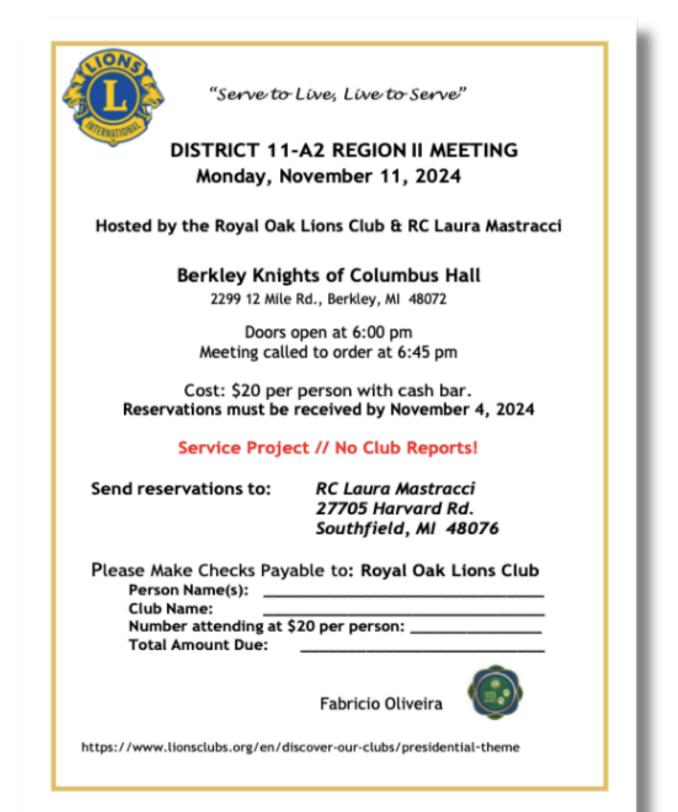


More Information!	Application form
	Application form Lions Leadership and Graduate Institutes
Lions Leadership and Graduate Institutes	
There is a \$300 fee. This includes registration, course materials, two nights of lodging, and six meals. Arrival Friday morning, November 8, 2024. Registration between 10:30 and 11:30 followed by lunch.	Deadline: October 4, 2024 Send completed form and payment to: Lions Leadership Institute 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 Applicant information
Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The skills acquired can be used not only in Jons, but also at work and in everyday life. When participants aren't in class, they make new riends, network, and exchange ideas from across the region. Here's a sampling of classes: Team building Conflict resolution Managing change Leadership Presentation skills Effective listening Action plans and goal setting	First name
	Payment Information   Make checks payable to Michigan Lions   Leadership Institute   Enclosed is my check for \$300   for Leadership Institute   Enclosed is my check for \$300   Graduate Institute   Pay by credit card online:   https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-lions-of-michigan-leadership-institute-lickets-952906668497?   aff-oddtdtcreator   Signature   DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 4, 2024   A CANCELLATION FEE OF \$150.00 WILL APPLY AFTER OCTOBER 18, 2024



Lions District 11 A-2 **Flyers** 







Lions District 11 A-2 **Flyers** 



