

THE LIONS ROAR

District 11-A1 Lions Club



CREATING A CULTURE OF SERVICE

Welcome to our new Newsletter!!

This issue is a combined special with both July and August's Events.

Have something you wish to see in our newsletter? Send it to newsletter@metrodetroitlions.org. Please be sure to include the topic in the subject line.

Remember to Spread the word about upcoming events and to share the joy of service to our community.

Our District Governor Lula Gardfrey has asked that each of our 37 clubs commit to a net gain of 2 new members by June 30, 2024 which will add a minimum of 74 net new Lions. Lets do what we always do and roll up our sleeves to help reach this goal!!

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Lula Gardfrey

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LCI President,
Dr. Patti Hill

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Article

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Training

Lions Club international
foundation Celebration



District II-AI

Upcoming Events for the 2023 Calendar Year



August 2023

8-7-2023

IT Meeting

Location Zoom

Time 6:30pm

RSVP: IT@metrodetroitlions.org

8-8-2023

District 11 A1 Cabinet MTG

Location Amvets Hall in Harper Woods

Time 6:00pm - 8:00pm

RSVP: Cabinetsecretary@metrodetroitlions.org

September 2023

TBA

2023-2024 District Officers

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



District II-AI

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 11 A1 - DISTRICT GOVERNOR,

LULA GARDFREY

JULY -AUGUST

SERVICE:

An act of helpful activity!

As we look around our communities, we try to determine what actions are necessary to improve the quality of life of the residents. We become aware of the things wrong or nonexistence within the community. We gather information, increase our knowledge base, and skill set. We seek partnerships to strengthen our position. When you multiply these, times 1.4 million people, the global effect is astronomical.

District 11 A1 has risen to the challenge of providing service. In June we had a successful Community Day. The purpose of this event was: 1.) to inform and alert the deaf, blind, and low vision of all the services and agencies available to them, and 2.) to let the general public know the challenges and successes of these communities. In addition, there were several vendors like: Leader Dog, EyeLearn, educational and sign language book entrepreneurs, who were available to explain their services and the benefits offered to these communities.

To continue this path of service in the fiscal year 2023-2024, we held our 4th successful Community Giveaway and Recycle Event in July. Over 200 people attended to receive furniture (couches, tv, mattresses beds, tables, household items) and clothes. In addition, we provide free screening for KidSight and adult Diabetic Retinopathy and received our first referral for possible Retinopathy.

As we continue to demonstrate the 'We Serve' motto through our actions of service, we must publicize the good works of the Lions clubs through our social media platforms, print, and word of mouth avenues. Most importantly, we need to record our activities on LCI/MyLion to spread awareness of all the wonderful services being provided.

("When we change our communities, we change the world"
International President Dr. Patti Hill)

DG Lula Gardfrey

REMEMBER, WE ARE A TEAM, WORKING TOGETHER,
TO MAKE GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

ENVISION THE POSSIBILITIES AND SERVE



MESSAGE FROM LCI PRESIDENT, DR. PATTI HILL

JULY -AUGUST

DEAR LION,

I BELIEVE THAT THE POWER TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE IS IN OUR HANDS. OUR IMPACT IS WHAT MAKES BEING A LION SO SPECIAL. EVERY SMALL ACT OF SERVICE CREATES A PERSONAL IMPACT, AND THE COLLECTIVE IMPACT OF OUR KINDNESS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD FOREVER. THAT'S WHY "CHANGING THE WORLD" IS MY MESSAGE TO LIONS AND TO THE WORLD.

CHANGING THE WORLD BEGINS WITH US. IT BEGINS WHEN WE CHANGE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE AND FIND OURSELVES CHANGED AS WELL. IT GROWS WHEN WE CHANGE OUR COMMUNITIES BY BRINGING THEM TO THE TABLE AND INVITING THEM TO BECOME THE CHANGE THEY WISH TO SEE. IT MULTIPLIES WHEN WE SHOW THE WORLD THAT REAL CHANGE IS TRULY POSSIBLE AND THAT LIONS ARE CHANGING THE WORLD—ONE LIFE, ONE RELATIONSHIP AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.

SERVING AS YOUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT IS AN INCREDIBLE HONOR. YOU AND I, TOGETHER, CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. LET'S BE BOLD AND LEAD THE WAY FORWARD TO A BETTER FUTURE AND A WORLD OF CHANGE.

YOURS IN SERVICE,

DR. PATTI HILL
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



For all Lions in District 11-A1 our New LCI President, Dr. Patti Hill has asked us to please think about new ways for our association to reach 1.5 Million members.

It's called Project 1.5 and it will be successful if we reach 1.5 Lions by June 30, 2027!

How can We do that?

1. More Net New Lions!
2. More New Clubs!

Why do we need more Lions?

1. The Need for More Service is increasing!
2. New Lions Bring:
 - MORE TALENT
 - MORE TIME COMMITTED
 - MORE TREASURE RAISED & COMMITTED
 - MORE SERVICE DONE



MESSAGE FROM IPDG MATT COLLINS

As of July 1st, my year as District Governor has come to a close. I would like to thank every member of District 11A1 for your support of both our District and our Clubs during the past fiscal year. I would especially like to thank our District Leadership Team, our Voting Cabinet and all of the Lions volunteers who served the District in any capacity during the past 12 months. Thank you for helping the District have a very successful fiscal year.

Please join me in welcoming Lion Lula Gardfrey as your District Governor for FY2023/24. Thank you in advance for providing District Governor Lula with the support needed to help her and the District to have another very successful year.

District Highlights from FY2022/23

Putting the Pandemic behind us, we were once again able to make in-person visits to our Clubs. These visits were enlightening, showing a strong resurgence in support of Lionism and community service activity throughout the District and helping us to better understand the needs of our Clubs and our membership going forward. To help our Clubs, we sponsored multiple Membership Workshops to give our Clubs the proven member recruitment tools needed to welcome new Lions. We then held two "Meet the Lions" Membership Recruitment Events to help our Clubs attract new members to Lionism. To help our Clubs, we organized a number of District-wide Service Projects. We donated lots of household items to families in need (Donation Giveaway, August, 2022), we helped fund and built 50 beds for delivery to children who didn't have a bed to sleep in (Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Sept 2022), we purchased, packed and distributed 25000 meals to the hungry in District 11 A1 (Kids Coalition Against Hunger, June, 2023 at WC3) and we held our first Communication Conference for the Visually and Hearing Impaired (June 2023 @ WcC3) Our Clubs and our Members were very generous in their support and participation, with many first time volunteers attending these Events.

I am pleased to report that during the past fiscal year District 11A1 applied for and just received a \$20,000 Grant from LCIF to help cover costs associated with a Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Project. I am also pleased to report that we established a partnership with Wayne County Community College that has the potential to help expand the reach of Lionism within the District for years to come. Over the past six months, we were able to hold four District Events on WC3 properties and we were well received by WC3 staff on each occasion. There is good potential to strengthen this partnership and increase our access to WC3 students in the coming years.

Our Quarterly District Cabinet Meetings were designed to be fun, time efficient and cost effective and along with conducting the business of the District each featuring an Agenda filled with valuable information for our attendees. For the first time in more than 30 years we held our District Convention in Downtown Detroit. Our Convention featured some Friday Night Fun and Fellowship Events (Tigers Game, Jazz Club Show) followed by Saturday's half-day Convention held at WC3 Downtown. Designed to be fun, time efficient and cost effective, Saturday's Convention featured our Memorial Service to fallen Lions, plenty of educational breakout sessions, our annual elections, a delicious luncheon, Member Awards and Keynote Speaker, PID Justin Faber who also inducted four new Lions. The structure of this District Convention was unique in many respects and in my view a welcome change from past District Conventions. I encourage future District Governors to conduct their District Conventions in a similar structure and do so within the District so more of our members are able to attend and participate.

Lastly, there is a tradition of having a District Governor Appreciation Dinner after the end of each fiscal year. These events are both time-consuming and costly to all concerned, so we will not have a District Governor Appreciation Dinner this year. Instead, take the time and money that you just saved and pay it forward within your communities. This is where the emphasis needs to be... increasing Lions Club support to each and every community that "We Serve."

Yours In Lionism,

Lion Matt Collins

11A1 IPDG

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LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL 4TH ANNUAL RECYCLING & OUR ENVIRONMENT FREE FURNITURE & HOME GOODS GIVEAWAY

JULY - AUGUST

Lions Club International hosted it's 4th Annual Recycling & Our Environment FREE Furniture & Home Goods Giveaway coordinated by Lion Michelle on Saturday, July 15th, 2023 at 16111 Woodward Ave. Highland Park, MI 48203 from 10:00am - 4:00pm



Giveaway Items Donated

Beds/Mattress

Couches

Dining Tables/Side Tables/ lamps/wall hangings

Pots/Pans/Dishes

TV's

Blankets/Spreads/Pillows/ Towels

ALL HOME ITEMS!!!



Leader Dog added a new program called Youth Orientation & Mobility. We successfully piloted this program option last year. Youth O&M will provide Orientation and Mobility (white cane) instruction for 16- or 17-year-olds. Additionally, the program provides education for an adult supporter (such as a family member) to learn more about blindness, the skills their loved one uses, and how to help with O&M goals.

Participants in this program stay in a local hotel and participate in our traditional training environments. All travel, meals, and hotel expenses are covered by Leader Dog. This program is one week and is scheduled based on the availability of the participants. Within our Guide Dog Program, we have expanded our DeafBlind program* to include adaptive services. The Leader Dog DeafBlind and Adaptive Services training program offers individualized service models for people with vision loss and additional needs. Our team specializes in direct instruction using spoken English or American Sign Language with individuals who are DeafBlind, have mobility issues, and/or have cognitive impairments. Our team emphasizes the individual and focuses on adapting instructional techniques to meet the specific needs of each student.

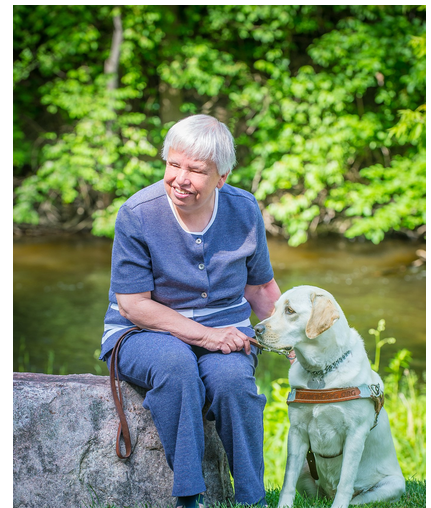
Examples of clients who will be served in the Leader Dog DeafBlind and Adaptive Services training include clients with vision loss and cerebral palsy, clients who are on the Autism Spectrum, clients who have a learning disability and struggle with group instruction, clients who have a traumatic brain injury and struggle with memory and cognition, clients who are totally deaf and totally blind and uses tactile American Sign Language, clients who have balance difficulties.

To schedule a visit to your club
contact Cathy McAdam
313 563-1412
mcmcadam@gmail.com
Blind Low Vision outreach:

We will continue to give away recycled equipment to people who are blind or have low vision. We continue to work with the local libraries for the blind who donate used equipment. The word has spread and we also get donations from individuals , contacts with LIONS and the VA. Our most popular items are hand held magnifiers, video magnifiers and closed circuit TV's.

Please let us know of anyone in your community who may need assistance!
Assistive Technology Recycling Program

We will also continue to address accessibility concerns for web development and handouts.



Message From Lion Ron Coleman:

Dear Lions,

It was the pleasure of Lion La Wanna and I to attend the Banquet in the Grand Ballroom at the Boston Convention Center with many Lions. During the program, IPID Justin Faber, MC introduced the current year's administration Pres. Brian Sheehan, 1st VP Patti Hill, other VPs and IPIP Douglas X. Alexander, LCIF Chair.

MC Justin used his famous "Power Clap" to allow the attendees to clap once for each person introduced to acknowledge them and conserve time.

It was also a great opportunity for Lions La Wanna and Ron representing District 11-A1 to present it's Highest Award, the William "Larry" Young Award (Charter Pres. of Detroit Renaissance LC and the 2nd African-American International Director, 1992-94), to IPIP Alexander (the 4th African-American ID and 1st President.

There were 500 current and future Lion Leaders in attendance celebrating our services and fundraising by LCIF to support those services.

"We Serve" with Kindness



PIP Moore and PID Faber watched as FVDG La Wanna Lofton Coleman presented the " Larry Young" Award to PIP Douglas X. Alexander at the 105th Convention of Lions in Boston.

Photo by Ron



RECIPIENTS

July/August 2023

We were able to award 15 scholarships for \$2,500.00 each to graduating Bedford High School Seniors. We attended their scholarship program at the High School where we had a reception and 14 out of the 15 scholarship recipients attended. Last evening we invited them and their parents to our dinner meeting at the Erie Restaurant. 9 of the 15 and their parents showed up. Incredible young adults with great goals.

The 15 recipients are:

Hussein Jomaa

Ilana Ravindra

Miranda Moore

Grace Houghton

Macy DeGrace

Sydney Dec

Carly Zimmerman

Zackery Scoble

Lucy Landolt

Lorelei Wilburn

Anthony Kruszka

Liam Shonk

Katelyn Dec

Claudia Patton

Caleb Kochendoerfer



Congratulations To All!!



CHILDHOOD CANCER COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

JULY - AUGUST

July/August 2023

The Childhood Cancer Committee has been encouraging Lions Clubs in District 11 A1 to support the families at Ronald McDonald House by preparing healthy meals and donating gift cards. On May 31, 2023 the Northville Lions Club answered the appeal and prepared a delicious pasta dinner with fresh vegetables, bread and brownies for the families at Ronald McDonald House. The club also donated gift cards earlier in the year. These service projects provide much needed support to families during a difficult time in their life.

Thank you Northville Lions for answering the call to Serve.

Lions Clubs interested in preparing a meal should call Ronald McDonald House of Detroit at [\(313\)745-5909](tel:3137455909), between 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

For more information contact Lion Phyllis Turner [248-890-2227](tel:2488902227)



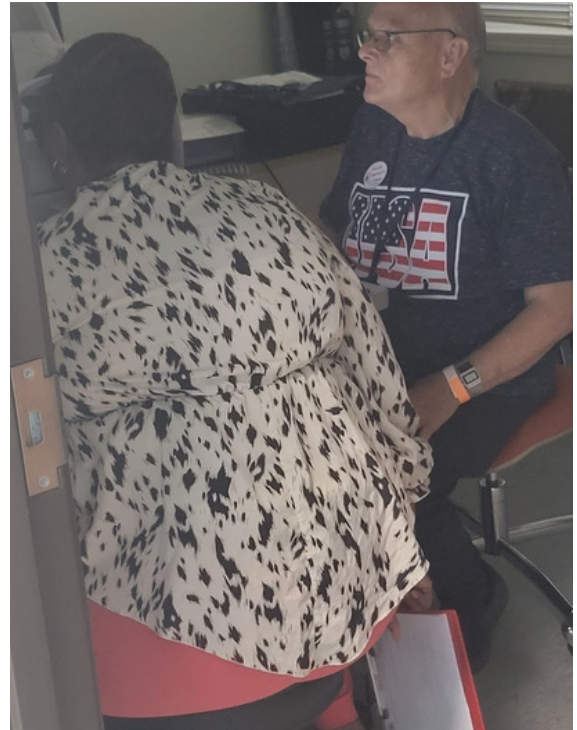
KIDSIGHT SCREENING FOR CHILDREN AND DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING

JULY -AUGUST

Many thanks to Lions Evelyn Cooper,PDG for providing Hearing screening and Jim Williams,PDG for providing KidSight Screening for children and Diabetic Retinopathy screening for adults at the Parkside Community Center on Detroit's Eastside July 19.

One finding is that during the Diabetic Retinopathy screening there have been several positive results for people who claim they have not been diagnosed as diabetic although some relatives had been diagnosed. We again thank Lion Dr. Daniel Rathbun for applying for the LCIF Grant to obtain the 1st camera to detect Diabetic Retinopathy in MD 11 !

"WE SERVE" as we are
" Changing the World"!



DISTRICT 11-A1 OFFICER TRAINING

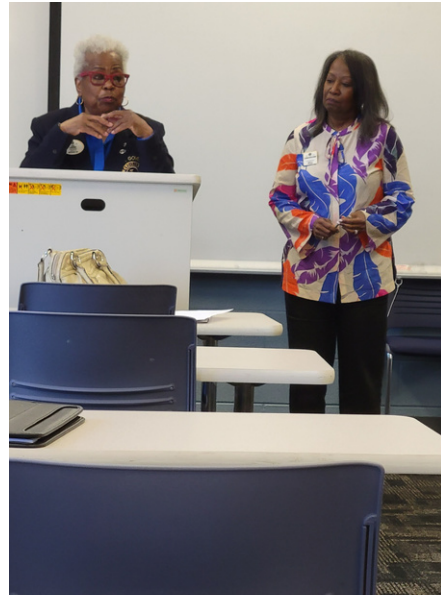
JULY -AUGUST

On July 22, 2023 District 11-A1 held their Officer training with DG Lula Gardfrey and Madonna University in Livonia Michigan.

The event started with a meet and greet which later separated into the different functional levels of leadership. Each group was hosted by past members who held and led the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Membership.

Throughout the training we touched the wonderful history of Lions Club along with the service projects both local and national that we participate to Serve our community. Members in attendance were able to recap and leave with knowledge and experience that will not only benefit their local club but the organization as a whole.

Thank you to our leadership team as well as everyone who was able to attend. You are the pride (Lion family) that continues the lead the path for a better future for all.



PDG Lion Shirley Kelly spent a great few days learning and celebrating with Chairperson PIP Lion Brian Sheehan, PID Justin Faber and friends of the Lions Club International Foundation!

Over \$317,000 was raised for our global causes.

Going home to do more!

