

THE LIONS ROAR

District 11-A1 Lions Club



SPRINGING INTO ACTION

Welcome Back!!

Greetings fellow Lions and future Lions!!

Spring is finally upon us here in Michigan, we sort of... While we spin the dial to see what the Great Lakes have in store for us let us stay ever vigilant in our service to our fellow man. All great things in history began with an idea, a spark that propelled the thought in to momentum and then action. The only bad idea is no idea at all, so always ask yourself what can I do to make a change. The next part is easy, talk to your fellow Lion Family and continue to do what we do best "We Serve".

Just like April showers bring May flowers, your hard work today brings a brighter tomorrow. Hope to see everyone at the District 11 A1 Convention this month.

As always thank you for your continued service and hard work.

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

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ENCOURAGING OUR CLUBS
TO...

- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISTRICT WIDE ACTIVITIES FOCUSED ON:
- MEMBERSHIP GROWTH
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- REACH OUT" TO INCREASE COMMUNITY
- AWARENESS OF LIONISM



District II-A1

COMMUNICATION GATEWAYS



MAILCHIMP: SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:

IT@METRODETROITLIONS.ORG

NEWSLETTER: ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SENT BY THE 25TH TO:

NEWSLETTER@METRODETROITLIONS.ORG

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

WEBSITE: SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:

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Lions District 11-A1 Interest Survey -->

We Serve Wayne and Monroe Counties!



APRIL

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
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- 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-A1

UPCOMING EVENTS



HERE ARE A FEW OF THE UPCOMING EVENTS LIONS CLUBS
DISTRICT/STATE/INTERNATIONAL

- **FRI., 4/19-21, DISTRICT 11 A1 CONVENTION, SHERATON DETROIT METRO AIRPORT HOTEL**
- **THURS., 5/9, BLOOD DRIVE/HEALTH FAIR, HARTFORD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**
- **BOOK CLUB FOR APRIL AND MAY**
- **SAT., 6/15, 10-4 FURN/HOME GOODS GIVEAWAY, MAIDEN HOUSE MINISTRIES, 16111 WOODWARD AVE., HIGHLAND PARK, MI 48203, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HELP SORT 6/14 FROM 12-7PM**
- **MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE FLYERS INCLUDED IN THE MAILCHIMP.**

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District II-AI

IPDG MATT COLLINS MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS APRIL, 2024

My fellow Lions,

At our upcoming District Convention, Delegates will be asked to vote to approve a resolution to add Seedlings Braille Books for Children as our next District Project. Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a fantastic non-profit organization and is most worthy of our support as a District Project.

Founded in 1984 by Debra Bonde, Seedlings' Mission is to provide *affordable* braille books to blind children in order to promote their literacy skills and their love of reading.

In the first year Debra produced 221 braille books in the basement of her **Detroit** home. Today Seedling's operates from Livonia and relies on a large number of volunteers to produce more than 37,000 braille books annually. They *give away* almost 2/3rd of these books to blind children within District 11A1, the State of Michigan, the United States and a number of other English speaking countries. Since 1984 they have manufactured and distributed *more than 700,000* braille books.

Seedlings meets or exceeds all of the requirements to become a District Project including having two Lions as members of their Board of Directors. Seedlings offers Educational Programs, tours of their facility and is responsive to community requests for braille book support.

Please encourage your Club's delegates to vote to approve Seedlings Braille Books for Children as our next District Project.

For more about Seedlings Braille Books, go to www.seedlings.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Matt Collins, 11A1 IPDG

248-224-8116



CHILDHOOD CANCER COMMITTEE

Supporting Kids with Cancer: A Call to action

Dear Lions of District 11 A1,

In the fight against childhood cancer, our Lions Clubs stand shoulder to shoulder, supporting three vital organizations: Kids Kicking Cancer, Ronald McDonald House Detroit, and Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids. Beyond medical care, families face many challenges, and these organizations offer incredible support.

Ronald McDonald House Detroit provides comfort and solace to families with seriously ill children. Kids Kicking Cancer empowers children to heal physically, spiritually, and emotionally, using martial arts to instill resilience. Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids addresses appearance-related issues, offering dignity and confidence through providing wigs.

We invite each Lions Club to join us in this noble cause. Whether volunteering time, donating gift cards or a financial gift to one of the organizations, your contribution matters.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children battling cancer and their families.

Let's unite our efforts and spread hope.

Warm regards,

Lion Phyllis Turner

Childhood Cancer Committee Chair District 11 A1



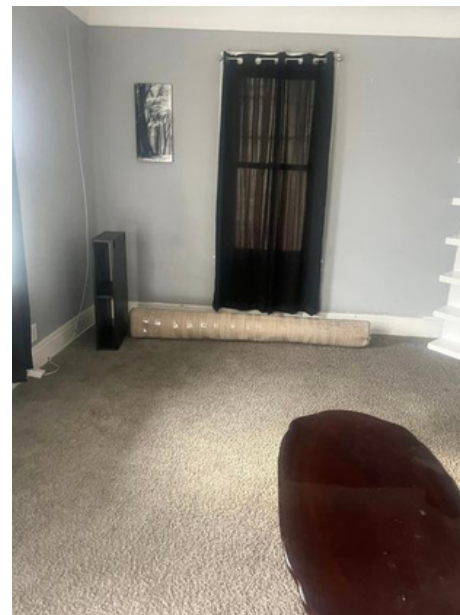
DISTRICT 11 A1 SERVICE PROJECT

Thank you to the Lions Club International who's hard work during the month of March was able to assist a Mother of 6 with good furniture. The project continues to support those in need. Please consider going to metrodetroitlions.org and make a donation today. Together We Serve Our Communities!



DISTRICT 11 A1 SERVICE PROJECT

The Second home that filled with furniture with the support of the donations of furniture. The team is looking beds to provide for this family of five. Please go to metrodetroitlions.org. (check recycling furniture) and help us get beds into home!
Together We Serve Our Communities!



LOCAL EVENTS

HARPER WOODS GROSSE POINTE CLUB

APRIL

Thank you to all who participated the Sleep in Heavenly Peace SHP bed building project this past month. The event was a great success providing for those who are in need.



LOCAL EVENTS

DETROIT RENAISSANCE LIONS CLUB

The Detroit Renaissance Lions Club is continuing their book club with the April Book. The Country of the Blind by Andrew Leland. The club invites you to join them as they continue this wonderful event in 2024.

The club partners with the bookstore to read four book by and about the Blind and visually impaired or Deaf, Hearing impaired or BlindDeaf authors. We host a author each year and the books are offers in physical form and audiobook form. We hope this educates the community and makes the Blind and Deaf community feel seen and educated as well. Join one hour discussions virtually or donate each month to organization we support linked to each book.



Detroit Renaissance Lions Club Book Club 2024 🦁

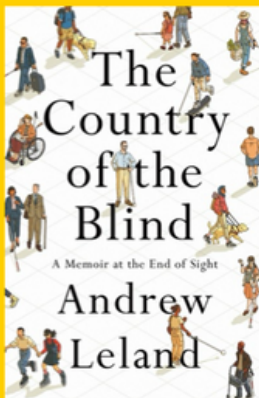
We Serve

February

March

April

May



A power YA memoir, a Manifesto in Essays, a memoir at the end of sight & deafblind coming of age novel by ASL interpreter

DETRENLIONS ON CASH APP TO DONATE TO US TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS THE SUPPORT THE BLIND + DEAF



LOCATION: SOURCE BOOKSELLERS - 4240 CASS AVE, DETROIT, MI 48201, USA.



LOCAL EVENTS

LIVONIA HIGH NOONERS LIONS CLUB

The Livonia High Nooners Lions Club was delighted to welcome Gretchen Sanewsky, Executive Director of the Arc of Northwest Wayne County to tell us about The Arc at our March Program Dinner. The Arc is a nonprofit National Organization established in the 1950s. Their Mission is to support children and adults with disabilities, of any age, most of them developmentally disabled. Their goal is to make sure their clients are well cared for and living as independently as they are able.

Six Arc agencies currently serve Wayne County. The Arc of NW Wayne was established by parent volunteers in 1961 to advocate for the inclusion of children with disabilities (who were only given the right to public education in 1966). They serve Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth, and Northville.

The Arc advocates for persons with disabilities, supporting and informing them through public education, post-secondary training and education, competitive employment, and adult life, with needed supports and services such as housing, Medicaid, food assistance, workman's comp, screening background checks on support personnel, staffing, payroll taxes for providers, etc. Their clients never age out.

The Arc offers many programs, including "After I'm Gone," Financial Literacy Workshops, Financial Management Services, Lekotek Play and Toy Lending Library, Athletics, and the Just Fun Club, details of which can be found on their website: www.thearcnw.org.

How can the Lions Help?

1. Spread the word about The Arc and help them engage with organizations and businesses within our Service Area
2. Volunteer as appropriate to their needs and your abilities.
3. Participate in their annual fundraisers; Golf Outing (at Whispering Willows in Livonia 2024), Wine Tasting, and/or Dinner Dance
4. Donations are welcome.

Thank you, Gretchen, for an excellent intro to the Arc!



LOCAL EVENTS

BEDFORD LIONS CLUB

APRIL

The Bedford Township Lions visited the Leader Dogs for the Blind. They watched a Leader Dog Recipient present with his dog. They also learned what it is like to not see and get around with a cane. A great experience for all who attended. "We Serve"



LOCAL EVENTS

BEDFORD LIONS CLUB

APRIL

The Bedford Lions Club had the diabetic retinopathy eye testing truck at the Bedford Trade Fair today. Where they performed diabetic retinopathy testing and also had a table. “We Serve “



LOCAL EVENTS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

APRIL

CONGRATULATIONS TO LION
BEE YEE ON RECEIVING YOUR
RECOGNITION FOR 40 YEARS
OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE.



Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to

Bee Yee

In Recognition For Your

40 Years of Outstanding Service

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your career.

Your effort and dedication plays a tremendous part in our success and we appreciate your commitment.

Thank you for your years of service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Phillips".

Tim Phillips
CEO & President



Scholarship

opportunity for
Livonia and
Redford students



Requirements

- ✓ must be a senior attending a Livonia or Redford school, or a resident of Livonia or Redford graduating in May/June 2024
- ✓ must have a passion for helping others and academic excellence
- ✓ must be accepted by and plan to attend an accredited university, college, or skilled trades program



APPLY AT

livonialionsclub.org

SEND QUESTIONS TO

LionsScholar@gmail.com



District 11 A1 Lions of Michigan District Convention 2024

Lula Gardfrey, District Governor
Friday, April 19th to Sunday, April 21, 2024

Guest Speaker

Deb Weaverling

We Are A Team! The Future Is In Our Hands

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

Registration Deadline on or before April 10, 2024



Registration Form QR Link Credit Card (via PayPal) PayPal QR Link

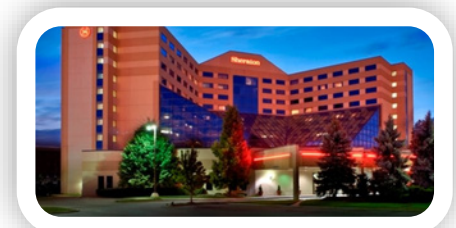
Make Checks Payable to: *District 11 A1 Lion Clubs*

Mail payment to: Lion Betty RICHARD 30623 Sequoia Circle,
Farmington Hills 48331. Detailed Convention Schedule & Other
Registration Forms are on our Website: www.Metrodetroitlions.org
For more info: Please contact Lion Betty RiChard at 313-999-5421,
beej33912@gmail.com

Cash App

Zelle

For Cash App: \$District11a1
For Zelle call Lion Deborah Love @313-377-7767



*The Convention is being held at the lovely
Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel
8000 Merriman Rd., Romulus, MI
734-729-2600*

www.shorturl.at/imB68

Book by April 10, 2024

ARE YOU HEADING FOR PREVENTABLE BLINDNESS

FIND OUT WITH A FREE SCREENING



At the Lions District
11-A1 Convention:

Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel
8000 Merriman Rd, Romulus, Michigan 48174

April 19, 6 pm – 9 pm
April 20, 8 am – 5 pm
April 21, 9 am – 12 pm

Diabetic Retinopathy

Is a leading cause of blindness in the USA.
This vision loss can be preventable.



LEARN ABOUT LIONS
OF MICHIGAN SERVICE
FOUNDATION

LEARN ABOUT DIABETIC
RETINOPATHY
SCREENING



Lions Clubs International

Is the **World's largest Service organization** with 1.4 million members
in over 200 countries.

DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES (D.A.D.) PROGRAM!

THE D.A.D PROGRAM CONTINUES IT'S WEEKLY COURSES THIS APRIL AND MAY.

LEARN HOW TO LIVE LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES FROM THE LIONS CLUB OF MICHIGAN DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES (D.A.D.) PROGRAM!

THIS PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED TO HELP PEOPLE WHO:

- ARE PRE-DIABETIC

- ALREADY HAVE TYPE 2 DIABETES

- WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW DIABETES CAN IMPACT YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF LOVED ONES
SIGN UP TODAY!



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION



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FOUNDATION.

of Michigan

DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES (D.A.D.) PROGRAM

FUNDED BY THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN & L.C.I.F.

This program consists of 8, one-hour weekly sessions taught entirely on Zoom.

When: Thursdays at 6:30pm

March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2

Where: Zoom Video Conference

You do not have to be a Lion's Club member to attend.

Please contact Ed Bohach with any questions at 734-222-9800 x 2240 or ebohach@nkfm.org.

Secure your spot by registering now, as space is limited!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

February 28, 2024, at 12:00pm

www.kidneymi.org/DAD





DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING PROGRAM



This national pilot is proudly hosted by Lions district 11-A1!

We Need Your Help:

- 1) Get trained to operate the screening camera and volunteer to do so.
- 2) Get authorized to transport the equipment to events and volunteer to do so.
- 3) Host or coordinate a screening event in your service area.
- 4) Recruit people in your community to be screened.
- 5) Help us identify a secure lot to store the vehicle near the center of Wayne County.



Upcoming Schedule:

Date	Time	Location	Vehicle Transporter
April 6, 2024	13:00-15:00	Ferncare Free Clinic (751 E 9 Mile Road, Ferndale, MI, 48220)	Daniel Rathbun
April 12, 2024 April 13, 2024	12:00-22:00 8:00-	Lions 11A2 convention 4747 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512	Daniel Rathbun
April 19, 2024	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Lions 11a1 Convention Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel (8000 Merriman Rd, Romulus, Michigan 48174)	Daniel Rathbun
April 20, 2024	All Day	Lions 11a1 Convention Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel (8000 Merriman Rd, Romulus, Michigan 48174)	Daniel Rathbun
April 21, 2024	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Lions 11a1 Convention Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel (8000 Merriman Rd, Romulus, Michigan 48174)	Daniel Rathbun
April 24, 2024	10:00 - 16:00	Eastside Community Network 4401 Conner St, Detroit, MI 48215	Daniel Rathbun
May 11, 2024	7:00-16:00	Maybee Day Annual Fair 5780 Mill St, Maybee, MI 48159, USA	Jim Williams
May 25, 2025	8:00-11:00	Freemont LC Airport Fly In Breakfast 11-E1 7756 W. 60th St. Fremont MI 49412	Jim Williams

To volunteer, please reach out to:
or

Daniel Rathbun 313-587-0367
drathbu2@hfhs.org

Jim Williams 586-634-1289
lionjim48047@gmail.com



DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING PROGRAM



The Lions of Michigan Foundation's new Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Program is a partnership between the Lions of Michigan Foundation and the District 11-A1 and District 11-A2 Lions Clubs aimed at detecting diabetic eye diseases early to prevent vision loss and potential blindness. A group of eye care professionals and research scientists at Henry Ford Health System are helping us collect and analyze the data.

Diabetes is a disease that affects blood vessels throughout the body, particularly vessels in the kidneys and eyes. When the blood vessels in the eyes are affected, this is called diabetic retinopathy. Major blood vessels lie on the front portion of the retina. When these blood vessels are damaged due to diabetes, they may leak fluid or blood and grow scar tissue. This leakage affects the ability of the retina to detect and transmit images to the brain.



Diabetic Retinopathy is the leading cause of preventable blindness in adults. Our Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Program utilizes a Topcon NW400 Retinal Camera and a LumineticsCore Artificial Intelligence Diagnostics System to identify adults who have Diabetic Retinopathy.

During the early stages of diabetic retinopathy, reading vision is typically not affected. However, when retinopathy becomes advanced, new blood vessels grow in the retina. These new vessels are the body's attempt to overcome and replace the vessels that have been damaged by diabetes. However, these new vessels are not normal. They may bleed and cause the vision to become hazy, occasionally resulting in severe vision loss or a complete loss of vision. The growth of abnormal blood vessels on the iris of the eye can also lead to glaucoma or the formation of cataracts, and the new vessels can damage the retina by forming scar tissue and pulling the retina away from its proper location, causing retinal detachment and blindness.

Symptoms of Diabetic Retinopathy:

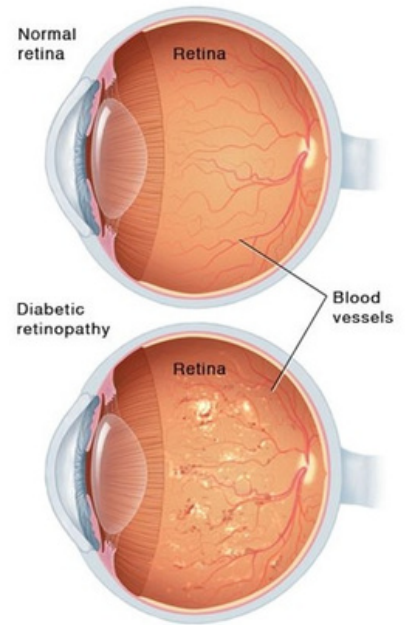
- ☐ Floaters
- ☐ Difficulty reading or doing close work
- ☐ Double vision

Causes of Diabetic Retinopathy:

- ☐ Diabetes: Everyone who has diabetes is at risk for developing diabetic retinopathy, but not everyone develops it. Changes in blood sugar levels increase the risk. Generally, diabetics don't develop diabetic retinopathy until they've had diabetes for at least 10 years.

Reduce Your Risk of Developing Diabetic Retinopathy by:

- ☐ keeping your blood sugar under control.
- ☐ monitoring your blood pressure.
- ☐ maintaining a healthy diet.
- ☐ exercising regularly.
- ☐ getting an eye exam at least once a year.



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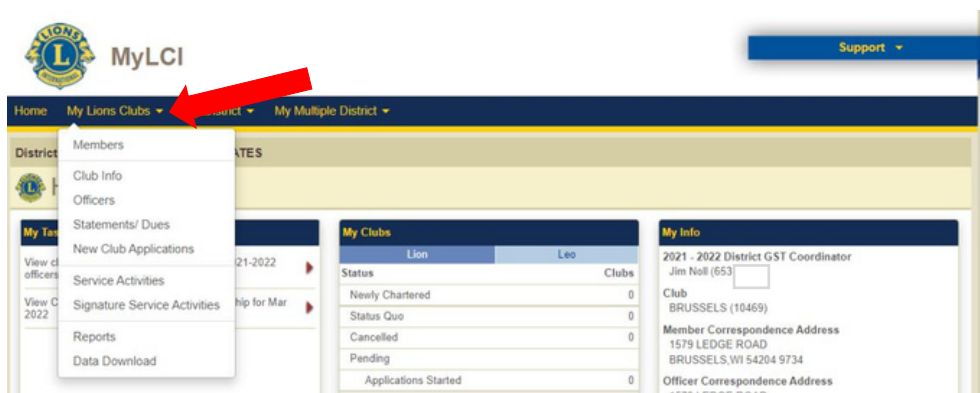
FAST-STEP GUIDE to REPORTING OFFICERS IN MYLCI

By PDG Jim Noll 27B2

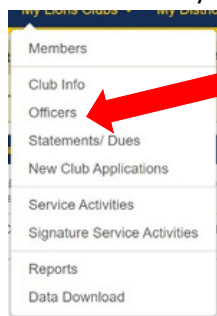
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This “Fast-Step Guide” is meant to give users a quick step-by-step reference to reporting incoming club officers in MyLCI. Information can also be found under the blue “SUPPORT” ribbon in the upper-right of pages in MyLCI.

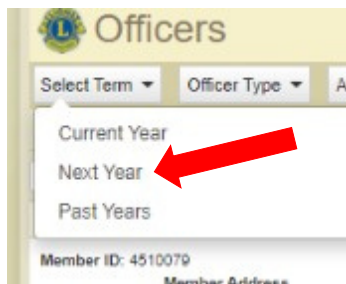
1. Sign in (or Register) to your Lion Account/Member Portal on the LCI web site www.lionsclubs.org. using the “MEMBER LOGIN” tab at the top of the home page.
2. Select the icon for MyLCI near the top of the Member Portal page.
3. In the dark blue banner, select “My Lions Clubs” to show the dropdown box.



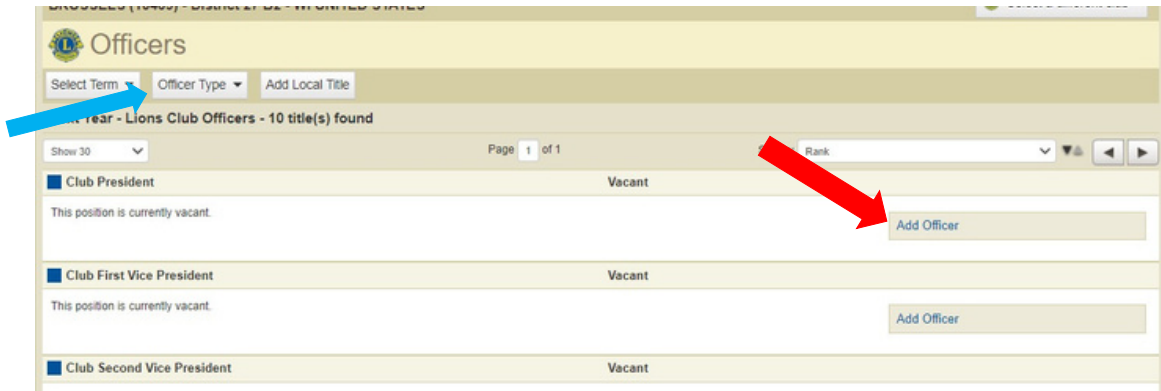
4. Select “Officers” in the dropdown box. You will see the current years’ officers listed.



5. Select the “Select Term” dropdown and then select “Next Year”.



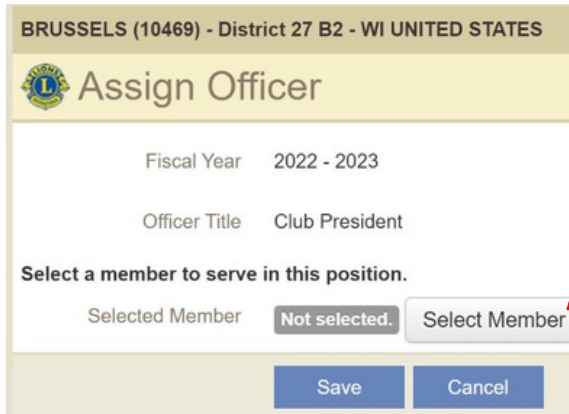
6. You will now see a list of all the offices in your club with the position shown as vacant (note there may be one or two additional Administrative offices if you select the “Officer Type” dropdown – blue arrow below).



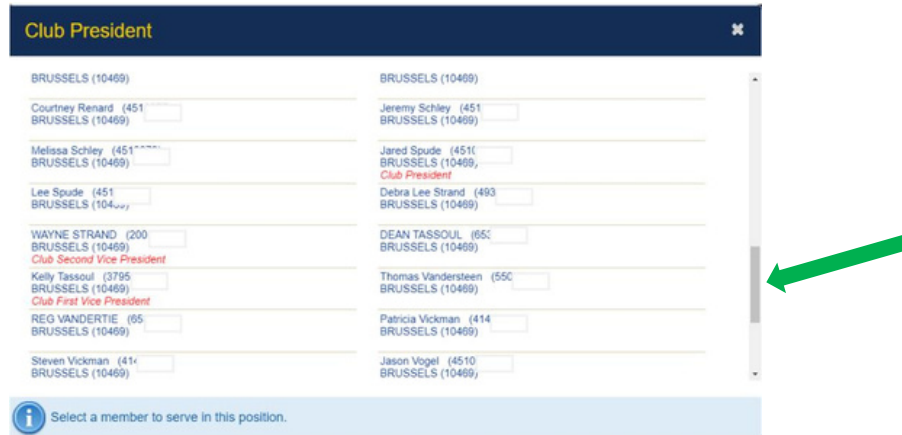
- 7 For the first office you want to report, select the “Add Officer” box to the right of the office title area (red arrow above).

 - Verify you are naming the correct officer (ex: 2022-2023 Club President) and select the “Select Member” box.

8



9. You will now have a list of all the members of your club (with current officers noted in red text). Note there is a scroll bar to go down through all the members names (green arrow).



10. Highlight the name of the incoming officer and select it. The correct name should now appear on the “Assign Officer” page (red arrow below).

BRUSSELS (10489) - District 27 B2 - W/ UNITED STATES

Assign Officer

Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023

Officer Title Club President

Select a member to serve in this position.

Selected Member

11. Select "Save" (above) if the name is correct, or "Cancel" if you somehow selected the wrong name. (Repeat the selection with the correct name). After selecting "Save" you will get a "Confirmation" page as one last check.
12. If the incoming officer is who you want it to be, select "Go back to Officers" to assign your next officer.

Confirmation

Assigned 2022 - 2023 Club President Kelly Tassoul (379)

What would you like to do next?

13. Your first officer you just assigned should now show up on the Officers page. Repeat the process for all the officers on your Board of Directors.

Officers

Select Term Officer Type Add Local Title

Next Year - Lions Club Officers - 10 title(s) found

Show 30 Page 1 of 1 Sort by Rank

Club President	Tassoul, Kelly	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023
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849 TRU BRUSSEL UNITED S	Officer Address 9512	

14. That is all there is to it. When you have reported all your officers, you can select "Go to Home page" on the confirmation screen.

Confirmation

Assigned 2022 - 2023 Club First Vice President WAYNE STRAND (2005)

What would you like to do next?