

THE LIONS ROAR

District 11-A1 Lions Club



NEW BEGINNINGS

Happy New Year!!

Greetings fellow Lions and future Lions!!

Lets jump right into what will be an eventful year with several upcoming conventions and service on the horizon. A new year means 365 days of new opportunities, new adventures, new friendships and accomplishments. Are you up to the task? Lets share our past experiences and create new ones together while marching along to the tune of service and dedication to our members and community. I hope to see everyone at the Third District Cabinet Meeting this month on the 19th and at the District 11 A1 Convention in April. Once again thank you for your continued service and hard work.

Continue to share the Joy of Lionism with each and everyone.

Third District 11 Cabinet Meeting.

District 11 A1 Convention

Happy Holidays!!

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DETROIT WESTOWN HARTFORD CLUB,

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE FROM
DISTRICT II AI DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
LULA GARDFREY

LOCAL DISTRICT EVENTS AND
FUNDRAISING

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LOCAL OPPURTUNITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

ENCOURAGING OUR CLUBS TO...

- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISTRICT WIDE ACTIVITIES FOCUSED ON:
- MEMBERSHIP GROWTH
- FUNDRAISING GROWTH
- COMMUNITY SERVICE
- MEMBER EDUCATION
- ESTABLISH A DISTRICT WIDE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY FOR LCIF
- REACH OUT" TO INCREASE COMMUNITY
- AWARENESS OF LIONISM



District II-AI

COMMUNICATION GATEWAYS



MAILCHIMP: SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:

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FEATURES RECENT PAST EVENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS, EVERYTHING DISTRICT NEWS!

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Lions District 11-A1 Interest Survey -->

We Serve Wayne and Monroe Counties!



JANUARY

2023-2024

District Officers

- DG Lion Lula Gardfrey
- FVDG Lion LaWonna Lofton-Coleman
- SVDG Lion Kim Hooper
- IPDG Lion Matt Collins
- Global Leadership Coordinator Lion Roshni Patel, PDG
- PDG/ District II AI Global Extension Coordinator, Lion Ronald Coleman
- Global Membership Coordinator, Lion Harriet Robinson, PR C
- District II AI Global Service Coordinator, Lion Michelle Turner-White
- District II AI Childhood Cancer Committee Chair, Lion Phyllis Turner
- Leader Dog Coordinator, Lion Cathy Mc Adam
- Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club President, Lion Deborah Love-Peel
- Harper Woods - Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club President, Lion Daniel Rathbun,



District II-AI

*In the spirit of the season, we
extend a heartfelt thank you for
all you do to support your community
and our Lions association, and we
wish you and your family a
healthy and peaceful New Year*

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Lions of Michigan Foundation
Board of Trustees and Staff

April 19, 2024 - April 21, 2024

DISTRICT 11 A1 CONVENTION

SHERATON DETROIT METRO AIRPORT HOTEL
8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI



THEME

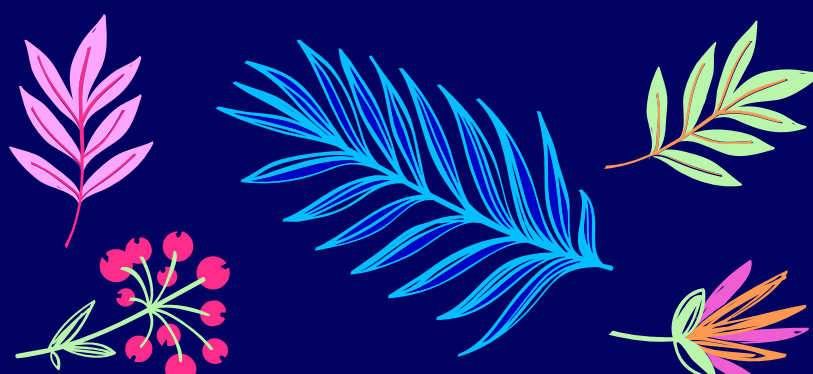
"WE ARE A TEAM"

GUEST SPEAKER

**PID Debra Weaverling,
Basehor, Kansas
Leavenworth Lions
Club**



THIRD DISTRICT 11 CABINET MEETING



• THURSDAY •
JANUARY 18, 2024

6:00 PM

MAMA MIA RESTURANT
27770 PLYMOUTH RD.
LIVONIA, MI

50/50 Drawing Door Prize
Special Gift Basket Drawing

COST: \$20

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 11 A1 - DISTRICT GOVERNOR, LULA GARDFREY

JANUARY



To My Fellow Lions

Let us say:

'WELCOME ABOARD LION KIM HOOPER ELECTED SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.'

Some of the happenings within the District:

Diabetic Retinopathy is a partnership between the Lions of Michigan Foundation and District 11 A1 and District 11 A2 Lions Clubs, and a group of eye care professionals and research scientists who are collecting and analyzing data for Henry Ford Health System

Members of 11 A1 assisted in securing a \$40,000 grant for Mobile Retinopathy

Screening.

By taking the process to the community, we can help to detect ocular disorders before it is too late.

The process only takes 4 minutes.

A QR code was created by Lion Daniel Rathbun to assist the input of information for new recruits. This card will speed up the process of collecting information and allow a faster response. Information such as: the club's name, who referred them, individual's interest, type of information wanted, application, and other pertinent information required can be obtained.

The District has an ongoing project of donating gift cards to Ronald McDonald. We held our 4th successful Community Giveaway and Recycle. Over 200 people attended to receive furniture, household goods, and clothing.

No club is too small if the members are determined to achieve. Small clubs can initiate small projects and enjoy successes. Olawale Afolabi (FB) says there are three Cs in life:

You must make a CHOICE to take a CHANCE, or your life will never CHANGE.

The State and District projects were invited to attend our 2nd Cabinet Meeting. This was an opportunity for new members to learn more about the projects, their purpose, and causes. The following agencies attended or were represented: Beaumont Silent Children, Lions of Michigan, Greater Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Leader Dog for the Blind, Bear Lake, and Michigan All State Bank. The projects brought agency literature and souvenirs to distribute.

We conducted Officer Training classes at Madonna University for incoming Lions to prepare them for their new positions. Follow-up training classes were provided for those unable to attend the first class. The training for the Region and Zone Chairs was held at the Renaissance Club House. Individual or follow-up training will be available when needed.

The first Governor Advisory Committee Meeting was held with the emphasis on Service. A second meeting for Membership and Leadership will be held in the 3rd quarter of next year. The IT Chair developed submission deadlines for photos and flyers to be published in the monthly newsletter and for upcoming events to be sent out to clubs through monthly



Mailchimp. These deadlines will reduce the volume of emails received and ensure timely delivery of valuable information.

The Governor held a Zoom meeting with all the presidents to ask for ideas, suggestions, and concerns. This will be done quarterly.

District nominees for the Hall of Fame were PDGs Ron Coleman and Titus McCleary posthumously). Selection will be done at the MD Convention on May 16, 2024.

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE OUR DISTRICT?

Three major goals we are working towards:

- to increase our District to 800 members.
- To achieve positive net growth.
- To charter at least one (1) club.

During the last 5 and half months, we added 94 members. However, we dropped 210.

We had a net growth of (-27) at the end of November.

There are many different tools available to assist in improving our clubs' performance. Thinking Positive – glass half full vs half empty. Thinking out the box; trying new methods to achieve our goals. Some of the areas to be examined are:

- New Club Development Workshop
- Districtwide Membership Drive
- Development of a QR card exit interview survey.

We can change Dynamics because ***WE ARE A TEAM, WORKING TOGETHER, TO MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN.***

Happy New Year

DG Lula

12/2023



DISTRICT 11 A1 NEWS

Congratulations to Lion Kim Hooper who has been selected to be Second Vice District Governor and a part of the team with District Governor, Lula Gardfrey and First District Governor LaWanna Coleman



LOCAL EVENTS DETROIT WESTOWN HARTFORD LIONS CLUB

Five members of the Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Club attended the Annual Adopt-A-Child Program at Penrickton Center for Blind Children. The Lions spent time with the club's adoptee, Jevarias and brought him gifts of clothing and toys.



CHILDHOOD CANCER COMMITTEE

The Childhood Cancer Committee is committed to helping children with cancer and their families in any way possible.

We continue to promote the donation of gift cards to our targeted organizations, Ronald McDonald House Detroit, Kids Kicking Cancer, and Maggie's Wigs for Kids. Gift cards for gas and food help the kids and their families during this difficult time in their lives. These cards are needed throughout the year.

The Committee continues to request the donation of \$10.00 gift cards for McDonalds, Subway, Chick-fil-A, Panera Bread and Tropical Smoothies. Lions who want to support families staying at Ronald McDonald House, may prepare a meal for them. Please call 313-754-5909 to volunteer and schedule a date.

For more information call:
Lion Phyllis Turner
248-890-2227



LOCAL EVENTS

DETROIT RENAISSANCE LIONS CLUB

The Detroit Renaissance Lions Club together with the Detroit Lions Club hosted a Blind Run 313 3K walk/run in honor of National Blindness Awareness Month, at Detroit's Tolan Park.



Merry Christmas to all from Detroit Renaissance Lions after a joyous performance of Holiday Cabaret at Detroit Public Theater.
Thanks to Pres. Alyson for coordinating this excellent venue.



Save the Date January 14th, 2023 for Detroit Renaissance Lions Club Wine Tasting for MLK Weekend !!!! The Wine Tasting that virtual last time will be hosted in person in our Clubhouse.



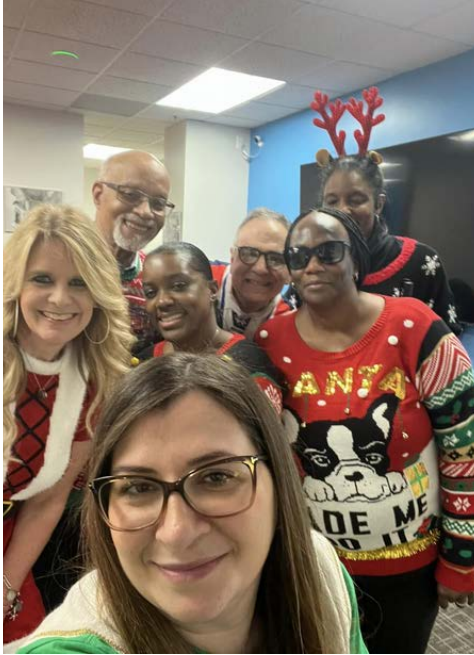
LOCAL EVENTS

2023 GDABVI HOLIDAY PARTY

JANUARY

Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired

2023 GDABVI Holiday Party was a HUGE success! With over 45 guests/clients in attendance there was lots of laughter, great food, beautiful presents to open and music to be shared. Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy holiday and Happy New Year!!



LOCAL EVENTS

BEDFORD LIONS CLUB

JANUARY

Members of Bedford Township Lions Club, along with friends and family, served 23 local families with food baskets. Each family received at least two large boxes of food collected by the students of Bedford Junior High School.

Along with the boxes of food each family received a bag of potatoes and whole ham.

Sixty-three senior citizens also received \$90 food gift cards.

We Serve...a Merry Christmas



LOCAL EVENTS

BEDFORD LIONS CLUB

JANUARY

Bedford Township Lions Christmas Party. What a great night, great food, great friends and great fellowship. On top of our Christmas celebration we also inducted Lion Paul Manor into the club, and he is a great addition. We are so very blessed with a wonderful organization that does such amazing things for our community! "We Serve"



LOCAL EVENTS

LIVONIA HIGH NOONERS LIONS CLUB

On December 15th by Westborn Market at 5 Mile and Middlebelt the Livonia High Nooners Lions Club were sharing the Christmas love accepting cash and electronic donations. ALL the money received is given back to our community.



Livonia High Nooners Lions Club Treasurer David Lewandowski and his wife Marie delivered toys donated by our Lions Club to the DMC Children's Hospital Snowpile event. These new toys will be given to pediatric patients to help make their Christmas a little brighter. Thank you, Dave and Marie!

A wonderful tradition continues!

Last night, Livonia High Nooners Lions Club members and volunteers sorted and wrapped gifts that Santa Claus will give to the very special children at Cooke School in Northville tomorrow! The Lions have provided gifts for students at Cooke for decades. It's truly a labor of love, and parochial in this labor has motivated many members to join the Lions. The gift is in the giving, and we're happy to do so!



LOCAL EVENTS

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

JANUARY

The Lions Club international has moved furniture into Twelve homes over the past month just in time before the holidays, and if you could've seen the faces and the comments of those who said "wow, thank you we're going to have family dinner and furniture to sit on for the holidays. "

Homes that were completely empty now filled with beautiful furniture. Thanks to all of the donations and support.

Please continue to make monetary donations by going to metrodetroitlions.org and checking the recycling Furniture button. We are trying to get our own truck and a warehouse. whether your donation is \$10 or \$200,000 it all helps.

Thank you.

Together we serve !



EACH OF YOUR CLUBS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISTRICT PROJECTS AND TO PRESENT MATERIALS, GIFTS AND MONETARY DONATIONS AT THE MICHIGAN FORUM IN FEBRUARY 2024. PLEASE SHARE THIS IN YOUR CLUBS.

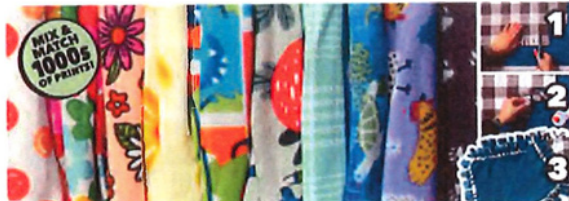


NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!



Join us at the MD Lions of Michigan Forum February 23, 2024, to tie 100 blankets for kids. Districts are asked to donate at least 10 blanket kits and we will complete the blanket service project as a group. All blankets will be donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Visit Joann Fabrics for all your no-sew fleece blanket kits! <https://www.joann.com> Contact PDG Terri Huffman, GST Chair, or your District GST for details on how we can make an impact on the lives of children in need at the Lions Michigan Forum.





Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club

Annual Fundraising Committee
Proudly Presents



Tickets Only

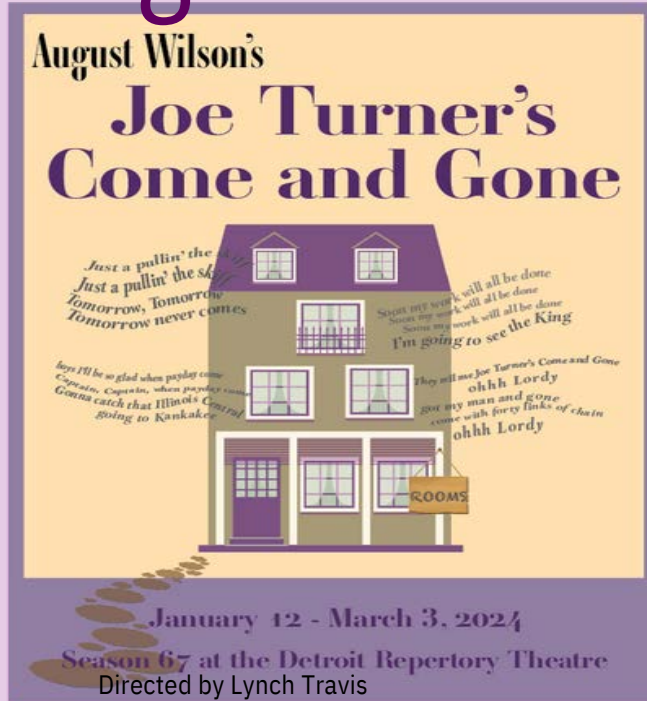
\$25

**Patrons Not Seated
After Curtain Call
until intermission**

Theatre Kitchen & Cash Bar
(Lobby opens @ 2pm)

Contact President, Betty
Richard
(313) 999-5421 or
Lion Debra Beckon @
(313) 244-4554
Lion Thomas Williams @
(313) 942-6804

August Wilson's



Set in 1911, a group of strangers share a boarding house as they search for lost ones, love, work, identity and their place in America. Herald Loomis arrives at Seth and Bertha's house with his young daughter, Zonia, in search of his wife. Resident "conjure man" Bynum shows him that he is really searching for himself. JOE TURNER'S COME AND GONE is the second play in August Wilson's American Century Cycle, following African American life experiences, decade by decade.

(059405) - District 11 A1 - MI

Saturday Matinee

February 17, 2024

Curtain Call 3:00PM

The Detroit Repertory Theatre

13130 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, M
Box Office (313) 868-1347

UNITED STATES

Free Attendant
Parking



Diabetes Environment Hunger Relief Pediatric Cancer Vision

Lions Club International is the World's Largest Service Club Organization

Our 46,000 clubs and 1.4+ million members make us the world's largest service club organization. We're also one of the most effective. Our members do whatever is needed to help their local communities. Everywhere we work, we make friends, with children who need eyeglasses, with seniors who don't have enough to eat and with people we may never meet again.



Kids Coalition Against Hunger is a 501©3 humanitarian food aid organization. Our mission is to significantly reduce the number of undernourished children locally and around the world. Our fully nutritious meals are packaged by volunteers and delivered to starving people with the help of our worldwide partners.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger was started by Dr. Donald E. Burwell in 1998. This humanitarian crusade has partnered with many different Service Groups, Churches, Businesses, and Volunteers. Today KCAH produces millions of meals a year that are sent to local community food banks and shelters. KCAH ships to twenty different countries globally, while storing a portion of the meals packaged for disaster relief.

Every day 14,500 children under the age of twelve die from hunger related diseases.

One KCAH food pack will provide six adult meals at .35 cents per meal, or \$2.10 a packet.



kcah.info

KCAH accepts individual and corporate donations that will be used towards future packaging events. Check should be made payable to Kids Coalition Against Hunger and mailed to:

Kids Coalition Against Hunger
 PO Box 930794
 Wixom, MI 48393
 *This is a tax deductible contribution

Plan a packaging event at your facility. We bring the equipment and material to your location to put together food packets with the help of your volunteers. Each meal cost .35 cents. Our minimum packing is 10,000 meals, at a cost of \$3,500.00 and with the help of one hundred volunteers, this can be done in about an hour. Larger events are available; please contact us for availability and requirements.

Join a packaging in your area by going online to kcah.info and click on "Get Involved"

Kids
 Coalition Against Hunger

PO BOX 930794
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 800.269.0956
 fax 248.281.1772
kcah.info

Feed Our Future



this is andy.

Around the world, thousands of children lose limbs due to landmines, accidents, birth defects or cancer. Families who live in poverty often cannot afford prosthetics. The children suffer and are unable to walk. Sometimes this hinders the child from attending school, working, or participating in society. For the lucky ones who receive a prosthetic, they will outgrow it in 18 months on average. Hope To Walk's solution is a low-cost prosthetic so that children can be walking again sooner and get the replacements they need when they grow.

The Hope To Walk prosthetic leg is a cost-effective solution for growing children in developing countries.

Send donations to:
 125 N Main Street
 Suite 500-188
 Blacksburg, VA 24060
 PHONE 540-605-7102
 E-MAIL info@hopetowalk.org
 WEB hopetowalk.org

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OFFERING PROSTHETIC LEGS & HOPE
to a world in need

TOPICS DISCUSSED ————— WJZZ COOL TV

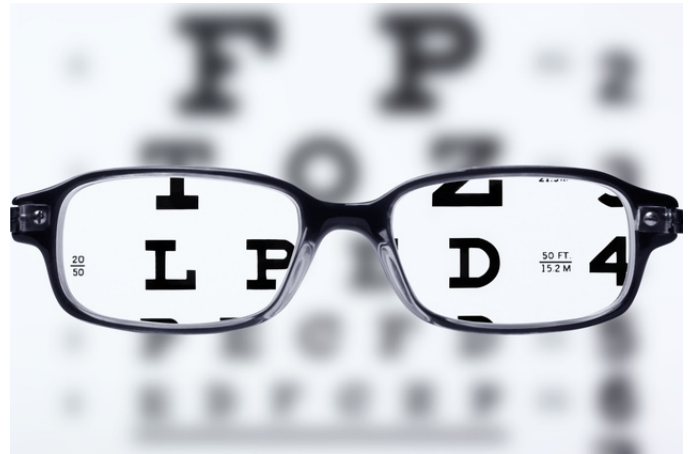
Arts & Entertainment, Employment, opportunities, Talk with the Therapist, Education, and More!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM (EST)

 MICHELLE WHITE Community updates Host	 Dr. REGINA C. HALL Licensed Therapist Enlighten Hearts Host	 ROBIN MACK Founder, Light To Life Success Foundation Guest	 DR. SABRINA EVANS Principal Owner Alpha One Agency, LLC Guest
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Tune in to "Community Updates & Enlighten Hearts Podcast" on YouTube
 Call in Live on air WJZZ COOL TV 313-355-6018 (EST)

Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION



Eye Care Assistance



Affordable Hearing Aids



Emergency Disaster Relief



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Emergency Individual Assistance



Medical Care and Equipment
Emergency Individual Assistance



Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION

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November 9, 2023

Dear Michigan Lions:

There is a tremendous amount of need that exists in our state, whether it be financial, medical or social, and the number of Michigan families that struggle and require a helping hand grows each and every year. For our Lions foundation to adequately address the need that exists, we need help. We are asking for assistance from all Michigan Lions and friends who are in a position to help more than you are already helping in your Lions Club and community. Contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation can be made electronically with the donation link on the foundation website (www.lmsf.net), with Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net), with Venmo (@LionsofMIFoundation), or with the attached form.

Your support will help us meet the challenges that lie ahead, touching lives in communities from our southern border with Indiana and Ohio to our northern border with Wisconsin and Canada and everywhere in between. Your contribution will help a child see or hear better in school; it will help a person suffering from vision or hearing loss keep their job; it will provide temporary living expenses for victims of fires, floods and tornadoes; it will provide emergency assistance for people suffering from sight and hearing disorders and other medical conditions that require treatment with expensive surgeries or medical procedures, it will provide emergency financial assistance for military members and veterans dealing with an unexpected life event; and it will help improve the quality of life for disabled individuals throughout our state.

As Michigan Lions, we have the opportunity and the ability to make Michigan a better place to live, and through our Lions of Michigan Foundation we changes lives, but we cannot do it without your help. Thank you for your consideration and service.

Together We Serve,

Dave Hill Chad A. McCann

President Executive Director

Enclosure

A Public Charity

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.



LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

5730 EXECUTIVE DRIVE - LANSING, MICHIGAN 48911

VOICE: 517 887-6640 FAX: 517 887-6642 WEB: www.lmsf.net

December 13, 2023

Dear Lions:

From July through November of this year, our Michigan Lions Foundation has provided services and financial support to District 10 and Multiple District 11 Lions Clubs amounting to:

PROJECT KIDSIGHT – 15,840 screened and 1,732 children referred for follow-up eye care.

HEARING SCREENING – 170 children and 80 adults have been screened and 19 referred for follow-up care.

DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING – 112 screened and 13 referred for follow-up care.

EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE & DISASTER RELIEF – 18 grants totaling over \$32,000 to help people in 9 of 11 Lions of Michigan Districts.

EYE CARE ASSISTANCE – 38 adults and 18 children have received assistance

HEARING AID ASSISTANCE – 70 adults and 1 child have been provided hearing aids

We are totally dedicated to help Lions Clubs provide assistance to those in need in their communities. Our largest fundraiser is our Annual Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes, and this statewide raffle provides a great opportunity for your club to also raise money for your local projects. Raffle tickets sell for \$10 each, and participating Lions Clubs receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of tickets in accordance to the following schedule:

30 to 99 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$3.50 per ticket

100 to 249 tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.00 per tickets

250+ tickets sold – Lions Club receives \$5.50 per ticket

In addition, the Lions Club or person who sells the ticket becomes eligible for a drawing on May 4, 2024 at the Lions of Michigan State Office with prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100.

The Grand Prize of the raffle is \$5,000. Subsequent tickets that are randomly selected receive prizes of \$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100. The drawing will take place on May 18, 2024 during the MD11 Convention that will be held at the Sheraton by Marriott in Grand Rapids, MI.

This is a great opportunity for your Lions Club to do some easy fundraising and support your Foundation. Every Lions Club has been sent some tickets to sell. If you have any questions, please contact Chad McCann or Kim Creger at 517-887-6640 or info@lmsf.net.

Together in service,

PCC Dave Hill, President

517-262-8928

coldhill@gmail.com

A Public Charity

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.

I WANT TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Michigan with unmet needs by helping them become more independent. We provide emergency assistance and services aimed at helping people with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, secure and retain employment and remain self-sufficient. Your contribution will help us change lives.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is my gift for \$ _____ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Please bill me for \$ _____ as my gift to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Recurring Gift _____ Annual Recurring Gift _____ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Please charge my debit/credit card for \$ _____. This is a: One Time Gift _____ Monthly

Visa Discover MasterCard Other _____

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____

This gift is for the:

KidSight Fund Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

Medical Assistance Fund Grant Yager Military Family & Veterans Relief Fund

Sight Restoration Fund Emergency Disaster Relief Fund

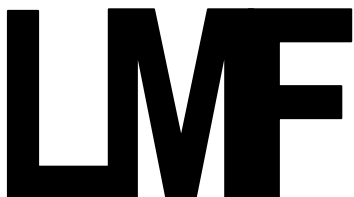
Other _____

This gift is in memory of:

This gift is in honor of: _____

Please acknowledge my gift to: _____

Mailing Address: _____



Partners In Service

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517-887-6640 - 517-887-6642 (Fax)





38th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

GREAT PRIZES

1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000
4th- \$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500
7th-\$400 - 8th-\$300 - 9th-\$200 - 10th-\$100

SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$1,000 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club
250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

DRAWINGS

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 4, 2024

Lions of Michigan State Office
Lansing, Michigan

FINAL DRAWING

May 18, 2024

MD 11 Convention - Grand Rapids, MI

The PRICE is RIGHT

\$10.00 Per Ticket

Attention—Attention-Attention

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift
38th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

Donor's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Honoree's Name: _____

Honoree's Email Address: _____

Honoree's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Youth Camp and Exchange Sponsor Lions Clubs

Contributed by: Lion Elvie Marfil, Youth Camps & Exchange State Chair

Interested in experiencing life in a different country? Join the exchange program where you can participate in the day-to-day life of a local family and meet other students from around the world.



Filing deadlines for all applicants vary by country. Most Countries have a filing deadline range from February 15 to March 31 depending on the country you pick. Please choose your country early and contact us right away.

A \$100 Youth Exchange Supplies fee is required with all applications. Fee includes shirts, backpack, MD11 Youth Exchange pins and banners and orientation booklet. There may be an additional charges for camps within your chosen country that are not included in the price of our program. You will be required to purchase your own airfare and international travel insurance. The travel insurance must be accepted in the country you are visiting.

Age requirements are typically 15 - 22

Our students usually depart the U.S. the last weekend of June or beginning of July for a 3 to 5 week stay depending on the Youth Exchange program in those countries. Please note that all counties are on a first come basis and fill up fast so the sooner you apply the sooner we can confirm your acceptance.

Deadline for outgoing students application form: March 30, 2024

Australia	Finland	India
Belguim	France	Israel
Brasil	Hungary	Italy
Canada	Japan	
Denmark	Mexico	

How to Apply

Apply to become a sponsor club and/or host family today by contacting Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or epmarfil5@yahoo.com.

South Africa

Deadline for host families application form: April 30, 2024

Sri Lanka

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN YOUR BUDGET.

Turkey

Youth Camps & Exchange Program Outgoing Young Adult Ambassadors

Selection of a Lions Young Adult Ambassador

The appropriate selection of a young adult to represent a Lions Club, community, state, and America is of paramount importance. The choice should be a young adult who, it is believed, will make a good "ambassador" both in words and actions. Both areas of character are a reflection of the USA and are of equal importance. Academics are a factor in the selection process, but other areas of a person's character also demonstrate qualities of strength that make a good ambassador. These could be sports, music, leadership, technology, and the like. A young person with good character is what the Lions seek. A request to travel has never been denied if a young adult has interest. Young adult ambassadors that have not traveled with YCE previously will fill the slots for a country before a young adult ambassador that has traveled with YCE.

Lions believe that every opportunity should be extended to a young adult to expand his/her knowledge, international understanding, and education in cultural diversity. People of the world need to appreciate and understand one another. This can be done through exposure to the culture, through an immersion in the life of a family. As the world becomes smaller through technology, it is imperative that young adults have the opportunity to experience international cultural diversity in order to nurture an improved relationship with America's international neighbors. We do this with the International Lions Youth Exchange Program!



Thank for your involvement

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Time Line

September/October/November: District Chairs and committee members promote the program, focusing on and making personal contact with LEO Clubs and/or high schools in their District. Upon a young adult's commitment, the District Chairperson sends the initial application to the State Chairperson, Lion Elvie Marfil. A formal recognition of the young adult's acceptance into the Lions Club Youth Exchange Program will be sent from the state chairperson to both the District Chairperson and the young adult.

December 15 or before: The signed Application, Indemnity Form, and Compulsory Items must be received by State Chairperson Lion Elvie Marfil, epmarfil5@gmail.com. Some exceptions may apply with permission however, it must go through the District Chair to the State Chair. Signatures are needed at each level.

Upon Commitment until March 30 the LYE (Lions Youth Exchange) young adult's responsibilities include:

- Contact clubs via a phone call, letter or email correspondence to obtain donations for travel expenses. Make arrangements to meet with the club personally. A list of clubs and pertinent information is furnished by the District Chairperson. Many clubs will not donate unless there is face- to- face contact. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Contact family and friends to solicit funds for travel expenses.
- Create, schedule, and execute fundraisers to raise money for the LYE experience.
- Attend the Fall District/Regional Lions Conference (usually in October) to make the LYE visible to the clubs. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult.
- Obtain a passport and/or visa.

March 30: All funds should be gathered for travel expenses and submitted to State Chairperson Lion Elvie Marfil. February 28 is the deadline for all trip donations from the clubs.

March/April/May/June: Host families are found and flight tickets are purchased. Contact between the host country and the state LYE chairperson is not always immediate. Flight tickets cannot be purchased until a host family is found. Please stick closely to this timeline.

May: Youth and family must attend a mandatory meeting in Lansing for LYE parents/guardians, district LYE chairperson, and/or committee member. The LYE young adult will receive a backpack, shirts, pins, banners, flight tickets, insurance information, and general information about airports, security, filling out immigration forms, etc.

IMPORTANT: Any young adult not making the timeline as listed above will be dropped from that year's program, unless cleared by the District Chair and State Chair. This is a very time- consuming process for all involved, and it requires all involved to closely follow the deadlines.

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Suggestions for LYE Fundraising

Create a display board, short 5-10 minute video, PowerPoint, or oral presentation about yourself and your desire to travel abroad. This can also be used when visiting a foreign country's Lions Club during your stay overseas.

Include these points and others as seen fit for your presentation:

- Name and family members
- Where you live
- Your involvement in sports, clubs, music, activities
- Other involvement, whether academic or community- based
- Places you have visited in the past
- Why do you want to visit another country? What will you take from the experience? As an Ambassador for the American Lions Clubs and America, how will you relate to the people of a foreign country? Will you be open to new experiences? Will you taste new foods? Will you practice your foreign language skills?

1. Contact clubs via a phone call, letter, or email correspondence to obtain donations for travel expenses. A copy of the PowerPoint or video could be sent to the clubs in lieu of a formal visit when letting the club know of the intent to travel with LYEP.

2. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Make arrangements to meet with the club personally. A list of clubs and pertinent information is furnished by the District Chairperson. Many clubs will not donate unless there is face- to- face contact. The clubs want to know why this experience is important to the LYE young adult. Present your short program to the clubs. They understand that you may be nervous. If timing or distance from a meeting is a problem, send your PowerPoint or a DVD of your video for them to present at a meeting. Follow up with a phone call to be certain that it was received; ask if there are any questions. Write a thank- you note for viewing your presentation at their meeting shortly after the meeting date. Do not wait for any funds to arrive; the clubs look for effort and gratitude.

3. Contact friends and family members. Email and/or Facebook are a good way to get the word out to distant family members. Send your PowerPoint or Video presentation. This demonstrates that you have exerted some effort in exchange for their monetary donation. It demonstrates responsibility and adult behavior.

4. Contact your church (if applicable) and ask to have a bake sale or car wash after Sunday Service.

5. Conduct a community car wash or bake sale. This could occur at a community function, library, or outside a local business.

6. Run, walk, or bike ride in an event. Gather pledges before the event occurs.

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Youth Camp and Exchange Program

Contributed By: Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson



Is the YCE Program Right for Me?

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing adventure that will open your mind and heart? Are you curious about other cultures and ways of life? Do you want to develop your skills in a second language? Would you like to cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs than you? The Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) Program may be the opportunity you are seeking.

Benefits of Participation

As a YCE you will:

- Live with a family in another country
- Meet people your age from around the world
- Learn about what it means to be a Lion or Leo in another country
- Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you
- Learn how to foster peace and understanding among peoples of the world

What to Expect

As a Youth Camp and Exchange you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural experience with Lions and Leo club members supporting your YCE journey. Your host family will treat you as a member of the family, awaiting your engagement in typical daily routines and family meals. You will participate in social activities, possibly service projects and visit cultural places of interest. You are expected to familiarize yourself with the customs, expectations and basic language of the host country prior to your visit and have a desire to learn more.

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a Youth Exchange by checking out the [Youth Camp and Exchange Handbook!](#)

Participant Eligibility

The suggested age range for Youth Camp and Exchange is 15-22. Please note age range can vary by specific Youth Camp and Exchange program.

Youth Camp and Exchange must:

- Be sponsored by a Lions club
- Be ready to represent your community, country and the sponsoring Lions club
- Welcome the opportunity to explore the customs of another culture
- Provide proof of insurance (health, medical, travel) and a liability release agreement
- Take initiative to learn the language of the host country (i.e. basic greetings and phrases)