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#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES WHITE

Happy Holidays to all the Lions of 11D-2



**Governor James White** 

#### **CALENDAR – EVENTS**

DEC 1-2 3RD Council of Governorrs Lansing Dec 9 cabinet meet Pearl Beach **canceled** Dec. 25 Merry Christmas

#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR CORNER

#### Greetings, Great Lions of 11D2

Burr its cold out there, we know the Lions are looking for something to do. We are really excited about 3 state Projects I am encouraging our clubs to work on.

As 2023 ends we are half way through our Lions year. I am very pleased with our progress and I am sure clubs are making their plans to serve their communities even more after the first of the year. Just a thought when we are asked to add new members Lions are not doing so for more dues as we are a not for profit. We as Lions understand the more Lions we have as a district or a club the more people we can serve and the more smiles we can both share and receive. Let's keep the focus of 'We serve and finish our Lion year strong. Do you know that our slogan "We serve" the first 3 letters spell WES as in PDG. Wes Wagester. Wes was recently nominated and will be receiving the 2024 S.A. Dodge award for service. The Dodge award is the highest award presented by the Lions of Michigan and we all want to thank Wes for his years as a Lion for what he does and will still be doing for hears to come In closing I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year *Thank you for your service District Governor James White* 



#### **1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER**

Hello Lions! December has come in like a whirlwind. We had governor elect training and Council of Governors meeting in Lansing. Congratulations to PDG Teri Huffman for being elected Council Chair for the 2024-2025 Lion year!! I know Lion Teri will be a true leader and guide us thru another great lion year. Watch for the registration form the Michigan Lions Forum. The forum committee once again has worked hard on bringing great breakout sessions and a service project for all. It is being held February 23-24 in Kalamazoo. Don't let the distance stop you from going, it is always a great way to meet new friends, see old friends and maybe learn new things!

May everyone have a safe and healthy holiday season!

Merry Christmas

#### 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER

Here we are its December already and soon to be 2024. The holidays are upon us, I hope you all in 11 -D-2 had a good Thanksgiving. While doing these projects take some pictures with a small write-up and send it to the Lions Clubs International . Make sure you send it to District Editor Bruce Bronson at (bebronson79@gmail.com) or PDG Don Spinks at (donnspinks@gmail.com) This will get your events in the newsletter and LCI. BLOW YOUR OWN HORN you deserve it. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR** 

#### 2ND VDG DAVE FISHER

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> VDG DAVID FISHER, Global Membership Chair

2nd VDG and GMT Dave Fisher

In the Global scheme of things, Lions International have set BIG GOALS, and only with our help can these goals be met. Big GOALS take many hands meaning MEMBERS. We need to retain the members we have, and invite new members to join our family of LIONS, so we can make a difference.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR and stay SAFE.

#### 1<sup>st</sup>VDG JUDY KELLER LEADERSHIP CHAIR

Training, training, training sometimes that is all we hear when you hold an office in your club. I have had a few more officers complete their training on their respective office. Remember even if you held the office before you still need to watch the video. It takes about 15 minutes and you can watch them on You Tube. Search 11 D2 officer training and it will bring the video you need. If you have any problems or need help, just email me at



#### PDG BRIAN BETZOLD GLT, Lions Clubs International Foundation

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. LCIF's mission is to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants. LCIF provides grants to support Lions in their efforts to serve their local communities and the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions, and 100% of every donation benefits Lions service through LCIF grants and programs. LCIF has contributed to Lions' efforts in the focus areas of vision, disaster relief, youth, and humanitarian causes for decades.

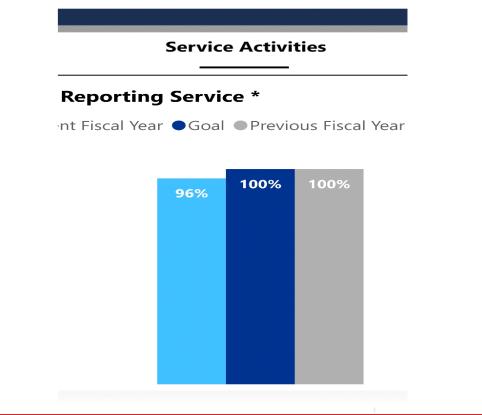
LCIF's Refugees and Displaced Persons fund helps ensure that Lions are there to help those in need find safety and security.

LCIF has a number of recognition programs to recognize donors for making accomplishments. Although those benefiting from your support may never know of your generosity, Lions Clubs International Foundation and its beneficiaries are grateful for your support. Last year, 11d2 Clubs donated a total of over \$33,000. This year's goal is to raise \$36,000. At the current time, 11D2 has 5 clubs who have donated a total of \$751. We have aways to go but I know 11D2 clubs will step up to the challenge. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call at 248-330-1101

PDG BRIAN BETZOLD LCIF CHAIR

#### PCS BRUCE BRONSON SERVICE CHAIR

District D-2 has been one of the districts that has been reporting to Lions Clubs International on their service activities. At this point we were in the 96% bracket. Lions Clubs International causes: VISION, HUNGER, DIABETES, ENVIROMENT, AND CHILDHOOD CANCER. Send your events to (bebronson79@gmail.com). My email address is <u>wrong</u> in the roster manual. Please delete the email address (bebronson@frontier.com).



December 2023





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

GARY MIRLING	BERVILLE LIONS
ANDREW WYATT	BERVILLE LIONS
MICHAEL CLIMER	HARBOR BEACH LIONS
ΝΑΤΕ COOK	HARSENS ISL. LIONS
BILL PETERSON	HARSENS ISL. LIONS
PAULA DAVIDSON	PECK LIONS
EDDIE FORTUSHNIAK	PORT SANILAC LIONS
MICAH HAINES	PORT SANILAC LIONS

# MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

FRANCES KRAKKER

**ELBA TOWNSHIP LIONS** 



#### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Greatest District Ever

(Time to Prove It!)

This Lions year there is a custom of calling the Council of Governors the "Greatest Council Ever". For sure our DG Jim is right up there as a respected leader of our organization. District 11D2 sure could say with total respect that we are the "Greatest District Ever". There is no doubt that when it comes to stepping up our district has what it takes to get things *done. Our Lions* 

know what it takes to "make a difference". So here is the challenge... Last year we were the first district in the MD11 to achieve 100% service reporting. (By the way that is still winnable yet this year, but not for long!). There is no doubt that we will achieve 100% service again this year. This year it is time that we lead the state in 100% LCIF club participation as well. To several Lions recollection it has not been done - at least recently - in any one's memory in the MD11. How do we do this simple feat? It's easy! All each club must do is donate, OR a member of the club individually donate, to LCIF. We are not talking about large numbers here. Even a small amount such as \$10 is welcome as a starter. The important part is that a person from the club or the club donates. Put your club and our district on the map as 100% leading Lions. We Serve and We Support! Here is the challenge... Every club report at least one service project, same as last year. Then to demonstrate to the "Greatest Council Ever" that we are the "Greatest District Ever" by being the first (at least recent memory) 100% club participation supporting LCIF. All it takes above last year is one member in each club to give something, or the club to give something. Size of the gift doesn't matter. Being a leader in your club does! PS... Our DGs birthday is FEB 3 rd . If you or your club has not donated to LCIF yet this year, what better way to say "happy birthday" than to make a donation to LCIF from you or your club.

Cheers!

PDG Dave Wineman

#### December 2023





It is with GREAT sadness that the Lions of District 11 – D2 commemorated the passing of Past District Governor Fred Sullivan, Fred was born on June 3, 1937, he passed on Saturday, November 11, 2023. His life lasted eighty-six years. What a life it was, Freds' life consisted of serving others. He always greeted others with a smile, was never someone who hid his feelings. You knew exactly where you stood with Fred. The communities of Gagetown and Owendale, along with District 11 – D2 are a better places because of Freds' efforts. Fred formally joined the Owendale Lions on June 1, 1997. He has served the Lions club in various leadership roles for over 26 years, including club president. He also served the Lions of District 11 – D2 as the Centennial governor. He was always involved in the Club projects. The Owendale Lions recognized his contributions by presenting him with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named in honor of the founder of "Lions Clubs International", a Chicago businessman by the name of Melvin Jones, and represents a tremendous contribution to humanity. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

#### (Picture of PDG Fred, doing what he loved to do... hosting the Owendale Corn Roast)



#### EVERSIGHT

**All donations given in 2020 drop off at the end of December.** Please call me if you have any questions. **Brian 248-330-1101.** This program works the same as MJF, the money has already been donated, just apply it to one of these Fellowship Awards. Please take advantage of this fantastic program to recognize someone in your club or outside your club.

Submit your nomination for a Michigan Lions Fellowship Award

Please submit your nomination at least eight weeks prior to the date of desired recognition. Upon receiving your nomination, Eversight will confirm your nominated club or individual's eligibility and contact you to confirm delivery of the recognition letter, certificate and materials for your presentation to your fellowship recipient.

#### Please select a recognition program:\*

\$1000 William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship\$500 A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation FellowshipWilliam "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision

#### \$1,000 or more donated over 3 consecutive years

The William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship recognizes service and support for Michigan eye banking by an individual or Club who donates \$1,000 or more to Eversight for three consecutive years. William "Doc" Barr has shared his diverse knowledge, experience and passion for helping others as an Eversight board member for more than 20 years. His commitment to service is also reflected in his dedication to the Lions. Doc first joined the Sparlingville Lions Club in 1956, later joining the Highland Park and Novi Lions Clubs.

Knights for Vision Fellows honored in his name receive an engraved crystal desktop pedestal, a gold lapel pin, a certificate and a congratulatory letter. Once named as a Knights for Vision Fellow, honorees can be re-nominated with an additional \$1,000 contribution and will join Eversight's Fellowship Progressive Circle. Progressive Fellows are awarded a new multi-stone lapel pin, a certificate and a congratulatory letter for each subsequent fellowship recognition.

Eversight; formerly (Michigan Eye-bank). The phone and address are wrong in the roster manual. Should be Eversight; 3985 Research Park, Ann Arbor MI. 48108, toll free: 800-247-7250 Office 734-780-2628. Please change your contact information. They have moved recently.



## Reading Action Program RAP Chair Donald Spinks

Lions everywhere are changing the lives of children and adults who have little or no access to schools, libraries, educational materials and the Internet. Whether they are involved with tutoring programs, book donations, or helping to build classrooms, Lions share a common goal: expanding our impact. The Lions Reading Action Program challenges Lions to make an even greater impact. There are some clubs in 11D2 that participate in the Reading Action Program. The Marlette Lions Club donated books to refill the little library boxes that are in town. They also donated books the EVA's place. This is where battered females and children go. The books donated here will put a smile on the faces. The USA Lions Club goes to their area school weekly to read to the children The Frieburg St. Ignatius Lions Club presented each teacher at Ubly Elementary School with \$100 to use in their classrooms for whatever they needed. I'm sure there may be a book or two bought for the classroom. If a parent reads with a child on a regular basis, then they will undoubtedly develop a stronger relationship with them. Reading provides parents with an opportunity to have a regular and shared event that both parent and child can look forward to. Furthermore, it provides children with feelings of attention, love, and reassurance which is key for nurturing and wellbeing. Get out there and help promote the Reading Action Program.





#### THE UBLY LIONS CLUB

On December 3, 2023 at Breakfast with Santa 20 kids were screened by Wes thru the KidSight Program.

We had 2 children that needed referrals. The parents were so grateful that a problem was detected, so now they can contact an eye doctor for further treatment. What a wonderful feeling it is to be able to help parents in this way. As with many clubs our annual Christmas party is coming up soon, who knows what pictures may show up!!!!It won't be long and we will be doing our Pierogi fundraiser. More information coming late January.

### **MEMPHIS LIONS**

Memphis Lions responded to an area family needing emergency aid. On September 7 ,2023 ,a young mother with 3 small children were the victims of a domestic dispute when their home and attached garage were intentionally set on fire . This happened at 3am while everybody was asleep. The young family along with an adult friend were able to escape the flames unharmed. However all possessions were lost in the fire. Memphis Lions donating food, necessities and support were part of a community effort to help this family in need.. Along with a strong community effort they were able to quickly find housing and donated furnishings. https://www.detroitnews.com/story/ news/local/macomb-county/2023/09/07/man-arrested-richmond-twp- home-fire/70784824007/

#### ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

The Algonac Lions Club hosted their 63rd annual shrimp night out. There was a great community response with over 280 guests. A lot delicious food was served and camaraderie was had.







# S.A. Dodge Award

PDG Wes Wagester was nominated and was approved to receive the S.A. Dodge award. This is the highest award that you can get in the state. If anyone deserves to be honored with a Dodge award it is Wes Wagester. This is a long time coming. There are several other deserving lions in D-2 that need to be considered for this award.



PDG Wes Wagester has attached the criteria for the district awards. Notice that the awards are to be decided upon by the latest three (3) recipients of each award. This was voted on by the cabinet. No need for the honorary committee to consider these awards. The Heart of a Lion award is determined by the club president.





# HADLEY LIONS CLUB

The Hadley Lions conducted a food drive to help the "Fill the Backpack " program at Murphy Elementary School. It helps families with food who need it, especially during the holidays. The Hadley community was very generous and we couldn't thank them enough! Lion Keith Kaighen is ready to serve.

The Hadley Lions hosted their very first Halloween Spooktacular. There was a spooky tunnel inside Old Town Hall for the kids to go through. Candy, cider and donuts were served. It was a great success with over 150 kids!





#### HARSENS ISLAND LIONS

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Harsens Island Lions hosted a Breakfast with Santa "We had 132 adults & 45 kids. Huge turnout! Showing the community what Lions are about.



#### MINDEN CITY LIONS

The Minden City Lions Club Elves were out on Saturday, spreading good cheer and delivering Christmas Greetings in the community. Thank you to Lion Bob Kaufman, Lion Darcy Lipskey, and Lion Joe Bennett for helping Santa this year.





#### EMMETT LIONS CLUB

The Emmett Lions have been Very Busy. In July we worked one of the three gates at the 4H Fair for a full week and did very good.

In Sept. We worked at the Dog show for 4 days which was also a very good event.

In Aug. We presented Checks to 8 (\$1,000) checks to the 8 students that received our scholarships.

In Nov. WE held our Gun Raffle and 3 lucky winners received their guns.

On Nov, 30, Dec. 1 & 2 we had our Goodfellow Paper sales, and we had records sales this year On Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> we will be passing out our Food Baskets to 20 families & \$100 gift cards to their kids.

#### ALMONT LIONS CLUB

On Saturday, October 28, the Saturday preceding Halloween, the Almont Lions held their 26 th annual Spooky Time Bash in the Almont Community Park. This event included games, crafts, balloon twisting, candy, KidSight Trailer, costume contest, and food. Approximately 500 kids/families were served. Almont Lions provided a Turkey, and all the fixings for a complete Thanksgiving Dinner for seven (7) families.

## MARLETTE LIIONS CLUB

What a great time we had at our Christmas party at Beaggio's Banquet Center in Kingston Michigan. Great food and entertainment. Looking forward to next year already. Marlette club president Ron Stevens was awarded the Eversight award. Congratulations president Ron.





#### PORT AUSTIN LIONS CLUB

Good start to getting the rink open for the season! Stay tuned for updates! Last year the Port Austin Lions Club set up an outdoor ice rink in the area park. This was made available for the community



# METAMORA LIONESS CLUBS

Metamora Lioness hosted their annual Ladies Shrimp Dinner was November 10th and was an overwhelming success as 300 tickets were sold. Everyone enjoyed the venue and had a great time.





# MEMPHIS LIONS CLUB

The Memphis Lions Clubs hosted a chili cook-off and trunk or treat for local children. The chili cookoff was very well attended along with the trunk or treat. Had costume contest for the various ages of children . Several of the Memphis Lions worked at these events. Everyone had a lot of fun with a lot good food.



#### December 2023



# MARINE CITY LIONS CLUB

Be sure to swing by and get your winning ticket or three. Great cause.

#### MARYSVILLE LIIONS CLUB

Marysville Lions love to serve our community. Last night we learned more about Blue Water Safe Horizons with Rochelle Bannon and SOS Food Pantry with Carmella Burns. We support both organizations as they continue to help local residents.







#### **APPLEGATE LIONS CLUB**

A yearly tradition for the Applegate Lions Club is selling concessions at Western's Tree Farm. Hot dogs, drinks, and cookies. Lots and lots of cookies. Stop by and browse in the gift shop.





## **READING ACTION PROGRAM**

Emphasizing reading

Education and literacy are key to overcoming poverty, disease and other social issues. Yet today, nearly one billion people worldwide are illiterate. Literacy is the essential foundation for participation in our global society. Without literacy, the world cannot fight poverty and disease, reduce child mortality, achieve gender equality and ensure sustainable development, peace and democracy. Yet, nearly 800 million people across the globe lack the ability to read and write. Of all the illiterate people in the world today, two-thirds are female and over 90 percent live in

developing countries. New access to digital information has the power to change lives and make communities stronger, but according to the Gates Foundation, nearly 5 billion people almost 90% of the world's population do not have Internet access. Lions everywhere are changing the lives of children and adults who have little or no access to schools, libraries, educational articals and the Internet. Whether they are involved with tutoring programs, book donations, or helping to build classrooms, Lions share a common goal: expanding our impact. The Lions Reading Action Program Challenges Lions to make an even greater impact. There are a few clubs in 11D2 that participate in the Reading Action Program. The Marlette Lions Club donated books to refill the little library boxes that are in town. They also donated books the EVA's place. This is where battered females and children go. The books donated here will put a smile on the faces. The USA Lions Club goes to their area school weekly to read to the children The Frieburg St. Ignatius Lions Club presented each teacher at Ubly Elementary School with \$100 to use in their classroom. Get out there and help promote the Reading Action Program.

PDG Don Spinks District Secretary RAP Coordinator





#### LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 (Voice) 517 887-6640 (Fax) 517 887-6642 www.lmsf.net - info@lmsf.net

Date Received	
Determination	
Certificate #	

#### VSP Vision - Global Eyes of Hope Eye Care Assistance Application

#### 1. APPLICANT

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Telephone/Email:	
Birth Date:	
Social Security Number:	

#### 2. APPLICANT'S PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (For Applicants Under Age 18)

Name:	
Telephone/Email:	
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#### 3. APPLICANT'S VISION INSURANCE

	MEDICAID	MEDICARE	PRIVATE INSURANCE	
Does the ap	pplicant's insurance	e currently cover e	eye exams and eyeglasses? Yes No	
If Yes, expl	ain the applicant's	need for help:		

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Household Members Excluding Applicant			
Name-Relationship-Age:			

Annual Household Income:	Amount
Total Taxable Income (Form 1040, Line 22)	
Non-taxable Social Security Benefits (Form 1040, Line 20a – Line 20b)	
Other Income (Attach Schedule)	

A federal income tax return, FORM 1040, must be attached to the application unless the applicant is not required to file a tax return. Applicants who are not required to file a federal return must submit alternative documents that define all sources of income, including Social Security and public assistance.

In signing this application, I authorize the use of this information, and I release the staff, officers, and representatives of the Lions of Michigan Foundation, the sponsoring Lions Club and District, and the Lions of Michigan Foundation's partnering organizations from all legal liabilities relative to the use and release of the information requested on this application and contained herein, **including the electronic transmittal of the information**, and I attest that, to my knowledge, all information on this application is accurate

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Signature of Applicant/Guardian

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#### ANCHOR BAY LIONS CLUB

Congratulations Anchor Bay Lions for giving out 500 Thanksgiving dinners



#### December 2023





Memphis Lions Club 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Auction Saturday January, 27<sup>th</sup> @1:00pm Memphis Lions Club & Youth Center 34758 Pratt Rd, Memphis, MI 48041



- LIVE AUCTION
- SILENT AUCTION
- 50/50 Raffles



- Bake Sale
- Door Prizes
- Fellowship & Fun
- Proceeds from the auction to go toward the purchase of a storage shed / concession stand and future hall renovations.
- Buyer's Premium proceeds will used for LEO Scholarships a youth program sponsored by the Memphis Lions Clubs

Donations of Live / Silent Auction items & Door Prizes now being accepted!! For information on how to donate please contact one of the Lions members below. All donations are tax deductible and receipts can be provided.

Nancy Thompson – (810) 650-7772 Jason Sopha – (810) 543-8828 Bob Birket – (586) 855-9570 Joe Phillips – (810) 650-8508



Concessions will be available for purchase throughout the event!

General Auction Terms: Auction payments accepted are Cash, Local Checks, Visa, Mastercard, Discover (4% fee for credit card use). 10% Buyer's Premium on all winning Live & Silent Auction Items. Must have a valid Government ID to register.



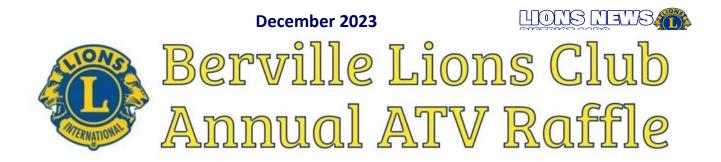
Auction Services Provided By: Ridge Crest Liquidators & Auctioneers 80839 Main, Memphis, MI 48041 (810) 650-8508 ridgecrestauctions.com



#### **ALMONT LIONS CLUB**

Free popcorn machine, Works, needs steering mechanism. Pick it up at Lions hall. Call Wes at 810-673-3199.





# 1st Place - JD Gator 590M Side by Side

# Tickets are \$20 ea. or 6 / \$100

**Limited Tickets Sold** 





2nd Place - Rocco Handmade Hunting Knife (this is a representation of the makers knife)

3rd Place - Game Camera

# Drawing : Sunday Jan. 14 2024 5:30 PM Berville Lions Hall | 13651 Hough Rd. Berville, MI 48002 Need Not Be Present To Win

Titling and Taxes will the responsibility of the winner

#### December 2023





#### **BEAR LAKE CAMP SALE**

#### SHOP HERE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS



#### ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

This is a FREE dinner for all senior citizens.





#### HADLEY LIONS CLUB

Hadley Lions club had a great visit at our Christmas dinner meeting with our DG Jim White. He was very informative! With pomp and ceremony





Plunge starts at 3:00pm Dinner at 5:00pm

Tickets \$25 Dinner Only \$50 or more- Plunge, Dinner, & Swag

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February 10th, 2024

3409 N Five Lakes Rd Lapeer, MI 48446

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT KIDS ACTIVITIES 50/50 & BASKET RAFFLES SOUP & SALAD BAR CASH BAR