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## DISTRICT 11 D-2



Governor Dr. Shawn Wightman

### Calendar-of Events:

Apr 26 Global Action Team Meeting (Memphis Lions Hall)

Apr 21-30 Michigan Lions White Cane Week

***DISTRICT GOVERNOR DR. SHAWN WIGHTMAN***

Fellow 11 D2 Lions,

Congratulations to the following 11 D2 Lions for being honored during last month's convention in Grand Rapids, MI:

“Lion of the Year” Award

Tim Dietzel, Marlette Lions Club

“Dave Eberlein” Heart of a Lion Award

Rocky Gillis, Pear Beach Lions Club

“Marion (Mac) Makarewicz” Dedicated to Membership Award

Fran Revell, Almont Lions Club

“Pete Lapka” Leadership Award

Jack Kriete, Port Sanilac Lions Club

“Spirit of Jim Cronin” Service Award

Natalie Skakle, Marlette Lions Club

International President’s Certificate of Appreciation Award

1. Bruce Bronson, Memphis Lions Club
2. David Hacker, Peal Beach Lions Club
3. Whitey Simon, Harsens Island Lions Club
4. Kirk Smith, Marysville Lions Club

International President’s Leadership Medal

Judy Keller, Ubly Lions Club

International President’s Presidential Award

Deborah Kaighen, Hadley Lions Club

***Together, we make a difference!***

***DISTRICT GOVERNOR DR. SHAWN WIGHTMAN***

***1<sup>st</sup>. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES WHITE***

Hello fellow Lions

For those who don't know me I am Jim White and I am honored to be your First Vice District Governor. I am owner of Luxury Bath by Mobility Remodelers in Port Huron and I live in Port Huron.

I chose to join the Lions after the death of a very close Family friend that had made a profound difference in my life growing passed away. He suffered from Retinitis Pigmentosa during his life and eventually went totally blind in his early 40 s with the help of the Local Lions club he lived his best life for over 40 years. In his memory I joined the Lions. Port Huron Host is my home club and have enjoyed serving as a club President, a region chair and zone Chair. I have learned a great deal from Governors and PDGS and I will continue to learn to better serve our clubs and Members.

Yours in Lionism

***1<sup>st</sup>. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM WHITE***

***2<sup>nd</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER***

Hello fellow Lions

It is safe to say that everyone who attended this year's forum thought that it was an outstanding time. The breakout sessions had very good topics and great speakers. The key note speaker Dustin Dale, was outstanding!! I can't wait to read his book on leadership and serving. More VDG training was on tap as well. Sometimes I feel over whelmed with all there is to learn, but I have good support team behind me. There is still time to register for the upcoming up convention on March 17,18, 19. This year it is being held at the DoubleTree Airport in Grand Rapids. Look for the registration in the newsletter. Any questions about the convention you can email me at judyakel76@gmail.com or call me at 989-670- 1401. Hope to see many Lions this year at the convention!

***2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER***

## *PDG DON SPINKS, Global Membership Chair*

### Retaining Members - Keeping Club Members Motivated.

There comes a point for every club where some of its best members begin getting demotivated and plan to leave the club. Retaining members is in fact just as difficult as attracting new members. There are many reasons members choose to leave, and in most situations, they can be encouraged to stay. Just as businesses try to motivate their employees to work harder and progress, clubs need to motivate their members in order to be able to maintain retention rates. In fact, motivation is no longer an option, it has become a necessity.

### Set a good example

The idea is simple - attitude is contagious. It is a fact that we tend to feed off the sentiments and reactions of those around us. Within your club, if you and your board members foster an ambitious, positive and supporting atmosphere, the rest of the club members will no doubt begin feeling encouraged to participate and bring forth their ideas to make a difference and in turn remain a committed member for a long time to come. If members are subject to seeing others in the club get away with tardiness, negativity and reluctance towards letting the club grow, their perception of not only the club changes but chances are high that their perception of the entire organization, such as Lions, can change. By doing nothing about this sort of behavior or attitude, you might lose an opportunity to cement what was once dedication to the club and ultimately lose a valuable member.

### Focus on happiness

Happy Lion members are also those motivated to do good for the club. There are many ways to keep members happy. In fact, you do not need an elaborate plan to achieve this. Sometimes just being asked means a lot, so in your next meeting, have every member anonymously write changes that they would like to see in the club which would make them happy. By doing something like this, you show your members that you care about the reason they joined the club and their satisfaction. Try to implement some of those suggestions and see the change in the attitudes of your members.

### Make sure members share in the club's success

If you were asked about how involved and invested all of your members are in your

club's success, what would your answer be? How good is your club's attendance rate? Is there potential to grow and improve?

A successful club is one where all members can adopt and share a 'we're in this together' attitude, which is something that requires passion. The good thing about this is that all of your members have this passion otherwise they wouldn't be part of the club today. Foster this passion by recognizing those that bring forth ideas, support and encourage those who go beyond their call of duty but don't stop there. Celebrate these achievements with the entire club and get everyone involved.

### Take on fun assignments

Part of keeping a level of interest alive includes doing more than routine meetings and regular activities. Have members brainstorm activities and events they would like to organize and projects they would like to fundraise for and contribute to. Collaborate and work with clubs in your area to host events that are meaningful and enjoyable. By adding variety to club's your regular routine, you can ensure that you keep club members excited and involved.

### Keep fresh ideas going

Schedule regular brainstorming sessions where club members get a say in various aspects of the club. Make this an annual exercise at the very least where members feel that they can bring forth fresh ideas and suggestions for change. Everything and anything should be up for evaluation; just because it's always been done that way, doesn't mean it should continue to be the case. When members see that the club is open to evolvment, they are more likely to bring forth their suggestions than pick-up and leave.

*PDG Donald Spinks Global Membership Chair JUST ASK!*

*PDG Wes Wagester, Global Leadership Chair*

- o PowerPoint presentations are being updated for club Presidents, club Secretaries, club Treasurers, Region & Zone Chairpersons. They will be emailed as soon as the updates are completed.
- o Additionally, District 11 – D2 officer training is available in the form of Training Videos for President, Secretary and Treasurer on my YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCr3VVDss2Uku5ZX5a3-Jhog>. These videos do not reflect the 2022 – 2023 cabinet changes
- o Wes Wagester is available to assist any club desiring club officer training
- o Based on email messages received by Governor Dr. Shawn Wightman on October 25, 2022, 77% of the Club Officers in District 11 – D2 have received training,
- o Additional Training may be found online at:
- o [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), then click on MEMBERLOGIN. Next click on Learn, then find Online Training and Lions Learning Center, then choose GO.
- o Lions University provided by the USA/Canada Lion Leadership Forum. A wide variety of courses are offered.

There was no GAT meeting scheduled for December, the January, & February, Meetings were canceled due to inclement weather. Mar canceled due to members being ill. Scheduled meeting for the Global Action Team April 26, 2023 at (Memphis) 6:00 PM Global Action Team finally meets!  
Remember, clubs should be preparing for club officer elections.

*PDG WES WAGESTER LEADERSHIP CHAIR*

• **Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF):**

o **Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients as of March 1, 2023:**

☑ In District 11 – D2 there have been 281 MJFs and 11 PMJF.

The highest level of PMJF is 8

o New MJFs since June 30, 2022

Bethany J. Calka Almont Lions

Gary Sweeney Elkton

James V. Haley Emmett Lions

Noel R. Katz Emmett Lions

John Hintz Lapeer Lions

James White Port Huron Host Lions

John R. Kriete Port Sanilac Lions (Progressive)

Rose Allen Ubly

Tim Rutkowski Ubly

**Donations in District 11 – D2 as of March 1, 2023**

☑ Clubs \$16,285.39

☑ District \$2,500.00

☑ Total \$18,785.39

This total is \$4,611.18 more than at the same time last year.

o Fifteen (16) clubs have donated so far this year, which is 34.04% of our clubs.

o The Status of installments as of March 1, 2023 which indicates how much each club has in their LCIF account follows:

Algonac \$1,305.00

Almont \$2,002.00

Bad Axe \$3,787.80

Berville \$1,050.00

Frieburg St. Ignatius \$1,500.00

Hadley \$1,050

Lapeer \$2,510.00

Pearl Beach \$1,225.00

Pigeon \$1,800.00

Ubly \$2,782.00

USA \$6,280.00

Yale \$1,996.00

This will give deserving members of the listed clubs a total of 22 Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Individuals may also donate, a member of the Marlette Lions has \$2,000 in his/her account and a member of the Ugly Lions has \$2,251.99 in his/her account.

If sixteen (16) clubs have donated that means that thirty-one (31) have not donated. Please donate to LCIF, any amount will be appreciated. Let's make District 11 - D2 a leader in clubs contributing and in total money donated.

***PDG WES WAGESTER LCIF CHAIR***

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRIDE**

<b>JEREMIAH PHELPS</b>	<b>BAD AXE LIONS</b>
<b>RICHARD WIGNATOWSKI</b>	<b>ELKTON LIONS</b>
<b>AARON CUMMINS</b>	<b>METAMORA LIONS</b>
<b>NATHAN MCLAIN</b>	<b>RUBY LIONS</b>
<b>MICAH WALLACE- SEALS</b>	<b>RUBY LIONS</b>
<b>DAVID COLBURN</b>	<b>UBLY LIONS</b>

**MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"**

<b>ALFREDO SANTOS</b>	<b>ELKTON LIONS</b>
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## EMMETT LIONS 112 BLOOD DRIVES

The Emmett Community Blood Drive WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE EMMETT LIONS will be held on Tuesday April 11th, 2023 from 1:00 till 7:00 pm at the Church Hall in Emmett.

Our first Blood Drive was held on the first Thursday in Oct, of 1975. This next Blood Drive will be our 112<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive. The total # of pints collected during those first 111 Drives is 4,325 pints of Blood. Each pint of Blood helps 3 patients, which means that we have helped 12,975 patients.

Please become an American Hero by donating a pint of blood on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>.

PS  
Right now, currently PDG Chuck Belesky has donated 167 pints of blood. After he donates at this next blood drive, he will be at 168 pints donated, which equals 21 Gallons.

Lion Chuck has also been the coordinator for all 112 Blood Drives.



## DISTRICT 11 D-2 CONVENTION 2023

This years District convention was at Double Tree hotel in Grand Rapids. It included all the activities that a good District convention would have. The District is striving to get back to the pre-pandemic attendance. The convention committee would like suggestions on improving the appeal.

The keynote speakers and PID Joyce Middleton were very inspirational with their presentations. Past International Director, talked about Lions reaching out to help others in need.

There is no description for the feeling you get when you help others. 2015, Memphis Lion Eric Schneider and the writer went to see a lady in area who needed help. She was suffering from metastatic breast cancer her husband was recently, laid off work. They had no money for heating oil and food. Her husband was out looking for work and was too proud to seek help. When Lion Eric Schneider gave her, the Lions check she wept. She hugged Lion Eric and came over and hugged me, with tears running down her cheeks. The writer called the other Lions club north of her to help her also. The husband was home when they went to see her. He was reluctant to accept the help of food and money. The Emmett Lions made sure the kids and woman had help.



From left (PDG Dr. Sami Makhoul, IPDG Brian Betzold, 1<sup>st</sup>.VDG James White, Ricanna Wightman & District Governor Dr. Shawn Wightman, PID Joyce Middleton & PP Martin Middleton, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Judy Keller & Lion Dave Keller, PRC Cheryl Loomis, Treasurer PDG Jack Kriete). Not shown Secretary PDG Don Spinks



D-2 Lions building “Ditty Bags” for the area Veterans. Back in 2019 at the convention we did this same service project. It was very successful the Veterans were very appreciative. The district was divided the counties to distribute the bags to each counties Veterans treatment centers. Here the various Lions clubs contribute items to put in the bags. One club would contribute soap and another tooth paste. Until the bags had several personal hygiene items in them. Picture showing had members from Ubly, Port Huron, Pearl Beach, Emmett, Otter Lake, Lapeer, Memphis, USA, Hadley, Crosswell, Port Sanilac, and Yale. With PID Joyce & Martin, Middleton, Metamora, and Applegate making sure all the materials were available. Also helping Algonac, Almont, Elkton, Marysville, Harbor Beach, and Marlette. (below) Convention business meeting





### Governors Cabinet

From Left: Zone Chair Rich Cochrell, Region 3 Chair Dave Fisher, Region 1 Chair Bill Gratopp, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Judy Keller, Secretary Don Spinks, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG James White, Zone Chair Crystal Briskey, & Treasurer Jack Kriete, seated Dr. Shawn Wightman District Governor...



PP of Kentwood Lions Scott Brady talked about reclaimed glasses for the needy

Auctioneer Lion John Tomaschko getting bids on donations from district clubs



District Governor Shawn Wightman and wife Ricanna host Past International Director Joyce Middleton and Martin Middleton.



These are the Lions that participated in the district convention for 2022-2023 year. We would like to see a significant improvement next year. It will be a lot closer venue for members to travel. District is hoping that club participation increases.



## LAPEER LIONS CLUB

Lion Dave Collinge, right, is presenting the 80 ditty bags that the 11D-2 Convention attendees donated and filled at the district Convention for veterans in Lapeer County. Grateful for the donation is Pete "Top" Kirley, Lapeer Co. Veterans Affairs Director. Lion Dave is a Navy Vet having served during the Korean Conflict. Dave is a Past Commander of the North Branch American Legion. Dave has been an active Lion for many years as well having served as a 3 time past President, Secretary and currently the Lapeer Lions Club eye glasses and hearing chair.

## Have you ever heard of Dyslexia?

Dyslexia is a learning disability in reading. People with dyslexia have trouble reading at a good pace and without mistakes. They may also have a hard time with reading comprehension, spelling, and writing. But these challenges aren't a problem with intelligence. Dyslexia is a common condition that makes it hard to work with language. Some experts believe that between 5 and 10 percent of people have it. Others say as many as 17 percent of people show signs of reading challenges.

People with dyslexia don't outgrow it. But there are teaching approaches and strategies that can help them improve their reading skills and manage the challenges. People of any age can be tested for dyslexia, although the tests are different for adults than for kids. People with dyslexia typically have trouble reading fluently. They often read slowly and make mistakes. That can impact how well they comprehend what they read. But when other people read to them, they often have no problem understanding the text. Dyslexia can create difficulty with other skills, too. These include: Reading comprehension, Spelling, Writing and Math. People sometimes believe dyslexia is a problem with vision. They think of it as reversing letters or writing backwards. But dyslexia is an issue with language. It's important to know that while dyslexia impacts learning, it's not a problem of intelligence. People with dyslexia are just as smart as their peers. There are countless stories about people thriving with dyslexia, including actors, entrepreneurs, and elected officials.

Now, as lions, I want all of us to take a good look at this. Ask questions like what can we do to help with this problem. What can lions do? How can we identify this and get their trust. We can read to them and listen to them read. We can help identify their problem areas and help them. **(Reading action plan chairman Donald Spinks)**



**LIONS**  
**BRIDGING THE GAP**  
 BETWEEN  
**MICHIGAN STATE PROJECTS**  
 AND  
**OUR COMMUNITIES IN NEED**

**Eversight**  
*making vision a reality*

**April 16, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**



**April 30, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**



**May 7, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**



## PORT SANILAC LIONS

A local family in Port Sanilac lost everything in a house fire. We put a post on Facebook asking the community to help them out. Jack Kriete contacted the Lions of Michigan Foundation and secured a check for \$2500. At our meeting on March 1, we presented them with a check that included donations from the community, our club and the monies from the Lions of Michigan Foundation. I have attached a picture of the check presentation. Pictured are myself, Hilary Laurita and Jim Watkins. We have chosen not to make the total amount public.



## MARLETTE LIONS CLUB

The Marlette Lions donated two children's bicycles to the Marlette Sports booster club to help with the Sports Boosters Banquet fundraiser. The house was packed and all had a great time. Marlette Lions given back to the community



# *Almont Lions Club*

## Annual Easter Egg & Candy Hunt



**When:** April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:30am - 12:30pm

**Where:** Almont Comm. Park

Easter bunny for pictures, Candy, bike raffles, Hot dogs, chips, cookies!

**Lion's Kid Sight Trailer No pets please!**

## MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB

A busy night Monday for our Marysville Lions Club Members. Two presentations were made and donations were provided to support Scout Troop #216 and Mid-City Nutrition.

Two interesting facts:

- 1) our Marysville Lions have held the charter to Troop 216 for nearly 75 years,
- 2) and Club Members assist at Mid-City Nutrition every 3 months.

Are you ready to get involved in our community? Let's talk!



## ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

Last night the Algonac Lions club heard from the Piece to Peace quilters. Jan Evans a member of the group informed us of the up and coming Quilting Trail among other future events. The Algonac Lions will be donating to the trail and proudly supporting the quilters events as we have in the past.

## MEMPHIS LIONS CLUB

Memphis LEO's Avery Pare, Elody Kania, Shelby Rabine, Brynne Lemanski and LEO Advisor Nancy Thomson along with Leader Dog puppy Polly and his trainer Deb Kaminski passed out Constitution Booklets to fourth graders at Memphis Elementary on March 24th. Students were quizzed on the Constitution with candy rewards for answers. Students also learned about the Leader Dog Program and were able to share cuddles, hugs and lots of smiles with Polly, the star of the show.



## METAMORA LIONS CLUB

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# Metamora Lions Club



- Perpendicular To Shooting Line
- Feet Shoulder Width Apart
- Flatten Back
- Knees Slightly Bent
- Form A 'T' Shape

# Crafts & Vendors

Saturday, April 15th  
10 AM - 3PM

MARINE CITY LIONS CLUB  
545 WARD ST.  
MARINE CITY

Come on out and  
support some  
local businesses  
& crafters!





**NORTH BRANCH LIONS**

**PRESENT**

**AUTO CROSS BUMP & RUN**

**Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm**

*RAIN DATE:*

*Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm*



ADMISSION: \$15 Adults - \$5 Children 6yr. - 12yr. - free.

5yr. & under

*Pit passes available- \$5.00*

Grandstand seating - **Free Parking ON GROUNDS** - Concession Stand  
Race held at the Lions Field on South Beech St. South of M-90 (Huron Street) West End of Town.

**NO PETS.....PLEASE!**

**NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED.**

**WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT COOLERS.**



## NORTH BRANCH LIONS SPRING 2023

### 5K TIMED WALK/RUN

Saturday, May 20, 2023 9:00AM

Early Bird Registration: Before 05/12 \$20.00

Regular Registration: 05/13-05/20 \$25.00

Children 8 to Adults; 5k WALK/RUN AND t-Shirt

Children under 8 free walk/run no T-Shirt

REGISTRATION: Mail completed form and non-refundable fee to:

North Branch Lions, P O Box 283, North Branch, MI 48461

Checks made payable to North Branch Lions

5K Walk/Run starts at the North Branch Lions Club (6640 Beech St. behind Harmon Oil)

Check in starts at 8:00AM Sat., May 20, 2023 in Lions Clubhouse

Walk/Run starts at 9:00 AM THIS IS A TIMED EVENT

Monies from this event are used for state and local charities: Leader Dogs, Diabetes

Awareness, Eyeglasses for those in need, N.B. Thrift Shop, N.B. Food Bank, etc.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ MALE/FEMALE  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registration must be received by May 13<sup>th</sup> for participant to receive T-Shirt.

Please circle size

Youth: YSM YMED YLG Adult: SM MED LG XLG XXLG

As with any athletic event running race involves certain risks of serious injury. Potholes and surface debris can and does exist on the course. Motorists, cycles, pedestrians and animals may accidently or deliberately create hazards. There is also the physical strain of participating in a long distance race. I know of the risks involved and agree to assume all risks of personal injury or other physical or emotional ailments. I hereby waive all liability claims against the village of North Branch, Lapeer County, North Branch Lions Club and all sponsors.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian for minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For more information call Sean Blasius at 810-705-9853



**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP**

# BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED YOUTH CAMP 2023

**JULY 9-15**

Join us for a week long overnight camp for blind and visually impaired youth ages 5-16. Kids enjoy a jam packed week of fun while making friendships, developing independence, and learning life skills.

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1st, 2023**

## Activities

- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Outdoor/Indoor Games
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Team Building/Challenge Course
- ✓ Climbing Tower & Zip Line

## Lions Bear Lake Camp

3409 N Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)



Register Online



**More Information** 810-245-0726 [desiree@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:desiree@bearlakecamp.org)



# DEAF & HARD OF HEARING FAMILY CAMP 2023



Come enjoy a fun themed weekend for families of deaf & hard of hearing children. It is geared to meet the unique needs of children who use listening & spoken language as their primary mode of communication.

**JUNE 30-JULY 2**

- ✓ Swimming & Boating
- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Climbing Tower & Zipline
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Making Friends
- ✓ Much More!!



## PARENTS WILL ENJOY

- Informative sessions about current issues
- Networking & sharing with other parents and families
- Family activities & bonding
- Creative break from the daily grind!

## LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

3409 N Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446  
[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)

810-245-0726

[jfisch10@emich.edu](mailto:jfisch10@emich.edu)

REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN





# LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP JUVENILE DIABETES CAMP 2023

**JULY 23-29TH**

**YOUTH WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES  
AGES 5-16**

**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP**

3409 N Five Lakes Rd  
Lapeer, MI 48446



**Overnight camping experience for youth with T1D. Experience a fun filled week of activities, education, and nutrition, while building life long friendships, gaining confidence, and acquiring new skills.**



**ARCHERY . SWIMMING. BOATING. FISHING. CLIMBING TOWER.  
CHALLENGE COURSE. ZIPLINE. ARTS & CRAFTS. GAMES & MORE!**



**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1ST, 2023**

**810-245-0726**

**[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)**

**[info@bearlakecamp.org](mailto:info@bearlakecamp.org)**

## *Get Lions ready for the Lion Portal*

We're preparing for the launch of the new Lion Portal. This refreshed experience will combine the functionality of MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools into one cohesive and consistent experience. To use the Lion Portal, Lions must have a unique email address (one that isn't shared with another member) in their Lion Account information. Additionally, phone numbers can no longer be used as log in credentials.

Here's how you can help Lions:

1. **Spread the word.** Make Lions — especially those who actively use their Lion Account — aware of the transition to the Lion Portal. Encourage them to make sure their member information is up to date and includes a unique email address.
2. **Prepare club officers.** Ask club officers to review the member records for their club, checking for any shared email addresses, and be prepared to help members update their information as needed. **Stay up to date.** Check for news and updates on the [Lion Portal webpage](#).
3. We appreciate your support in preparing for the transition to the new Lion Portal.

## 11 D2 Lions,

Lions International has been made aware of the increasing number of phones, text, social media and email scams. Most recently, fraudulent invoices have been sent to clubs by scammers requesting payment for products delivered or services rendered. Be aware of scams that fraudulently use the Lions Clubs International, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the International Association of Lions Clubs or other variations of our organization's name and logo. These types of scams are designed to trick people into revealing personal and financial information about themselves, which can then be used to commit identity theft, but they often misspell the name of the organization.

If you receive a suspicious mailing, email, text, check or social media message, please follow these guidelines: Do not reply, open any attachments or click on any links in the message.

- Be wary of any offer to accept a check or money order in an amount greater than you are owed or requests to return money to the check sender.
- Look carefully at every invoice and compare it to previous ones received that you know to be genuine – particularly the bank account details, the wording used and association name and branding.
- Do not immediately cash an unexpected or surprise check. Do not deposit it unless you are expecting a check and you are absolutely certain it is meant for you.
- Do not pay upfront for a promise like a grant, debt relief or financial assistance.

If you have any doubts about whether a Lions International or LCIF communication is authentic, contact us at [privacy@lionsclubs.org](mailto:privacy@lionsclubs.org) before you act. Fraudulent “scams” are increasingly common in our digital world, so it is important to remain vigilant. Read [How to Protect Yourself from ams](#) to fi



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AFTER MAR 15 - APRIL 10, 2023 TICKETS \$65 PER PERSON

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**ALL LADIES 21 & UP WELCOME**  
**COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF GLAM,  
DANCING & ENJOYING A LADIES NIGHT**  
**OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS**  
**DOORS OPEN @ 6:30 PM - 10 PM**





We're always looking for new ways to share the amazing impact you as Lions have on Leader Dog's mission, and I just found a great one to share with you! In a local Rhode Island radio interview, one of Leader Dog's clients, Lori, talks about her journey to receive her Leader Dog Dakota. She shares how instrumental Lions are in that journey. Her father even joins in to discuss the effect it has had on the family.

Listen past the advertisement for a mention of Leader Dog Wink. LD Wink, whose breeding host is a Lion in Michigan, was raised by a Lion puppy raiser from Missouri! It takes a village of Lions to make this happen.

Here's Lori in her Leader Dog ID photo with the gorgeous Leader Dog Dakota:

## **To the Lions Clubs of Michigan Website**

Lions Clubs International is a volunteer organization dedicated to leadership development through community service. Lions are an international network of 1.4 million men and women in 210 countries who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. They are known for working to end preventable blindness. Lions participate in a vast variety of projects important to their communities. These projects range from cleaning up local parks to providing supplies to victims of natural disasters. There are over 12,000 members in 500+ clubs throughout Michigan.