



DISTRICT 11A1 NEWSLETTER

WE SERVE!

District Officers

2022-2023

District Governor

Matt Collins

Immediate Past District Governor

Lion Roshni Patel

1st Vice DG

Lula Gardfrey

2nd Vice DG

LaWanna Lofton-Coleman

Cabinet Secretary

Larry Wegerzyn

Cabinet Treasurer

Richard Zalewski



DG Matt Collins

District Governors

Message to the Members,

April/May/June, 2023

Welcome Back to Downtown Detroit! I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our Lions and guests who joined us on

May 13th at our 2023 District Convention. Held in the new Health and Wellness Center on the Wayne County Community College District – Downtown Campus, attendees enjoyed the opportunity for fellowship and a full schedule of activities including our quarterly cabinet meeting, District Memorial Service, nine breakout sessions, a delicious lunch and the Convention Program which featured Guest Speaker IPID Justin Faber.

Following IPID Faber’s remarks, the following Lions were recognized for their service to their communities and District 11 A1:

LCI Leadership Award: Lion Kim Hooper (Bedford)

LCI Presidential Award: Phyllis Turner (Detroit Westtown – Hartford)(, Shirley Kelly (Detroit Westtown-Hartford)

LCI Presidential Certificates of Appreciation: Kevin Clark (Northville), Michelle White (Detroit Westtown – Hartford)

Lion Faber then inducted four new Lions into Lionism:

Michelle and Shane Shamie (Rockwood)

Renee Smith (Canton)

Grace Holness (Detroit Mid City)

Lion Phyllis Turner was presented with the Larry Young Award and five Lions were recognized as having the “Heart of a Lion” for their work at the Club level; Daniel Rathbun (Harper Woods/GPW), Jenny Beauregard (Detroit Mid City), Doug Manore (Bedford), Andrew Whidby (Detroit Westtown-Hartford) and Patrice Matekja (Livonia).

April/May/June 2023



We Serve

“Ever Forward”

DISTRICT 11 A1
2022-2023 FOCUS

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

Region 1 Chair Bobby Sweeney

R1 Zone 1 Chair Bobby Sweeney

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Detroit North Central
Detroit Northeast
Detroit Westown-Hartford

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Westland

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Canton
Northville
Plymouth

Region 3 Chair Kim Hooper

R3 Zone 1 Chair Keith McDonald

Dearborn
Dearborn Heights
Ecorse-River Rouge
Lincoln Park
Metro-Airport

R3 Zone 2 Chair Kim Hooper

Bedford Township
Brownstown
Southgate
U of M Dearborn

R3 Zone 3 Chair Lamar Reed

Rockwood Area
Taylor
Trenton
Wyandotte

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GAT Chair- 1st DG Lion Lula Gardfrey
GMT - PDG Lion Ron Coleman
GST - Lion Deborah Love, PCS

Website: Metrodetroitlions.org Facebook: Lions Clubs of Metro Detroit; District 11 A-1
Newsletter Editor-n-Chief: Lion Michelle White, IT Team/Detroit Westtown Hartford Club, V.P.



MESSAGE FROM OIUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR



We introduced our elected officials for FY2023/24...First Vice District Governor LaWonna Coleman (Detroit Renaissance) and then I passed the gavel (and bell) to District Governor Elect Lula Gardfrey (Detroit Westtown - Hartford). PDG Lion Evelyn Cooper was also elected as our representative to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

On Friday evening before the Convention Lions from throughout the District participated in two Fun and Fellowship Events, the Detroit Tigers/Seattle Mariners Baseball game at Comerica Park or the Cliff Bells Dinner and Jazz Show featuring Alexia Bomtempo. A great time was had by all who attended!

My Motto is "Ever Forward" and today this means we need to be looking ahead to next year. All of our Clubs need to start preparing for FY2023/24 which begins July 1st.

PU101's are now due - Make sure you have selected your Club Officers (President / Secretary / Treasurer / Membership Chair) and submit their names to LCI by May 15th. Timely submission helps incoming District Leadership to prepare for the next fiscal year too.

Membership Dues for FY2023/24 - Every Club's goal should be to make sure your Club Roster is finalized before the start of the new fiscal year (July 1st, 2023). Here are 3 milestones to guide your efforts.

May 15th, 2023: Invoice your members for FY2023/24 dues, due 6-15-23

June 15th, 2023: Follow up with any member who has not confirmed for FY2023/24 by 6-25-23.

June 25th, 2023: Finalize your starting Club Roster for FY 2023/24 and submit to LCI.

By following this approach, all Clubs will have collected their member's dues in advance and will pay their International, State and Local dues on time.

Thought you might like to know that....

In April, Sixteen Freedom House Detroit residents applied for and received a VSP certificate good for one free Eye Exam and pair of Glasses. Residents of Freedom House are refugees or are seeking asylum in the United States. District 11A1 worked with the Lions of Michigan Foundation to get the applications processed and approved.

UEG Best Practices Meeting held in Ann Arbor at MOST Ministries. District Governor Matt Collins organized a UEG Best Practices Meeting attended by representatives of the Grand Rapids Lions (PID Gary Anderson), His Healing Touch Ministries (Dr. Jeff Chapman) and MOST Ministries (Kelly Bone) on March 24th. Attendees identified nine Best Practices that will be helpful to all three organizations, including recommendations on equipment, transporting of UEGs, sharing of volunteers, sharing of UEGs collected, publishing a combined schedule of Vision Missions, co-sponsoring larger Vision Missions, etc. Additional follow up Zoom meetings are now being planned

Yours in Lionism!

Lion Matt Collins, 11A1 District Governor, 248-224-8116



**MESSAGE FROM OIUR
DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT**



DGE Lula Gardfrey



SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 3, 2023

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA: PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER MEMBERSHIP REGION AND ZONE CHAIRS

COME AND LEARN OR ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS

TO SERVE YOUR DISTRICT

Contact Lula Gardfrey, FVDG
lulagardfrey@gmail.com



LIONS LIGHT

For this “Lions Light” submission, I talk with one of the most dedicated, tenacious and benevolent Lions that you will ever meet,
Lion Cathy McAdam.
This is “herstory” in Lionism!



SVDG LaWonna Lofton-Coleman

“How Long have you been a Lion and who or what inspired you to become a Lion?”

“When I was a child, the Lions sponsored several Christmas parties, and one of my fondest memories was meeting Al Kaline.
I first became a Lion in the 1990’s to help promote the E-Blind program, that offered computer training for the blind. I later rejoined a Dearborn club and am now president of the Harper Woods Grosse Pointe Woods club.
The LIONS were there for me as a blind child, so it’s my turn to give back!”

“What does being a Lion mean to you?”

“It really is all about service and giving back! I’ve had 9 Leader dogs so that passion drives me to promote their programs, and ask others to give. I love technology, and that led to our work on recycling technology for all to use!
I have a Masters in Social Work and worked in Rehab medicine, and advocated for assistive technology, and now as a Lion I chair two District Committees; Leader Dog, to help increase knowledge of their programs for guide dogs, cane travel and camp, and the Blind low vision activity committee.”

“What activities does/did your club focus on?”

“Our long running Good Fellows project, and Most recently, our local food bank, and running a recycling program to provide free used items to increase independence for people who are Blind or have low vision.”

“Tell us something about yourself that would surprise people?”

“I was painfully shy growing up! Amazing how things can change!
For fun, I travel, including trips to Tanzania, Hawaii, I go to ball games, concerts and love to curl up with a good Braille Book!”

Lion Cathy McAdam is 76 years young and was widowed in 1993 with no children.
She is now in a wonderful long-term relationship with Michael who helps keep her young!

SVDG LaWonna Lofton-Coleman



LIONS CLUB PROJECTS WE SERVE...



Kids Kicking Cancer Power Peace Purpose

Lion Phyllis Turner

Childhood Cancer Committee

Ronald McDonald House of Detroit



The Ronald McDonald House of Detroit provides an environment of love, Kindness and a support system to families during a difficult time in their life, when a child is receiving medical treatment at local hospitals. It is a house upon entering, and a home upon leaving. Each year the “home away from home” serves nearly 2,000 families who have children that are hospitalized or are receiving treatment at area hospitals. The House is conveniently located just blocks from Children’s Hospital of Michigan and offers a daily shuttle service. The Lions clubs in District 11 A1 are encouraged to support these families at Ronald McDonald by preparing meals for them, donating gift cards or donating items to the House from their Wish List.

On Tuesday, March 21, 2023 six members from Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions, of which 3 are members of the Childhood Cancer Committee prepared a meal for

25 residents a Ronald McDonald House. The Lions were given a tour of the

beautiful facility and a case of hand sanitizers was donated to the House.

If any Lions club would like to prepare dinner for the families at Ronald McDonald

House, you may call 313-745-5909 to schedule a day and time.

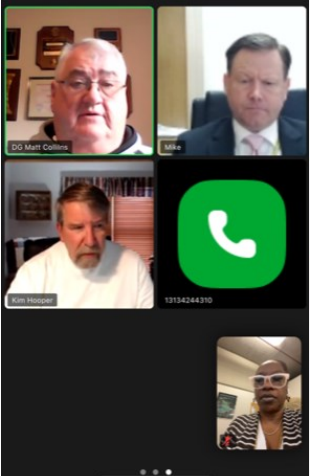


Lion Phyllis Turner received the Prestigious Larry Young Award

Lion Phyllis Turner
District 11 A1 Childhood Cancer Committee Chair



DISTRICT 11 A1 2023 CONVENTION

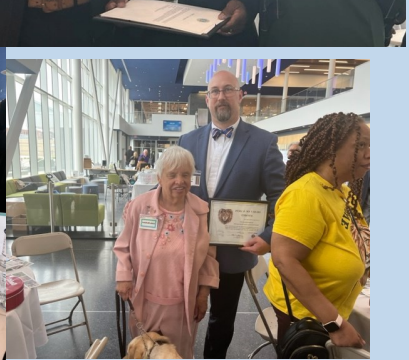
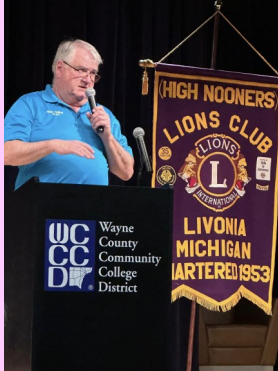


Welcome Back to Detroit!

Lions Club International District 11 A1 Convention
Serving Wayne & Monroe Counties

DETROIT, MICHIGAN May 13, 2023
Wayne County Community College District - Downtown Campus
Health & Wellness Center
1001 Fort St.
Detroit, Michigan 48226
Dr. Curtis L. Ivory, Chancellor

District Governor Matt Collins and his team, put together a wonderful 2023 District 11 A1 Convention in Downtown Detroit at Wayne County Community College District, after the District had not had any event of this magnitude in Detroit for over 20 years. Many received awards, several were sworn in as new Lions Club members, great food, vendors and great music provided by one of our own Lion Tyrone Hamilton...fun, fun, fun!

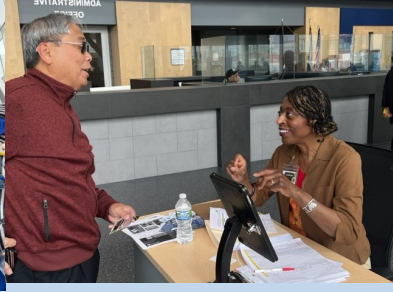
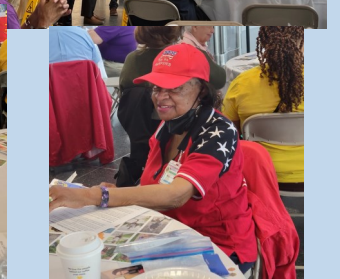




DISTRICT 11 A1 2023 CONVENTION



District Governor Matt Collins swore in our next District Governor Lula Gardfrey, the prestigious Larry A. Young award was bestowed upon Lion Phyllis Turner for all of her hard work, dedication shown by she and her deceased husband Norris Turner through the years and most of all for her servants heart! Many attended the convention from all around the state including Immediate past International Director Justin Faber and Past International Director Gary Anderson and many others!





DISTRICT 11 A1 2023 CONVENTION



Our Convention was a huge success in Downtown Detroit after 20+ years Of not being in Detroit!

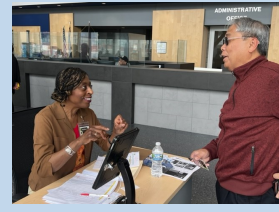
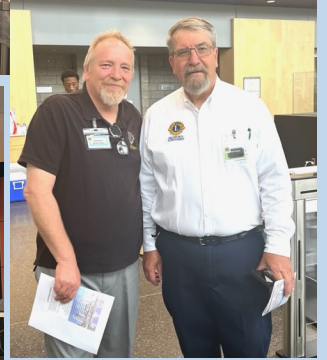
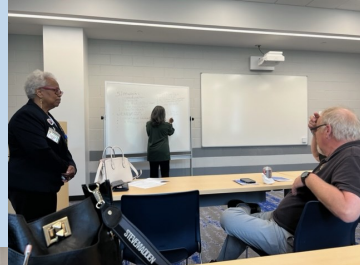
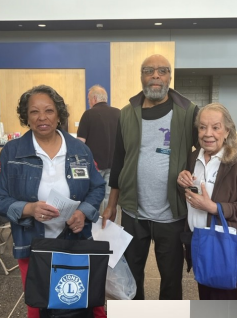
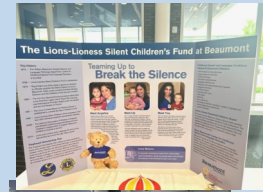




DISTRICT 11 A1 2023 CONVENTION



**Great Job! DG Matt
Collins & Team!**





DISTRICT 11 A1 2023 CONVENTION



We were included in the Wayne County Community College District Newsletter

Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus



Community Partnerships Detroit Lions Club

The Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus hosted the Lions Club International Cabinet for a workshop to discuss community involvement events including educational and community resource initiatives for the community.



One Vision, One District, One College



DETROIT RENAISSANCE CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY



SAVE THE DATE

MAY 21, 2023

Detroit Renaissance Lions Club
will celebrate our
50th Anniversary

With
Lions Club International President
Douglas X. Alexander

Stay Tuned for Details!

Rosiland Khan, Club President
LaWanna Lofon-Coleman, 2nd VDGE,
Ron Coleman, PDG




The Detroit Renaissance Lions Club had a wonderful event celebrating their 50 years of service to our communities. It was good to see so many friends and of course Lion Martha Reeves.





DETROIT RENAISSANCE CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY





DETROIT RENAISSANCE LIONS CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY



The Detroit Renaissance Club did a wonderful job in celebrating their Club's 50th Anniversary at the Historical Fellowship Chapel- John Huff Hall...in attendance they had our very 1st African American International President Douglas X. Alexander, the renown Motown R & B Singer Martha Reeves She is the lead singer of the Motown girl group Martha and the Vandellas. And she is Lion Martha Reeves a club member.



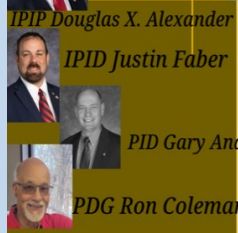
The following day some of our illustrious leaders IPIP Douglas Alexander, IPID Justin Faber, PID Gary Anderson and PDG Ronald Coleman taped a segment on Lion Michelle Turner-White's "Community Updates & Enlighten Hearts" Podcast. It was a special Lions Club segment that can be used by all, to share in your clubs meetings and membership meetings as well. See Lion Ron or Lion Michelle for a copy.



Ask for a copy of the podcast to use for your meeting...powerful history, membership and other Lions Club Information was shared...contact Lion Michelle White or Lion Ron Coleman for a copy!



"Live Streaming on All Social Media platforms Call in Live on air WJZZ Cool TV 313-355-6018 (Est) Go to YouTube type in WJZZ Cool TV -Community Updates Every Wednesday 6-7pm (EST)



- Topics Discussed...
- Arts & Entertainment
- Employment
- Opportunities
- Converse with the Therapist
- Volunteering
- Education
- And More!





MEMBERSHIP NOTES FROM GMT CHAIR, PDG RON COLEMAN



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM PLAN DISTRICT 11-A1 2022-23



PDG Ron Coleman, GMT

ORDER
MEMBERSHIP
BROCHURES
FOR YOUR
CLUB

SAVE THE DATE !

Learn the beginning of American Sign Language and Deaf Culture (ASL)

Learn to read some Braille

Service Vendors with a focus on Deaf/Hard of Hearing & Blind/ Low Vision

**What are the challenges ?
What are the accomplishments ?**

Where there is a need there is a Lion!!

Saturday June 24, 2023 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wayne County Community College Northwest Campus
8200 Outer Dr W, Detroit, MI 48219

Communication Conference 2023

**Coordinators
Lion Ron Coleman and Lion Deborah Love**

For more information email it@metrodetroitlions.org or roncbluegill@gmail.com

**This event is free to the public!
Sponsored by District 11 A 1 Lions clubs of Michigan**

2023 MEMBERSHIP KIT ITEMS

AND MUCH MORE!

LIONS

News Tickets Ford Field Shop

DETROIT LIONS CUB CLUB
PRESENTED BY UMCU

2023 - 2024 Roary's Cub Club Registration is NOW OPEN!

The Lions are excited to announce the return of Roary's Cub Club presented by University of Michigan Credit Union! We have two great memberships this year:

MVP Membership - \$40
Membership includes events, membership kit, and (2) tickets to Detroit Lions preseason game on TBD date

Base Membership - \$25
Receive events, membership kit

JOIN ROARY'S CUB CLUB

GREETINGS LONS And welcome to this new group that is just for discussing how to use the GMA to Revitalize your Club with New Lions, Re-Motivate your Lions with Fellowship and New Service, Share Your Achievements with your Community but most of all to Change Lives and Have Fun.

Lions Clubs International

The Lions Club
District 11-A1
Welcomes You
To

"LIONISM"

"We Serve"
Now Serving Wayne & Monroe
County, Michigan and the World!

Lions
Make a Difference
Everyday, everywhere





GREATER METRO DETROIT LIONS CLUB



Lion Deborah Love
Past Cabinet Secretary &
AADH Chair

Many attended this wonderful fundraiser and a fun time was had by all!



Thank you to the Lions and community that supported our welcome back fundraiser. SCRABBLE/WHIST fundraiser sponsored by the Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club.

Saturday April 22, 2023 See you next year!

Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club



Welcome Back 9th Annual Whist & Scrabble Fundraiser Membership Drive

Join Us at:
The Historic Detroit Bridge Unit-ABA

**Saturday, April 22nd
2023**

Located at:
16596 James Couzens Fwy, Detroit, MI.

• Cash 1st & 2nd Prizes

50/50 Raffles Basket Raffle

www.facebook.com/pg/GMDLionsclub

<https://www.metrodetroitlions.org/clubs-in-the-district/gmdlions/>

Tickets will be available on Eventbrite Starting March 15th
Tickets can be purchased using Zelle, Paypal, credit card, Eventbrite or
Cash app SGM DLC09

\$13.00 2 for \$25.00

An ASL Interpreter will be available at the event

**11:00 a.m.
Lunch**

**11am-12pm:
Bonus Points p.m.
(Cut-Off)**

**12 p.m.
Introductions &
House Rules
Explained
All Players Seated**

12:30 p.m. SHARP!

For Tickets call or text
313-377-7767 or
email gmdlions@gmail.com OR
Deborah@justjameen.com
Or visit
[https://
www.metrodetroitlions.org/clubs-
in-the-district/gmdlions/](https://www.metrodetroitlions.org/clubs-in-the-district/gmdlions/)



BECOME A DPSCD VOLUNTEER TODAY!

dpscd.galaxydigital.com

DPSCD only accepts digital volunteer applications
Processing typically takes 48-72 hours

REASONS TO CREATE A VOLUNTEER PROFILE ON GALAXY DIGITAL

- 1 Attend school field trips with your scholars
- 2 Participate in Let's Read Tutoring of K-3 Students
- 3 Volunteer in a school garden through Farm to School
- 4 Many more volunteer opportunities are available!



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RECYCLING & THE ENVIRONMENT FURNITURE & HOMEGOODS DONATION GIVEAWAY

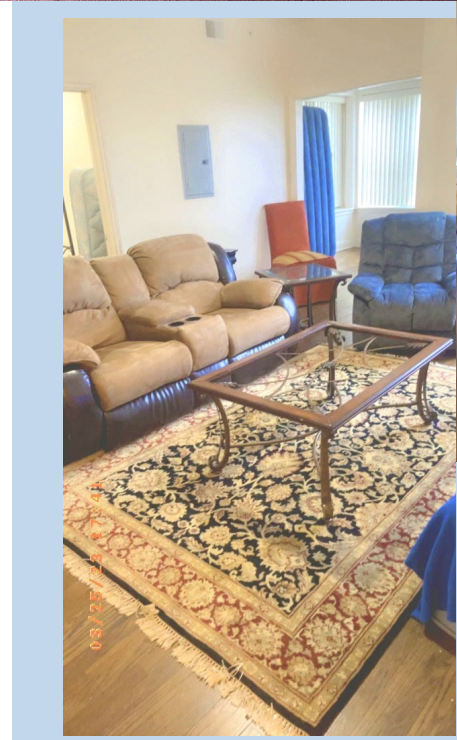
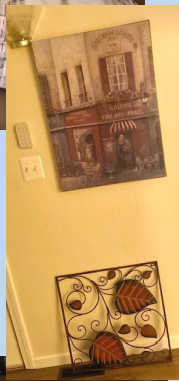


Lion Michelle White
Newsletter Editor-in-Chief

The Furniture and homegoods donation giveaway is **STILL GONG STRONG!!!** Bikes, Toys, Clothes, Furniture, Homegoods, Winter coats, gloves, hats, shoes, new and slightly used items given to those in need!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS GIVEN AND HELPED TO GIVE TO OTHERS!!!

*He who is gracious and lends a hand to the poor lends to the Lord,
And the Lord will repay him for his good deed.
(Proverbs 19:17 AMP)*



To make \$ donations towards this service project ...please go to our website at metrodetroitlions.org (earmark your donation for the Furniture & Home goods donations)...this will help pay for the truck rentals, stipend for workers and go towards getting a truck of our own. As we apply for grant funding.



RECYCLE & PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT...DONTATE FURNITURE & HOMETEGOODS



**Lion Michelle White
Newsletter Editor-n-Chief**

**Are you or your neighbor
doing your spring cleaning?
Don't throw it away!
Recycle & donate it!**

**Lets Not throw items out....
Recycle them to someone in need....
The need is great...we are putting furniture
into peoples homes almost every week!**



Lions Club International -District 11 A1
in Partnership with
Maiden House Ministries & Women's Life
will host our
4th Annual Furniture & Home Good Items DONATION GIVEAWAY
FREE TO THE COMMUNITY

**For those transitioning or Just in need!
From home bum out, transitioning from drug abuse ,
ex-offenders, or loss for any reason...**

FREE FURNITURE GIVEAWAY
Saturday, July 15th, 2023
10:00am - 4:00pm @ Maiden House Ministries
16111 Woodward Ave. (@ the corner of Puritan)
Highland Park, MI 48203
10:00 - 4:00pm - Giveaway
4:00pm - 5:00pm Clean up

**Lions & other community volunteers needed for both days!!
Volunteers needed to help sort items on Friday July 14th from noon - 7pm !!!**

You may drop off items at the Maiden House location Friday (12 noon-7pm) or Saturday (8am) or contact Lion Michelle for other arrangements. Bring Your Truck to drop off or pickup furniture (pick up 15th only for those in need) or there will be a scheduled pick up or delivery at a later date.

**Do YOU Need furniture & home items
BRING YOUR TRUCK AND GET THEM FOR FREE!
JULY 15TH!**

**Doing Your Spring Clean Out
Donate & Recycle!**

Contact Lion Minister Michelle Turner-White,
@ 248-238-4863
to sign up to volunteer and for any questions
Lion Deborah Love, Global Service Chair

Donations to our 501c4 organization are tax deductible and receipts given

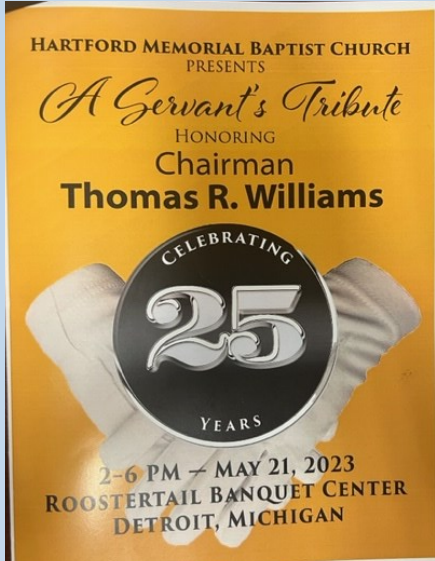
Monetary Donations will be Accepted

If you can't drop off your furniture we will display the pictures on the wall and the people can pick them up from the donors. Send pics to michelle.white.business@gmail.com

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HONORED DETROIT WESTTOWN HARTFORD CLUB MEMBERS



Lion Thomas Williams

