## **LIONS CONNECTIONS** FEBRUARY 2024

D I S T R I C







### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM PATTERSON'S MESSAGE**

Fellow Lions,

11E1

Last month I wrote about the critical lack of leadership at the district level. Lion Steve A, the chair of our Nominations and Elections committee, made an outstanding suggestion; invite Past International Director Justin Faber to speak to our cabinet. PID Justin came loaded with insight and suggestions. He led us to several possible solutions and pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of each in a most calming and friendly manner. He helped us see a way forward.

PID Justin's positivity and encouragement provided the incentive for one of our own to step up and agree to serve as our current First Vice District Governor for the remainder of this year and to be District Governor next membership year. By the time you read this, a special election will have been held and Lion Tom MacNaughton, our current Lions of Michigan All-State Band chair, will be elected to the position of First Vice.

But this isn't a cheery, crisis averted, breathe a sigh of relief kind of situation. All we've really done is kicked the can down the road until this time next year. If we don't change our ways, we will soon be in crisis mode again. PID Justin's long-term solution is to step up our recruiting and training efforts. Competent district leadership is an absolute necessity. To that end, our Global Leadership Team Chair, PCC Jeff S of the Coleman Lions, is working hard to put together a training program that is both relevant and insightful.

We are also applying to Lions International to have a Coordinating Lion assigned to help us get back on track. A Coordinating Lion is often, but not always, a Past International Director with extensive organizational experience. They will guide us to reorganize and redouble our efforts to be the greatest Lions District we can be.

If you know or run into Lion Tom, be sure to thank him for his dedication and energy. He is assuming the monumental task of absorbing two full years of training in the space of a few months - not the easiest thing to accomplish.

Let me say this one more time, competent leadership is an absolute necessity for success. Our district has many ways to help clubs serve better. But we can't do that if we are always scrambling for leadership. We are searching for Second Vice District Governor candidates for the remainder of this year and one for the next. Lack of experience and apprehension are the big reasons good Lions never take the big step. The training available to you as Second and First Vice is considerable and excellent. Every previous leader is willing to help you succeed. No one wants you to fail. What's holding you back?

#### Fellow Lions,

It is with a great deal of pride that I tell you Lion Tom MacNaughton of the Cedar-Maple City Lions has been accepted by Lions International as our 2023-24 First Vice District Governor. Lion Tom is taking over for Lion Ken who resigned the position for personal reasons.

Lion Tom will make a fine FVDG but has a lot of catching up to do in a short amount of time. Please help FVDG Tom with your encouragement and support as he gets up to speed. DG Jim

The 3rd District 11E1 Cabinet meeting was held at the Coleman Lions Club House on January 27. There was over 20 Lions from around the District attending the meeting along with Past International Director (PID) Justin Faber from the Ubly





Lions in the thumb area of Michigan. The food provided by the Coleman Lions was plentiful, delicious and well received from the attendees. Topics discussed included membership, leadership, service, reports from Zone Chairs on activities that Clubs have completed, upcoming District and State Conventions (to include the upcoming Lions of Michigan Forum), State Projects (Leader Dogs, PAWS With A Cause, Lions of Michigan Band, Speech & Hearing, etc.), and other Committee Chair reports. DG Jim passed along to Zone Chairs Length of Service Chevrons to be handed out during their next Zone Chair visit. DG Jim awarded a Club Excellence Award to the Coleman Lions Club President Ann Roeseler for the 2022-2023 Lion Year.



#### PDG Stan Preshaw, Central Montcalm Lions Club

The family of Past District Governor Stanley Preshaw is saddened to announce his passing on Saturday, January 6. The Lions organization was Dad's passion. "Stan the Man" was known throughout the Michigan clubs for his eagerness to be of service, and for his encouragement to those just starting to develop their own leadership gifts. Over his 40+ years as a Lion Stan served at every level and on nearly every major project. If there was a Lions event anywhere he wanted to be present and participating. He was particularly proud of having been District

Governor and his over 22 years assisting with the vision testing at Special Olympics.

Due to the need to get family to Michigan from the West Coast and Europe we have needed to postpone his funeral for a few weeks. Services will be held in Ithaca, Michigan, on a date yet to be determined.

Susan Sickelka, Stan Preshaw's daughter

## MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



2024: MICHIGAN LIONS CHANGING THE WORLD February 23-24, 2024

Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, 2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Register online and pay by credit/debit card at <a href="www.lionsofmi.com">www.lionsofmi.com</a> or use the forms in your December Lion Pride Publication and pay by check.

White Cane supplies order form is also in the Lion Pride and available for pickup at the Forum! This is where we will be making the blankets for the Sleep In Heavenly Peace project. Register early!

#### **DISTRICT 11E1 CONVENTION 2024**

Theme: "Back to the 70's" Date: April 19 & 20, 2024

Location: Comfort Inn, 2424 S. Mission, Mt. Pleasant

Must reserve your room by March 19 to get the \$139.00 rate. Call 989-248-8957.

New member lunch includes all new members since last convention. (They must pay registration fee, \$10.)

Registration Form (see next page). Be sure to mark if you want pork loin or salmon for the banquet.

Do you need an Exhibit Table? Please let Lion Pam Schroeder know.

Auction fundraiser - Asking for auction items from all clubs. It will end at the end of voting on Saturday.

Tidbits - Be sure to advertise a club event or anniversary. See Tidbits Form (pg 5).

Banner Parade - Be sure to bring your club banner to lunch on Saturday.

#### Come to have Fun!!!

# District 11E1 Convention 2024 Registration Form

Please print clearly and enter information for each person attending.

<u>Name</u>	Lion	Guest	Registration	Friday	Breakfast	Lunch	*Banquet	<u>Total</u>
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Due by April 2, 2024. After that, the registration fee is \$20 per person.								
Make checks payable to "District 11E1 Convention". Payment must be included with form.								
Send to Lion Pam Schroeder, P.O. Box 326, Onekama, MI 49675								
Address and phone number of person filling out form:								

#### CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT

I hope you and your members will be able to attend the <u>District Convention in Mt. Pleasant on April 19th & 20th</u>. It's always good to come together, share issues, bounce around ideas, meet new friends and old from around our district and conduct district business! You all are important to District 11E1.

I am working on plans for the District Service Project and can use your help! DG Jim Patterson and I thought that putting together **personal hygiene bags** for the homeless in our area was a good goal this year. Using district funds, I will purchase toothbrushes and toothpaste, nail clippers, combs, lip balm and lotion. But before I do that, I thought I should ask if you or a club member has a source who might donate some of the mentioned items? That would free up funds to purchase other items.

With help from members, we will be able to assemble 200 bags. A few sit-down jobs will be available, but the most help will be needed walking around tables and filling bags with items we have available. Lions will be invited to take bags back to their community's shelters. Any remaining will stay in Mt. Pleasant for our host club to distribute.

If your club would like to purchase/bring something for the kits, everything will be used! Perhaps some Lions have a collection of travel size soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, or lotion that they can contribute. Here is a list of other items of varying cost (Amazon). Let me know if you plan to buy/ bring something for the bags. Together we can make this an awesome service project, helping 200 less fortunate. I priced items in bulk at Amazon, but they can be purchased anywhere. It was suggested to me that Dollar Tree might have some items at good prices.

Below are some suggested items we could include:

Mini Emery Boards 100 @ \$4.99

Dental Floss Pics 200 @ \$9.99

Shaving Cream Packs 100 @ \$13.95

Sanitizer Wipes 200 @ \$19.99

Freshscent Razors (individually wrapped) 144 @ \$27.95

Freshscent Shampoo 1 oz. 100 @ \$29.95

Deodorant Wipes 300 @ \$33.99

Freshscent Bar Soap 100 @ \$35.90

Sanitary Napkins (HOSPECO Maxithins individually wrapped) 250 @ \$46.49

Wet Wipes 500 @ \$47.45

Freshscent Stick Deodorant 144 @ \$67.95

SIPA Cherry Scent Hand Sanitizer 1 oz. 96 @ \$78.98

SIPA Hand Sanitizer 2 oz. 120 @ \$112.99

Send this out to your members and put it on your agenda! Thank you for any and all help you can provide. Lion Ann Roeseler, District Service Coordinator, <a href="mailto:ann.roeseler@gmail.com">ann.roeseler@gmail.com</a>

#### **Memorial Service**

This year, as it has been tradition, the Memorial Service will immediately follow breakfast on Saturday morning at the District 11E1 Convention. All Lions who have passed since last years' convention are eligible to be honored, but I need your help. I'd like your help now, rather than waiting until right before the convention. I need a photo of the Lion, and a bio that includes what they were involved with in Lions, as well as the club name please. This can be emailed to <a href="mailto:adsmond@comcast.net">adsmond@comcast.net</a> or snail mailed to 411 E. Maple St., Fremont MI 49412. You can give it to the gov'ner when you see him! Steve Adsmond, Chaplain

## **Nominations & Elections**

We have received nominations for District Governor and Trustee for the Lions of Michigan Foundation. However we haven't received any nominations for the 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor positions. Without people serving in these leadership positions we will miss out on communication and direction for our Districts' clubs. Please let us know if you would be willing to serve in either capacity. We will receive nominations from the floor at our annual business meeting at the District Convention. Nominations and Elections Committee: Steve Adsmond, Dave Hamelund, and PCC Jeff Schafer

#### **NEW TIDBITS OPPORTUNITY!**

PERSONAL TIDBITS AD fundraiser for 11E1 DISTRICT CONVENTION

Do you have a member of your club you'd like to honor? Is someone's birthday an important day that you could share with us? Would you like to share a special 'thank-you' for something or someone that needs recognition? This is the year to show your appreciation of someone. Just let us know, we'll publish it for you. Fill in the blanks or create your own ad, email ad to me then mail a check made out to <u>District 11E1 Convention</u> \$25.00 for each ad to:

Janalee McClure, Box 177, Brohman, MI 49312 Email: <u>janalee@riverview.net</u> phone: 231-689-1321

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NOTE: Club Full Page Tidbit Ads are still \$25.00 and can include:

Campaign Ads

Your Lion Club Fundraisers

All Lion Club Anniversary Celebrations

Invite other Clubs to participate in your club activities!

Send the ad by email, mail the check and I'll get it in the book!

## **DISTRICT 11E1 DELEGATE CERTIFICATION** FORM for April 20, 2024 Convention Voting

CLUB NAME	Number of Members
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2 of the District 11E1 Constitution chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs Internation of its district to one(1) delegate and one(1) enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, or records of the international office on the first day of the convention is held(March 1, 2023). The major fraction members. Further, full delegate status shall be accorded to the Club delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one(1) vote	ution and By-Laws: CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA. Each ational and its district shall be entitled in each annual all alternate for each ten(10) members, who have been ar major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the the month last preceding that month during which the on referred to in this section shall be five(5) or more ded each Past District Governor who is a member of a quotas herein above specified. Each certified delegate see only for each office to be filled by, and one(1) votes a convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the
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	g of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent to fifteen(15) days prior to the close of credential
certification (12 noon, Saturday, April 20, 2024)	
PRINTED NAME OF DELEGATES(D) ALTERNATES(A)	(D)(A) MEMBER SIGNATURE AT CONVENTION
PRINTED NAME PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS (PDG)	PDG SIGNATURE AT CONVENTION
I <u>hereby certify</u> that the delegates and alternates liste Lions Clubs International:	d above are in good standing with Lions of Michigan & Club President/Secretary or DG at Convention
Note: TO VOTE delegates <b>MUST</b> be registered and cert	tified BEFORE 12 NOON, Saturday, April 20, 2024.

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MAIL form by APRIL 1st to District Credential Chairperson: Janalee McClure, Box 177, Brohman, MI 49312



# Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International CHANGING THE WORLD

The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is please to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships for the 2024 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention May 16-18, 2024 \* SHERATON by MARRIOTT, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000

Speaking opportunity during the Saturday Awards Banquet (up to 10 minutes); Advertisement in the Lion Pride publication; advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event; insert included in welcome packet

Gold Sponsor - \$500

Speaking opportunity at Friday's Welcome Reception/Dinner or Saturday Awards Breakfast (up to 10 minutes); advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event

Silver Sponsor - \$400

Advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; banner on display throughout the event; insert included in welcome packet

Bronze Sponsor - \$300

Our highly popular Kick-off Picnic, Hospitality Room or Coffee Break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display; insert included in welcome packet

Heart of a Lion - \$150 Club Special!

Breakout Session or Coffee Break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings booklet; banner on display

All sponsors who commit by April 1, 2024, will be listed on promotional materials, in the Lion Pride publication, on the Lions of Michigan website and Face Book page. Checks should be made out to Lions of Michigan and mailed to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911. Contact wburns@lionsofmi.com or call 517-887-6640 for further details.

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# WHO WILL BE CROWNED THE 2023-2024 LIONS PROM KING and QUEEN?

Join the fun at our MD-11 Lions convention, Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, at the Sheraton by Marriott, in Grand Rapids. This year's convention theme will be "Lion's Prom." We will be selecting a Prom King and Queen, but you must earn your way onto the court.

We will be raising money for our State Projects with a friendly, state -wide competition. Each district is asked to challenge members/clubs to raise money between now and April 30. The individual Lion or Lions Club raising the most money in a district will be promoted to the Lions Prom Court for crowning.

Top female and male fundraisers from each district in MD 11 and District 10 will advance to the Lions Prom court. Prom night is Friday, May 17. The crowning will take place that evening. Final contestants can continue to fundraise until 7 pm. on May 17.

Start your fund-raising now! We need to know your district's King and Queen candidates by April 30. The club in each district that raises the most money will select two members to represent their district as their King and Queen on our prom Court.

Notify MD 11 Lions Convention Co-Chairs Dave and Brenda Hacker of your district's 2023-2024 nominees for King and Queen, for entry to the May 17<sup>th</sup> crowning. <u>Liondave1213@att.net</u> or 586.531.2423 or contact Lion Wendy Burns, <u>wburns@lionsofmi.com</u> 517.887.6640 ext. 103

Money raised from this event will be donated to the State Projects of MD 11

## **CLUB NEWS**

#### **COLEMAN LIONS**



DG Jim Patterson presented the Club Excellence Award (banner patch and pin) to the Coleman Lions Club President Ann Roeseler during the District 11E1 Cabinet meeting held at the Coleman Lions Club House on January 27. The award is given to clubs for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing.



#### **BALDWIN LIONS**

A little bit going on. The club made a \$175 donation to Hollister Senior Center to sponsor an 8'X4'X36" raised flower bed. Our name plate will be on the side of it. The club also donated \$150 to each of 4 All State Band Students from our District. The funds to make these donations came from our recent chocolate sales during the holidays.

#### **LUTHER LIONS**

Luther Lions Club news for February as of 1/28/2024:

- •Getting in shape for the New Year? Join us as we walk our hall every Wednesday from 12 to 2 pm.
- •Feed American Truck will be at the Luther Lions Club on Thursday, Feb. 8, starting around 2:30 pm.
- •Mark your calendars for our St. Patrick's Day Social, open to our Community and all District Lions. Its Saturday, March 16th. Doors open at 5 pm with the coffee on! Dinner begins at 5:45 pm and the Entertainment begins at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per person at the door. 50/50 Raffle and a raffle to try and win an Irish filled basket of goodies! BYOB. Our Entertainment will be the Northern Lights Irish Dance Academy. They will put on a dance performance and after we will be asked to come up and try our legs out as they teach us an Irish Folk dance! Hope to see you then.

#### Service Stories and submissions to "LIONS CONNECTIONS"

We post club service stories and/or news under the "Club News" section of the District 11E1 newsletter. Has your story been shared? Our District 11E1 newsletter is forwarded to Lions of Michigan for consideration in the LION PRIDE MAGAZINE.

Please submit articles in <u>Word [Please no PDF files]</u> and <u>pictures in jpeg format as an attachment</u> for the March 2024 Newsletter by February 21 to Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at hoym@charter.net or call 989-832-8354.

Any District 11E1 Lion can submit articles and/or pictures for the newsletter.

#### MIDLAND LIONS

#### **Rose Bowl Experience**



[Lion Will Greeley, our most recent Lions member, wanted to share a very positive experience he had recently while attending the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.]

As a Michigan alum, it was a dream come true to see the Wolverines play in the Rose Bowl against Alabama. My wife and I got game tickets, and looked forward to seeing the Rose Bowl parade as well. I contacted the Pasadena Lions Club and asked them if we could get a behind-

the-scenes look at their float. They did us one better, asking if we would be willing to volunteer and help decorate the float. We happily agreed, and spent four hours on Saturday decorating the Lions float and several others at nearby Irwindale, California. It was an awesome experience. We helped trim and prepare hundreds of roses that ultimately got put on the floats. We especially enjoyed the camaraderie with the other volunteers. Watching the finished floats during the parade was even better knowing that we helped decorate some of them.





Lion Will brought to our last meeting, January 16, 2 'pins' from his Rose Bowl experience. One depicted the Pasadena Lions float and the other was a general Rose Bowl parade pin. Lion Will donated both pins for a raffle. Tail Twister Mike sold tickets and Lion Pete Conarty won the Pasadena Lions pin and Lion David Romenesko won the 'Rose' pin.

# District *Projects*



I would like to come and visit your club for a presentation. Please contact me through Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at <a href="https://hoym@charter.net">hoym@charter.net</a> or 989-832-8354.

Cowboy Hoy, Hearing/Assistance Dog





Here is the website link: <a href="https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/">https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/</a> Each month, a newsletter page will be uploaded to our website. Lion Beth, Director of Lions Engagement Leader Dogs for the Blind 1039 S. Rochester Rd. • Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115 Direct (248) 218 6421 or Toll Free (888) 777-5332

#### **Lions of Michigan Foundation**

Donations are greatly appreciated. There are more requests for disaster relief and individual help than we have seen in some time. We help many people all around our district, so if you missed the Parade of Checks, you can still send your checks to the foundation. The foundation helps many people, but we cannot do it without your club donations.

The foundation is ready to send out the Sight and Hearing Tickets, encourage clubs to use them as a fundraiser. For every ticket you sell you can receive money back to use in your clubs, the more you sell the more you get for your club.

There are still cookbooks for sale. You can get them from Chad for \$10 each and sell them for what you would like, also a fundraiser for your club.

#### **Lions Clubs International Foundation**

Each of your clubs should have a club coordinator for LCIF. Please forward their name and address information to PDG Pam Schroeder. My address and phone info are in the Roster Book.

It is not too late to make your yearly donation. Your donation can go toward a Melvin Jones, and when you have \$1,000 into LCIF, you can present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to someone for their dedication to Lionism. Many clubs have the funds into LCIF for a Melvin Jones that can be presented. If you need more info contact PDG Pam.

Donations are used to help clubs around the world. Some donations have also come back to Michigan to help with disasters. Grants can also be applied for, if your club has donated to LCIF.

#### LIONS INTERNATIONAL PIN TRADER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are due to Michigan Pin Traders by March 1, 2024. Lions International Trading Pin Club offers a scholarship intended for children/grandchildren of Lions, Lioness, and/or Leo Clubs. The applicant must be a graduating senior who has been accepted for admission to an accredited college or institution of higher learning. The application can be found on the Lion International Trading Pin Club website. Completed application is to be sent to the Michigan Lions Pin Trading Club for regional selection. The regional application will be sent to the International Committee for possible selection. Scholarship amount awarded is \$2,500. Check is issued in the name of the student at completion of their first semester.

Send completed application to: PDG Peggy Walls, President, Michigan Lions Pin Trading Club, 13500 215<sup>th</sup> Ave., Big Rapids, Michigan, 49307.

If questions, please call: 231-796-2861 or 231-679-7911.

#### **DISTRICT MISSION TRIP 2024**

Now that the COVID has pretty well cycled out, I would like all clubs in the District to please ask their local eye doctors and/or ophthalmologists if they would like to participate in another eyeglass mission. We have the glasses ready to go but need volunteers to go with us. For a worthwhile trip it will give you a hands on experience of what Lions do in foreign countries with those used eyeglasses. Please call PDG Harry Johnson at 231 745-4524 and leave a message if I'm not home. We are currently looking to go to Puerto Penasco, Mexico, this October.

Please contact PDG Harry Johnson for more details lionharry1947@gmail.com









Greetings Lions,

We hope this email finds you well! We are excited to share the latest edition of our Faithful Friends newsletter. Inside this issue you'll find:

- A letter from our new CEO, Melissa Weisse, introducing herself.
- Details about our upcoming Teen Summer Camp program and how teens can get involved.
- Tips from our groomers on keeping your dog looking their best.

You can view this issue of Faithful Friends (PDF) here.

If you feel inspired to give, simply <u>click the link here to donate.</u>

Thank you for believing in our mission and our clients!

With warm gratitude, Melissa Weisse President and CEO

# lions Bear Lake Camp

2nd Annual "Sub-Zero Hero" Polar Plunge and Dinner

February 10th, 2024 2:00 PM Jumper Check-In 3:00 PM Polar Plunge 5:00 PM Dinner

COME CHILL WITH US AND MAKE A SPLASH BY JUMPING IN THE LAKE TO RAISE MONEY FOR LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP. DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO AND ENOY A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON. JOIN OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR A POLAR PLUNGE, FOLLOWED BY A DELICOUS DINNER.

# Costume Contest

Prizes for
Best Costume
Best Jump (no diving)
and Crowd Pleaser



# Dinner Includes

Soup Bar Bread Bowls Salad Bar Hot Chocolate Bar Dessert Cash Bar

Warming tent available with hot coffee, tea, cocoa, cider.

Alcohol available for purchase.

# FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

**ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS** 

## \$25 Dinner for Spectators Only

## TUMPERS WHO RAISE

\$50 WILL RECEIVE Jump, Dinner, T-shirt

\$100 or More-Jump, Dinner, T-shirt, Tumbler

\$250 or More-Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler x2, T-shirt x2

\$500 or More- Priority Jump, Dinner x2, Tumbler x2, T-shirt x2,

**Event Hoodie** 





Sign up online at bearlakecamp.org under the "Events" Tab

For More Information Contact
Chrissy Andre 989-627-3808 chrissyandre113@gmail.com
Traci Tribley 989-277-7437 traci@bearlakecamp.org

\*\*Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.\*\*