

# LIONS NEWS

## DISTRICT 11D2

January 2024



### CALENDAR –EVENTS

JAN. NONE

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  
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GMT Dave Fisher  
GLT Judy Keller  
GST Bruce Bronson



**Governor James White**

### **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.

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES WHITE**

*Happy New Year to all the Lions of 11D-2*

*I want to thank all the clubs for reporting 100% on service.*

*It is Our Motto 'we Serve " and 11 D2 lies up to that*

*The year is going by fast and the next 6 months will fly by.*

*Please mark the first weekend in April for the district convention in Port Huron*

*We have planned a great combination of Fun, service, and information to be had by all*

*I look forward to sharing a great time for all.*

*I am asking club leaders to help support both the Michigan and LCI Foundations before the year end so together we can do more.*

*Keep up the great work*

*Thank you for your service*

*District Governor James White*

**1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER**

*I hope everyone had a good holiday with family and friends. As I look forward to the next 6 months, I know it is going to be busy and go by quickly. Club visits are on my agenda, so I will be calling club presidents to see when I can visit your club, help with a service project or an event.  
Happy New Year*

**2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER**

Happy New Year; with 2023 behind us I hope you all had a gifted Christmas and a good New Years (NO HANGOVERS and NO NEED FOR BALE MONEY). It's time to get back to work with half of the Lions year over there's a lot to be done. Meetings and projects and making plans for future projects, but that's all in the life of a busy Lions Club. We will be calling on clubs to get you help with any problems you may have. In closing for now keep up the good work, and remember as Lions, WE SERVE.

**2ND VDG DAVE FISHER**

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

I hope you had a good 2023 and you are ready for 2024. We have a lot of WORK to do in the next 6 months. We need new MEMBERS! our clubs are in need of help with their projects, and new blood is a step in that direction. Do not forget our older members, we need to retain them too. There's a lot of knowledge to be lost. So, for the next 6 months let's work on that and increase our membership, have a great month.

**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’s 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**

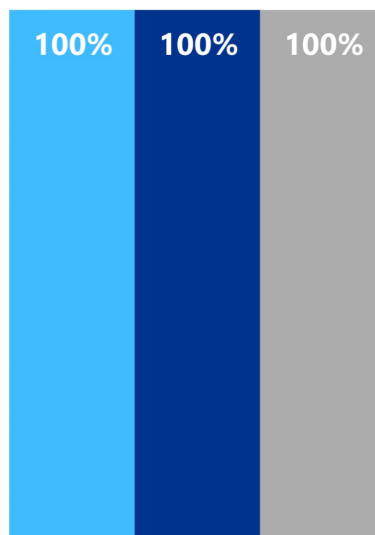
**PCS BRUCE BRONSON SERVICE CHAIR**

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 100% bracket. Lions Clubs International causes: VISION, HUNGER, DIABETES, ENVIROMENT, AND CHILDHOOD CANCER. Send your events to ([bebronson79@gmail.com](mailto:bebronson79@gmail.com)). My email address is wrong in the roster manual. Please delete the email address ([bebronson@frontier.com](mailto:bebronson@frontier.com)).

GREAT JOB EVERYONE

**Clubs Reporting Service \***

● Current Fiscal Year ● Goal ● Previous Fiscal Year





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CHRISTINE BARBEER	ALGONAC LIONS
RODNEY DIGGS	ALGONAC LIONS
BROOKLYNN LUCKHURST	ALGONAC LIONS
WILLIAM ROSLONSKI	BERVILLE LIONS
KEVIN STOUT	BERVILLE LIONS
LORI SANBORN	MEMPHIS LIONS

## MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

SHARRON FREEMAN	HARSENS ISLAND LIONS
AUDREY ROOSE	YALE 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

*Reading Action Program*

*One Dad's Reading Resolutions for the New Year*

*Here is a story that I found on reading to your child which deals with your New Years Resolution.*

*When it comes time to make my New Year's resolutions, I typically always have a few that relate to reading. "This year, I'm going to join a book club... read a book a week... finally get through The Corrections." But, if I'm being honest, the most important reading I do every year is the reading I share with my daughter, so perhaps my reading resolutions should reflect that.*

*Because, in the back of my mind, it always feels like there are books I should've read her, nights I shouldn't have skipped our bedtime story, or ways I could've encouraged her reading more. As such, here's my attempt at making a parent's list of reading resolutions for the New Year. Let's see how many I can keep...*

*I resolve... to stop getting sad every time I see the box of board books in our basement that my daughter "outgrew."*

*I resolve... that if my kid comes home, raving about a book she read at school, to seek that book out and read it myself, if only so we can have long, rambling conversations about it.*

*I resolve... to never, ever take Where the Wild Things Are or Sylvester and the Magic Pebble off my daughter's bookshelf.*

*I resolve... to stop saying "Do you want to watch a video?" rather than reading a story on nights when I'm tired.*

*I resolve... to finally learn how to pronounce Jon Scieszka, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, and Yuyi Morales.*

*I resolve... to accept that there are certain children's literature classics that my kid will never enjoy. And that's okay.*

*I resolve... to not openly criticize books that my kid really, really loves. Because, while I might be sick of reading about tornadoes or think that the princess fairy book she got at the book fair doesn't qualify as high literature, no good comes from a parent rolling their eyes and implying that their child's choices are dumb.*

*I resolve... to find positive, constructive ways to make my kid want to read about something, ANYTHING other than tornadoes or princess fairies. Because, COME ON...*

*I resolve... to stop subtly trying to influence my kid's decisions when we read a Choose Your Own Adventure book together.*

*I resolve... to exploit inter-library loan like it's going out of style this year.*

*I resolve... to keep not letting my kid watch any Harry Potter movie until she's read the book first, because her sheer level of outrage when S.P.E.W. wasn't even mentioned in the Goblet of Fire movie was a delight to behold.*

*I resolve... to not take library books on family vacations this year. I know I said that last year, but this year I really mean it.*

*I resolve... to encourage my daughter to read out loud to me more often, because it still amazes me that the little baby I used to hold can read a whole book on her own.*

*I resolve... to let my daughter read what she wants to read, but never, ever stop working to convince her to read the books I think she should read.*

***MD 11 Reading Action Chair Don Spinks***



### UBLY LIONS CLUB

In December the Ubyly Lions held their annual Christmas Party. Along with it being a great evening of fellowship and fun we gave out a Melvin Jones to Lion Dave Keller. Dave takes part in every project or event we have willing to do whatever is needed. Dave has been a lion for 15 years. Congratulations

Lion Dave!!



### ALMONT LIONS CLUB

It is an honor to announce S.A Dodge recipient for a being a leader of leaders. Being Kind, serving others  
Thee most humble and deserving man I know. If you want to know something about Lionism... call Wes, you will get an answer to all inquiries.

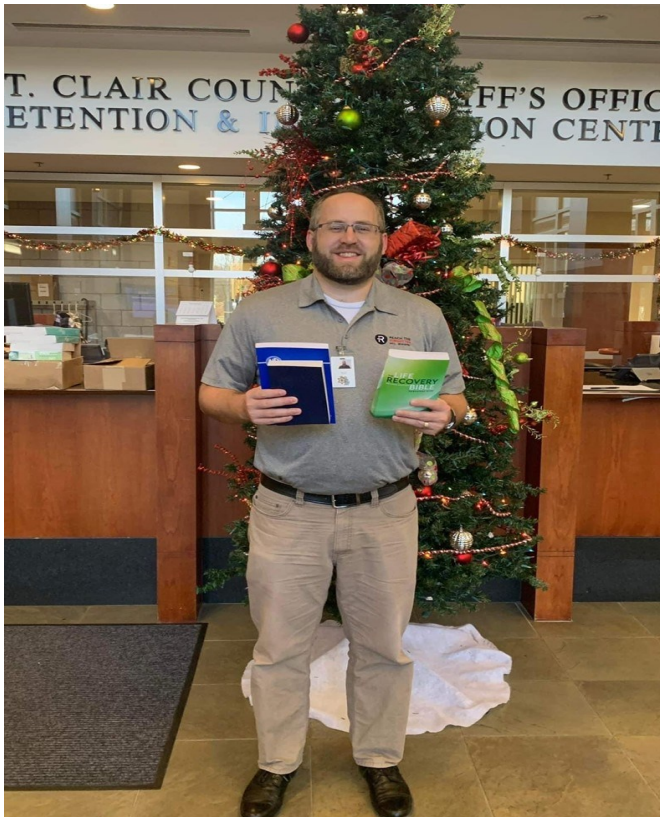
Thank you PDG Wes Wagester!





### ELKTON LIONS CLUB

Elkton Lions Club was able to make a generous donations to the elementary, middle, and high school clothing closets at Laker Schools. Pictured from the left, Kristen Suggitt from Laker Secondary School, Becky Krohn from Laker Elementary, and Kurt Damrow from the Elkton Lions Club. The club was able to provide items for kids emergency needs during the school day and restock the clothing closet to allow students



### PORT HURON HOST LIONS CLUB

Recovery chaplain receiving books for recovery donated by Port Huron Host Lions. Lion Cris Sexton works with the recovery team. As Governor I could not be prouder of the Lions Recovery group.





### ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

The Algonac Lions hosted over 100 local senior citizens for our annual holiday dinner on 12/14. There were a lot of the members helped out to make the dinner a great success.





### MEMPHIS LIONS CLUBS

Memphis Lions have provided food for thirty-four families. Every year the Lions do a Goodfellow paper to help pay for the main entries and additional foods. Several lions gather to distribute the food to the needy. Participating were Lions; Nancy Thomson, Chris Pare', Becky Pare', Deb Kaminski, Michael Kaminski, Brad Ahern, Yvonne Latouf, and Linda. Richmond lion Mike Manchik Memphis Lions have been doing this every holiday season since the nineteen sixties.



### MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Marysville Lions were busy preparing meals at Mid-City Nutrition this morning. Serving others in our community is always rewarding!





***ALMONT LIONS CLUB***

The Almont Lions Club thanks you Vince Festeau... for all the wonderful donations to help us help the children in our community at Christmas!

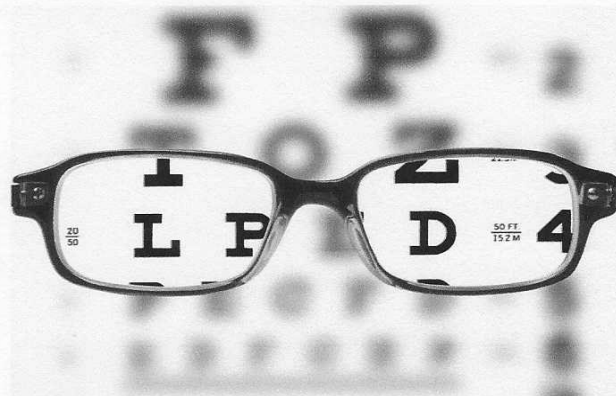
**HADLY LIONS CLUB**

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





# Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION



Eye Care Assistance



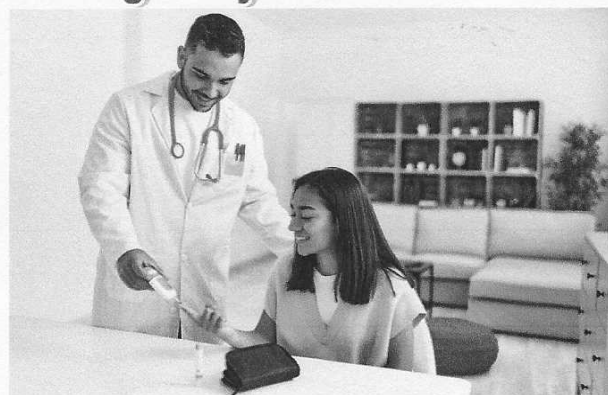
Affordable Hearing Aids



Emergency Disaster Relief



Military and Veterans Families  
Emergency Individual Assistance



Medical Care and Equipment



# Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION

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November 9, 2023

Dear Michigan Lions:

There is a tremendous amount of need that exists in our state, whether it be financial, medical or social, and the number of Michigan families that struggle and require a helping hand grows each and every year. For our Lions foundation to adequately address the need that exists, we need help. We are asking for assistance from all Michigan Lions and friends who are in a position to help more than you are already helping in your Lions Club and community. Contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation can be made electronically with the donation link on the foundation website ([www.lmsf.net](http://www.lmsf.net)), with Pay Pal ([info@lmsf.net](mailto:info@lmsf.net)), with Venmo (@LionsofMIFoundation), or with the attached form.

Your support will help us meet the challenges that lie ahead, touching lives in communities from our southern border with Indiana and Ohio to our northern border with Wisconsin and Canada and everywhere in between. Your contribution will help a child see or hear better in school; it will help a person suffering from vision or hearing loss keep their job; it will provide temporary living expenses for victims of fires, floods and tornadoes; it will provide emergency assistance for people suffering from sight and hearing disorders and other medical conditions that require treatment with expensive surgeries or medical procedures, it will provide emergency financial assistance for military members and veterans dealing with an unexpected life event; and it will help improve the quality of life for disabled individuals throughout our state.

As Michigan Lions, we have the opportunity and the ability to make Michigan a better place to live, and through our Lions of Michigan Foundation we changes lives, but we cannot do it without your help. Thank you for your consideration and service.

Together We Serve,

Dave Hill  
President

Chad A. McCann  
Executive Director

Enclosure

## A Public Charity

*Dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Michigan with unmet needs.*

# I WANT TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Michigan with unmet needs by helping them become more independent. We provide emergency assistance and services aimed at helping people with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, secure and retain employment and remain self-sufficient. Your contribution will help us change lives.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my gift for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Please bill me for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as my gift to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Please charge my debit/credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This is a: One Time Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Recurring Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Recurring Gift \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Visa     Discover     MasterCard     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is for the:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> KidSight Fund           | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Yager Military Family & Veterans Relief Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sight Restoration Fund  | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Disaster Relief Fund                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____             |   |

This gift is in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please acknowledge my gift to: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Reading For Christmas

Christmas books for kids provide a wonderful opportunity to bring the magic of the season to life in their imagination. Filled with enchanting stories and heartwarming tales with delightful characters, Christmas books for children can teach your little ones about the meaning of Christmas, transport them to a winter wonderland, or take them on a summer holiday. A Christmas collection spans the spectrum of children's literature – from picture books for early readers to timeless classics and festive chapter books, some even with a dash of holiday humor. Each book is a delightful reading experience, perfect for creating cherished holiday traditions.

Many of the books include a read-aloud feature to help young readers. Alternatively, you can cozy up with your little ones and listen to the story together. If you'd prefer that your child reads the books themselves, there is a large selection at Barnes and Noble. You should go check it out.

Whether you have a preschooler who enjoys the colorful illustrations that accompany a story,



**MEMPHIS LIONS CLUBS**

*The Memphis Lions and Leos hosted a senior dinner at their hall. There were forty-eight seniors attended. A chicken dinner with all the fixings was served followed by prize winning Bingo. Eight Leo's served dinner, visited with seniors and called bingo. They were a great representative of today's youth for our seniors. Many thanks to District for helping to fund the event.*

**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP**  
**DEAF & HARD OF HEARING**  
**FAMILY CAMP**

**JUNE 28-30, 2024**



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.

<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Swimming &amp; Boating</li> <li>✓ Archery</li> <li>✓ Climbing Tower &amp; Zipline</li> <li>✓ Arts &amp; Crafts</li> <li>✓ Making Friends</li> <li>✓ Much More!!</li> </ul>	<p><b>PARENTS WILL ENJOY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Informative sessions about current issues</li> <li>✓ Networking &amp; sharing with other parents and families</li> <li>✓ Family activities &amp; bonding</li> <li>✓ Creative break from the daily grind!</li> </ul>
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**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP**  
 3409 N Five Lakes Rd  
 Lapeer, MI 48446  
[www.bearlakecamp.org](http://www.bearlakecamp.org)



Register Online  
 Starting January 1st, 2024



**More Info [jfish10@emich.edu](mailto:jfish10@emich.edu) 810-245-0726**



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# Berville Lions Club Annual ATV Raffle

**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 be the responsibility of the winner

# HOLIDAY SALE



SHORT SLEEVE \$15    TIE DYE \$20    LONG SLEEVE \$20  
 CREWNECK \$25    HOODIE \$30    ZIPPERED \$35

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**BEAR LAKE CAMP SALE**

**SHOP HERE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS**