

LIONS NEWS

DISTRICT 11D2

April 2024



CALENDAR –EVENTS

Mar. 16 Cabinet Meeting (Emmett) 1:00 PM.

Mar. 16 GAT Meeting (Emmett) 1:00 PM

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CORNER

Greetings, Great Lions of 11D2

What a great convention! The turnout was record setting the most people in the past twenty years. A lot of good fellowship and great food.

District Governor James White
1st VDG Judy Keller
2nd VDG Dave Fisher
Cabinet Secretary Donald Spinks
Cabinet Treasurer Jack Kriete

Region 1 Chair: Crystal Briskey
Region 1 Zone 1 Chair Tom Watkins
Region 1 Zone 2 Chair Kirk Smith

Region 2 Chair: Tim Dietzel
Region 2 Zone 1 Chair Tom Lupo
Region 2 Zone 2 Chair John Tomaschko

Region 3 Chair: Rich Cochrell
Region 3 Zone 1 Chair Gary Sweeny
Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Louise Dobson
Blasius

GMT Dave Fisher
GLT Judy Keller
GST Bruce Bronson



Governor James White

DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES WHITE

What a month March was with the run up to the convention. We were focused on the following things

1)DO A GREAT SERVICE PROJECT-WE PACKAGE 10,000MEALS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN DISTRICT

2)BE INFORMATIVE-NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

3)RECOGNIZE SUPERSTARS OF SERVICE-WHICH WE DID

4)HAVE FUN AND MEET OTHER LIONS-WELL MARDIGRAS WAS A HIT AND THE CONCERT WAS GREAT THE SPEAKERS WERE INCREDIBLE

5)SHARE WITH AS MANY CLUBS AND MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE- BEST ATTENDED CONVENTION IN MANY YEARS Although I was exhausted, I was very proud of the entire convention. The committee is to be commended on a job well done. Special Thanks to PID Nickel for his great words of support and entertaining us all. With over 90 first time registrants attending. Now lets finish the year we need to do some training and will be having two Region meetings coming up in region 1 and 2 ,all clubs can attend if you missed the Region 3 meeting. Watch for the announcements Service projects and membership should be a major activity and both will be appreciated Hopefully we have finished the roster clean ups and all can achieve the Governors goal of 1 new member net for every 10 members we started with this year. Keep in Mind we are hosting, on district soil an Immediate past International President. IPP Brian Sheehan will be our honored guest and presenter of all Melvin Jones Fellowships. Hopefully if your clubs have any to be presented you will take advantage of this opportunity.

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

Greetings fellow Lions.

I hope everyone is enjoying their spring so far. As always it's a busy time of year for everyone. I have been working on putting together my cabinet for 2024-2025, look forward to hearing from me or see what changes are on the horizon.

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER

It was an exciting time at the 11-D-2 convention in Port Huron Michigan, I hope many of you had signed up for the weekend of events. Governor Jim had a very big and entertaining weekend planned, with great speakers that were lined up. There was a number of important issues to be voted on Sunday, it was a busy three days. Glad to see so many there.

2nd Vice District Governor Dave Fisher

2ND VDG DAVID FISHER, Global Membership Chair

Our Lions year is coming to a close, we still have time to work on new members. So look around, each one of use knows someone that would make a great Lion, all you have to do is ask.

Good seeing you at the convention

Global Membership Coordinator Dave Fisser

1ST VDG JUDY KELLER LEADERSHIP CHAIR

Hello Lions

On March 9th RC Rich Cochrill headed a training for Region 3. 14 Lions from 9 different clubs participated

in the hour long training. Great job to everyone!!!!



2024 District 11D-2 Convention



GREAT CONVENTION AND A LOT OF
FELLOWSHIP AT THE DOUBLE TREE INN BY
HILTON IN PORT HURON MICHIGAN

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

During the 2024 convention the members worked together in putting 10,000 meals together. The members formed an assembly line to put the ingredients together create a meal. When the final ingredients were assembled they were bagged. After the bags were installed in boxes they were counted and sealed. The ingredients were weighed and measured to make identical meals. The operation of putting these together was in two different locations.. There was great uniformity and processing.. We had International Directors working with first year lions, everyone was working with harmony. It was great to see. Our State Executive Director Wendy Burns is boxing these meals up.

Bruce Bronson GST



April



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CHRISTOPHER PIEBIAK

HARSENS ISLAND LIONS

MARSHALL WEAVER

HARSENS ISLAND LIONS

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MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

VICTORIA McCOMAS

METAMORA LIONESS

D-2 2024 CONVENTION

Governor James White support group of our Leadership. Past District Governors, Past International Directors, and International Director Candidate.



Governor Elect Lion Judy Keller with Lion Dave Keller. We wish Lions Judy and Dave a lot of success for the coming year. These two wonderful lions are from the Uibly Lions Club in Huron County. They are very active in all events surrounding their club and involved with district duties. Lion Judy besides Vice District Governor she is part of the GAT (Global Action Team), she is the Leadership chair. She is part of the Convention Committee along with Audit and Budget. Lion Dave is the Hearing and Speech chair. Lion Judy is also Uibly Club Secretary. Very busy Lions !!



Take your leadership to the next level

Lions International offers great resources to help you learn, lead and grow as a Lion. So check out these great resources:

- [Lions Learning Center](#) – *Take advantage of online learning that can help you level up as a Lion and a leader.*
- [Virtual Events Center](#) – *Browse upcoming webinars and our archive of past events that cover topics that matter to you.*
- [Club Marketing Guide](#) – *Brush up on your marketing basics and how the Lions International brand can work for you.*

So, take the next step in your leadership journey today.

Dear Lion,

When you became a Lion, you also became a leader. Lions and Leos lead their communities in service and bring people together to achieve greater outcomes than we can alone.

Every time you invite a new member, or we charter a new club, more people are helped, and more communities are served. We are making a tremendous impact all over the world thanks to your leadership.

So, let's continue to grow our impact and share your amazing projects on social media to encourage others to join you. Take an online course to enhance your skills and encourage others to do so, as well. Let's continue to be the leaders that our communities and world need us to be.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President



Lions International

Dear Lions and Leos,

Preparation is underway to begin rolling out the new Lion Portal. Here is some important information to prepare you for launch.

Phased rollout for Lion Account Users

Our target launch window is April 15 – May 13*. During this time, all current Lion Account users will receive an email inviting them to access the new Lion Portal**. We're doing this phased rollout to ensure staff are available to provide the best support possible and offer you a positive introductory experience.

- **Now – April 11:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will continue to function as normal.
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- **April 12 and beyond:** MyLion, MyLCI and Insights are no longer available.
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- **April 15 – May 13:** Invitations to access the new Lion Portal sent via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.

Please note: User permissions will not change. In other words, those who can report service, access member data and other key functions remains the same.

- **May 13 and beyond:** All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new Lion Portal.

*Dates are subject to change. Our number one goal is to create a positive experience for Lions and Leos. If determined more time is required to ensure the product is in an optimal state, the dates may be adjusted accordingly.**If you don't see the email in your everyday inbox, please check all spam and junk folders for it first before contacting Member Support. Note that the new Lion Portal will require a unique, unshared email, and phone numbers will no longer be supported as a log in credential. **Information and resources**

Be sure to visit lionsclubs.org/portal-updates for the latest information and resources, which includes handy how-to videos for help accessing the new portal once you've received your Lion Portal invitation email.

We appreciate your support and thank you for your continued service as we prepare for the new Lion Portal – together.

READING ACTION PROGRAM, PDG Don Spinks

BENEFITS OF READING AT HOME

Here is an article that I want to share with all lions.

To build a Love of Reading helps children: Did you know that Reading with your children or grandchildren is the most important activity you can do to support their education. Children understand stories read aloud at a higher comprehension level than what they can read on their own.

Reading Together Makes Learning Better. It improves their knowledge, expands their cultural awareness, have more fun, make their imagination fly, find new ways to express their ideas, and become experts on a variety of kid friendly subjects. Reading also provides a quiet escape from their often hectic and over scheduled lives. Improve Vocabulary

Regular, consistent reading can increase your child's vocabulary. A strong vocabulary often leads to a higher level of academic success. Your children will amaze you with their growing conversational skills!

Improve Learning in Every Subject Area

Regardless of your children's age, becoming a successful reader will benefit them in almost any subject area or career path. For example, in high school science classes, your child will read lab directions, understand science texts and test questions. No matter the context, it will be important that your child can apply his or her knowledge of reading skills in order to analyze the reading. Encourage older children to read to their younger brothers and sisters. Older children enjoy showing off their skills to an admiring audience. All BUSD elementary school students have accounts with Tales2Go, an audiobook streaming subscription service. It's like Netflix for audiobooks.

Develop Critical Thinking Skills

Reading and analyzing texts helps children develop critical thinking skills. They become better observers, interpreters and evaluators. As your children read a text, they will begin to differentiate about what is being read and summarize the key ideas and details of a text.

PDG Donald Spinks

RAP Coordinator

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION

HELLO FELLOW MEMBERS

You are cordially invited to our **1st Melvin Jones Fellowship Celebration** on May 31st and June 1st, 2024. We have the distinct honor of having **LCIF Chair and Past International President Li-on Brian and Lori Sheehan** in attendance. On Friday night, we will have a Chairperson's Reception and on Saturday, a Melvin Jones Fellowship celebration. A \$2,000 donation to LCIF admits 2 individuals to a private reception on Friday. **On Saturday, LCIF Chair and PIP Brian Sheehan will personally present any Progressive or Melvin Jones Fellow to those that are in attendance and have achieved such recognition. The only charge is a \$100 donation to LCIF in the club or person's name.** Please notify your clubs of this very special event and if you have any questions, please give PID Justin Faber (989-600-9009) or PDG Brian Betzold (248-330-1101) a call. Please spread the word!! Enclosed is information as well as the sign-up sheet. This is in our district we need to make sure our clubs are aware of this program. Let's show them that D-2 is a district that leads.





METAMORA LIONESSE LIONS CLUB

We are looking to honor the memory of our Vicki McComas by increasing our membership. I encourage all past Lionesses and anyone else to honor the memory of Vicki and to continue the mission she held so dear. Come see us on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Lion's Hall. Lion Vicki was an original Lioness member. It was important when the lioness were bridging over to lions. There were hard feelings and several of the original lioness were unhappy with the process. Lion Vicki always stayed in touch with some of original members. It is fitting that membership drive is attached to her memory. Lion Vicki is on the left.



DECKERVILLE LIONS CLUB

Deckerville Lions Club had another successful fresh greens wreath and grave blanket fundraising project during the holiday season. Eighty units were crafted and sold. Later a relaxing evening was enjoyed which included PID Justin. Justin is visiting his favorite please a restaurant.





JOIN THE ALMONT LIONS EUCHRE NIGHTS IN 2024



- ⇒ Friday, March 8th
- ⇒ Friday, April 12th
- ⇒ Friday, May 10th
- ⇒ Friday, June 14th

Where: 222 Water Street, Almont, MI

Time: 5:30pm Doors Open

Start: 6:30pm SHARP!

Cost: \$15 per player

No. of Games: 10

Light meal included, \$.50 euchre, break at the half.

Everyone is welcome, you do not need to be a member, pre-registration is NOT required, sign up at the door.

Any questions, please contact: Fran @ 810-614-5595
or Garrett @ 810-683-4214

EMMETT LIONS CLUB

The Emmett Community Blood Drive, Which is sponsored by the Emmett Lions, will be held on Thursday April 4 from 1pm till 7pm at the Church Hall in Emmett.

You **MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO DONATE**. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: emmettlions OR call 1-800=733-2767

Everyone who donated on Thu. April 4 Did receive an exclusive "GODZILLA x KONG: THE

PORT SANILAC LIONS CLUB

Did you hear? We sold out of sandwiches today! Thank you to everyone who purchased a sandwich or donated. A big thank you to [Sanilac Coffee](#) and [Huron Shores Golf Club](#) for all their help with this fundraiser. See you all next week.

UBLY LIONS CLUB

February and March are Pierogi months for us Uby Lions. So far we have made about 90 dozen and have about 150 more to make. We share a lot of laughs when making them, but it pulls our members together to do this project. It is one of the best fundraisers. Another fundraiser we are doing is our annual Reverse Raffle with the St. Ignatius Freiburg Lions. It is being held on Sunday, May 26. If you are looking for a fun night of food, fun, laughter and the possibility of winning \$4,000 get in touch with Justin Faber at 989-600-9009, Judy Keller at 989-670-1401, or Rick Vogel at 989-860-4140 for a ticket. Don't wait too long tickets sell out fast!!! LIONS DAVE AND SING make pierogi





MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Warm weather means baseball and softball for many and the Marysville Lions Club is pitching in with our traditional donation to support the Marysville Little League. Nicole Stocker and Ryan shared all the exciting news for the upcoming season. Joining them in the picture is Lions Tina and Scott. Good luck to all the kids and have fun!

Scholarships Opportunities

Academic Scholarships & Trades Scholarships

Applications in MHS Counseling Office

Due Date: April 12. 3 pm



Marysville High School Seniors CLASS OF 2024

MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB

The Marysville Lions Club invite Marysville High School Senior to apply for the multiple scholarships available. There are both academic and trades scholarships available. The academic scholarship is reserved to students attending St. Clair County Community College. The trades scholarship may be used at either SC4 or Macomb Community College (or an accredited program). Applications are available in the Marysville High School Counseling Office or on their website. If you know a a graduating Senior from MHS this year, please encourage them to investigate.

ELKTON LIONS CLUB

Elkton Lions Members Lucas Swartzendruber, Tina Edler, Linda English, Agnes Kosinski, Dave Fisher and Janet Devroye were able to spend the weekend at the Michigan Lions Forum in Kalamazoo. As part of the service project, they helped by participating in the Sleep in Heavenly Peace blanket project. Over 150 Blankets were cut and tied to be donated to this organization. The rest of the weekend they listened to some great presenters and will be able to take back some valuable information to the rest of the Elkton Lions Club.



METAMORA LIONESSE & LIONS CLUBS

Metamora Lioness Lions Fish Dinner was a success! The weather didn't help much but we did have a good turnout. This club serves dinners like the one in the above photo. Metamora Lions had a huge wild game dinner, both halls were sold out. Great job Metamora



MARLETTE LIONS CLUB

The Marlette lions club donated \$250.00 to the Marlette Area Summer Athletic Program. This program is for boys and girls ages 4 to 16 who are interested in playing baseball/softball. With this donation, the Marlette MASAP can purchase needed items for a safe and fun game.



PEARL BEACH LIONS CLUB

Last night Lion Karen, Lion Amy, Lion Dave, Lion Rocky and Lion Keith attended the annual Sturgeon for Tomorrow meeting. Pearl Beach Lions received an award to honor our longtime commitment to the annual Sturgeonfest. Thank you Sturgeons for Tomorrow for our continued friendship!



HARSENS ISLAND LIONS & LIONESS

Muskrat Dinner. 2024. Wow, what a huge success.

Thank you to the Lionesses who always come thru in preparation and cooking for the entire group! Amazing job. (Brad Spencer). We also like to Thank all the volunteers that helped serve dinner & sell tickets, bartenders! Huge shoutout to Flats Epoxy (Ryan Morse) for being this year's sponsor!



ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

Algonac Lions Club had the most members attend the 2024 convention . This is a club that generally has no or one member at conventions. This club and Berville Lions were a welcome surprise. This is just the start. They will receive deserved recognition for all they do. Go Algonac



Beginning Soon

DINING WITH DIABETES

The Class with Cooking and Food Tasting

Your Own Cookbook to Keep

Nutrition and Meal Planning

Taught by MSU Extension Educators



Adults of all ages interested in diabetes may attend, including adults with pre-diabetes, type 2 diabetes, their family members and caregivers.

CLASS BEGINS: WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 AT 9:30 AM

To register, please call 810-546-3101



Event cost for attendees is provided by Lions Clubs in Huron, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Lapeer counties. The event is facilitated by the Community Diabetes Center in Croswell, Michigan



Algonac Lions Club

March 28 at 12:39 PM · 🌐



When you purchase ATV raffle tickets, you help us help the Leader Dogs For The Blind. Purchase your tickets from any Algonac Lion, or use Venmo. If you use Venmo, please include your name and cell phone number. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00. We serve 🐕



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Classic Car Show

Memphis Lions Field

34758 Pratt Road, Memphis



Friday, June 14, 2024

Registration starts at 4:00 PM Open to the public at 6:00 PM

Preregister your car by June 1st for \$12 or register at the gate for \$15

Proceeds go to the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce & the Memphis Lions Club

ADMISSION:

Adults - \$5

Seniors 60+ and Students \$3

Age 12 and under must have adult supervision

2024 Vehicle Registration Form

Please print clearly and provide your complete address

Mail to: **Ronda Bradke, 864 Fitz Road, Wales, Michigan 48027**

Any questions contact Ronda at 810-531-7376 or rondabradke@gmail.com

Name _____ Phone _____

Address / City / State/ Zip _____

Car Year _____ Car Make _____

Car Model _____ Car Club _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____

MAKE Checks Payable to : **MEMPHIS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

LIONS CLUBS ALL STATE BAND

2024 All State Band Tour June 18th through June 29th

The Lions of Michigan All State Band has once again formed to represent Michigan Lions at the 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. The tour will start with a 3 day band camp followed by 8 days in Australia and 3 days in California. This all-inclusive trip will cost \$6,299 for all of the 46 members planning on attending this year. District 11 D-2 has 3 students from Ugly School and 4 students from Lakeville School. After Covid shut down the band for 3 years, we were able to send 28 student to Boston last year. Students from all 10 districts and the U.P. are represented this year.

The students will again be high-lighted as the band that performs the Flag Ceremony at the International Convention.

Performances will take place at numerous venues in Australia and at Disneyland and Universal Studios in California on the way home. The band has played at orphanages, veteran homes, shopping malls and children's hospitals while on tours since 1978, as well as at the convention. Sharing their talent with others and learning about different cultures on tours makes this an unforgettable trip for these young musicians.

The January rehearsal was cancelled due to bad weather but the March 23rd rehearsal will take place at Lakeville School and the band will rehearse and perform at the MD11 Convention May 18th in Kalamazoo.

The complete itinerary is available at the Lions of Michigan band web site (www.lionsmiband.org)

Please spread the word to Club members, family and friends that donations to our District Students can be made at Lions of Michigan State Office or to District Treasurer PDG Jack Kriete for this year's Trip. Please note were your donation applies (any or all students in District or administrative fund)

An easy way for clubs to raise funds for these students is a pop can drive and if you pull the tabs before you recycle them, you can help Ronald McDonald House too. I pick up can tabs at the District Convention and also Owendale's corn roast every year. Recycling has given us more than \$8,000 to donate there.

If you have any questions or concerns about the band, please feel free to contact me @810-793-6258 or @peggy_duane@yahoo.com.

PDG Peggy Farnsworth

District All State Band Chair

Mother's Day Brunch!

"What Mother Means"

"Mother" is such a simple word, But to us there's meaning
seldom heard. For everything we are today,
Our mother's love showed the way.

by Karl Fuchs

Join us for a celebration of Mother's Day

Sunday May 12th

10am-2pm

TICKETS

\$12 PER PERSON - 6/12 \$6 - 5 & UNDER FREE

Algonac Banquet Hall

1905 Mill St. Algonac MI 48001
Contact: Deborah (810) 357-4568

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