

DISTRICT 11 D-2

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2nd VDG Judy Keller
Cabinet Secretary Donald Spinks
Cabinet Treasurer Jack Kriete

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Region 1 Zone 1 Chair Crystal Briskey
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Region 2 Chair Joseph Stratton
Region 2 Zone 1 Shannon Blondell
Region 2 Zone 2 Erica Akers

Region 3 Chair Dave Fisher
Region 3 Zone 1 Chair Dave Fisher
Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Rich Cochrill



Governor Dr. Shawn Wightman

Calendar-of Events:

Jun 8 Cabinet Meeting Port Huron Host (Port Huron, MI)

Jun 28 Global Action Team Meeting (TBD)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DR. SHAWN WIGHTMAN

It takes effort, dedication, and imagination to make a difference in a community. Most significantly, though, it requires leadership. And for more than a century, communities across District 11 D2 have looked to Lions as the leaders to get the job done.

Our clubs are more than merely service-oriented organizations. They act as a training ground for community leaders as well. As we come to the end of the year, I urge everyone to make use of the training opportunities available to Lions. In particular, the newly elected club officers for the following year should go to <https://shorturl.at/aosvS> and view the corresponding instructional video for their role. I also urge newly elected officers to look for opportunities to show their leadership skills and aid other people in doing the same in the community.

Every day we serve and every time we donate, we are paving the way for others.

Together, we make a difference!

P.S. Thank you to everyone for an amazing year in District 11 D2. I had a great time meeting thousands of people along the way; wishing all of you well and many blessings!

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DR. SHAWN WIGHTMAN

1st. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES WHITE

June 1st was the 62nd Anniversary of the death of our greatest Lion, Melvin Jones

Melvin Jones had a simple code as a businessman “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for someone else” as a business person myself and a Lion I strive to live that same motto.

I am honored to be stepping forward as Governor of the 11 D-2 Lions and I hope to support all our clubs in our continued efforts to Live Melvin Jones code.

My code and way of life is to be an unrealistic optimist. I strongly believe anything is possible once we decide to take a step forward.

New Members with new ideas can accomplish things we failed at before. Inactive members can be revitalized by a simple invitation and new excitement. New leaders can lead when asked or needed.

For there to be a brighter future we must be prepared to pass the torch. Every one of the Lions in 11D-2 work hard in their everyday lives and then give time, effort, and money to others. We as Lions working as a team accomplish great things.

Case in point a young hockey player with severe type 1 Diabetes wanted to go to hockey camp but his family struggles to keep up with his drug cost and care and would be severely financially stressed to carry this burden alone. The local club had just donated significantly to other causes and was strapped, one phone call to our district Diabetes chair and a review of the case and we of 11 D-2 made the dream come true for this young man. When the boys' mother was informed, she was overwhelmed with tears of joy. I myself had great pride that our clubs could do this as a group.

Keep in mind Lions, **TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE** or "TEAM"

Also give being an Unrealistic Optimist a try this year and continue living Melvin Jones code, you cannot get very far until you start doing something for someone else.

I will ask you all to make sure you record your club service activities quickly and often. If your club struggles with this contact your Zone chair or District Administrator Don Spinks and we will get the info reported and help navigate reporting issues in the future.

Why report service work? Your club deserves recognition for what you do and district, state and international, support can certainly come in handy as in the case above.

I look forward to a strong finish to this year and a great year in 2023 2024

Sincerely

Your "Unrealistic Optimist "

1ST Vice District Governor

Jim White

1st. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM WHITE

2nd 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!

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

PDG DON SPINKS, Global Membership Chair

Well, it's that time of year for us Lions. Hopefully there will not be to many lions clubs having to thin out there club roster by the end of June. As you can see, we are presently the highest in membership in the state with 1343 members. Now that's something to brag about. My hat is tipped to the Port Huron Host Lions club. They have had a tremendous increase in membership. I ask that all clubs in 11D2 keep bringing in new members to your club. Remember, you can't survive in the long run if you do not bring in new and younger members. Please, do not let your club fade away. We need you.

Lions in 11D2

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,319	1,308
Added Members	32	142
Dropped Members	8	107
Closing Balance	1,343	1,343
Net Gain/Loss	24	35

Worldwide 1,400,69

This will be my final article as GMT as our new DGE has visions of bringing in other lions to run the program. I wish them all the best and I will be on the sidelines if needed.

PDG Donald Spinks Global Membership Chair JUST ASK!

PDG Wes Wagester, Global Leadership Chair

- *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 and clubs have their new officer reports entered for 2023-2024.*
- *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*
- *Wes Wagester is available to assist any club desiring club officer training*
- *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,*
- *Additional Training may be found online at:*
- *www.lionsclubs.org, then click on MEMBERLOGIN. Next click on Learn, then find Online Training and Lions Learning Center, then choose GO.*
- *Lions University provided by the USA/Canada Lion Leadership Forum. A wide variety of courses are offered.*
- *LCI website, click on the spy glass on the right, then enter “Managing a Club”. You will find information pertinent to club officer training.*

There was a GAT meeting scheduled for May, 2023, it was held at the Yale Lions Hall on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 .

Scheduled meetings for June 2023 are:

Thursday June 8, 2023 Cabinet meeting – Port Huron Host 6:00 P.M.

As of today, Thursday, June 1, 2023, 35 Clubs have reported their club officers for the next year, 2023 – 2024 to Lions Clubs International. This leaves sixteen (16) Reports that have not been reported. Reports were due by May 15. Please forward your club elections report as soon as possible.

PDG WES WAGESTER LEADERSHIP CHAIR

PDG WES WAGESTER GLT, Lions Clubs International Foundation

- *Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF):*
- *Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients as of June 1, 2023:*
- *In District 11 – D2 there have been 285 MJFs and 12 PMJF.*

The highest level of PMJF is 9

- *New MJFs since June 30, 2022*

Bethany J. Calka Almont Lions

Francis Revell 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

Justin Faber Ubly PMJF – 9 Blue Sapphire

Fourteen (14) Melvin Jones Fellowships have been requested since July 1, 2022 and four (4) Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships have been requested for the same time period.

Donations in District 11 – D2 as of June 1, 2023

- *☑ Clubs \$23,521.40*
- *☑ District 11 – D2 \$ 3,000.00*
- *☑ Total \$26,521.40*

This total is \$4,941.73 more than at the same time last year.

- *Nineteen (19) clubs have donated so far this year, which is 40.43% of our clubs.*
- *The Status of installments as of June 1, 2023 which indicates how much each club has in their LCIF account follows:*

<i>Algonac \$1,305.00</i>	<i>Almont \$1,032.00</i>
<i>Bad Axe \$3,787.80</i>	<i>Berville \$1,050.00</i>
<i>Elkton \$1,650.00</i>	<i>Frieburg St. Ignatius \$1,500.00</i>
<i>Harsens Island \$1,225.00</i>	<i>Lapeer \$2,000.00</i>
<i>Pearl Beach \$1,225.00</i>	<i>Pigeon \$1,800.00</i>
<i>Ubly \$2,782.00</i>	<i>USA \$6,280.00</i>
<i>Yale \$1,996.00</i>	

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 \$2,005 in his/her account. This amounts to 2 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships. Additionally, one club, the Applegate Lions have \$993.24 in their LCIF account, another \$6.76 will qualify for a MJF. If nineteen (19) clubs have donated that means that twenty-eight (28) 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. LCIF has set a Goal of 33,354.00 for our district. We are at 79.54% of that goal. We need another \$6,832.60 to reach our goal. Please donate and help us reach our goal.

LCIF Coordinator, 11 – D2

PDG WES WAGESTER LCIF CHAIR

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRIDE

JOSEPH JOZWIAK
JANE MORTIMER
OWEN BERGEN
LUCY DONOVAN
CHARLES BARK
BOB BIETH
CONNIE BIETH
ROGER MARTIN
BRYAN ULATOWSKI
MICHAL POLECHONSKI
DELLA SPRINGER

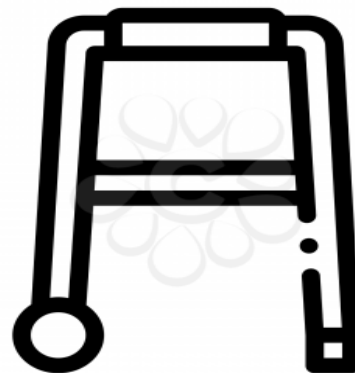
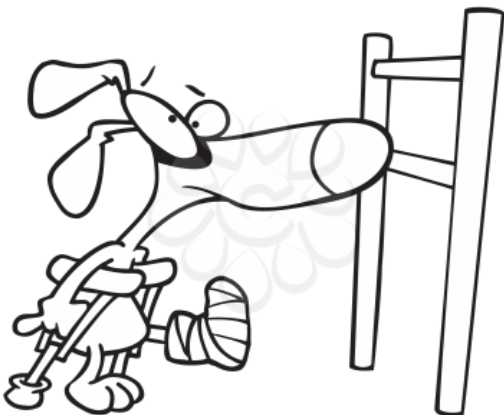
BERVILLE LIONS
CROSWELL LIONS
EMMETT LIONS
HARSENS ISLAND LIONESS
SAINT CLAIR LIONS
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YALE LIONS
YALE LIONS

MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

JAMES COWHY EMMETT LIONS

EMMETT LIONS

The Emmett Lions have a lot of medical equipment available for the asking. There are; walkers, crutches, shower chairs, and abundance of other odds and ends. Give PDG Chuck Belesky a call he will try to match your requests. Call (810-543-0990)



DECKERVILLE LIONS CLUB

Lion Greg Alexander representing the Deckerville Lions Club went out to raise money for the White Cane initiative. The majority of these funds are used for all the sight programs that lion clubs participate in. This includes eyeglasses for area citizens. There are many clubs that donate to "Leader Dog For The Blind." Also, several other entities involving sight. Thanks to all who donated!



MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Marysville Lions Club, honoring all those that made the ultimate sacrifice so we have Freedom. All wars and all services. Marysville Memorial Day Parade 2023.







ALMONT LIONS

The Almont Lions hosted Governor Dr. Shawn Wightman on Monday, May 15, 2023. Governor

Shawn presented the “Marion (Mac) Makarewicz” Membership Award and a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Francis (Fran) Revell. Additionally, he presented a “Heart of a Lion” certificate to Lion Bernie Calka. Congratulations to Fran and Bernie on their recognition.

Future events:

Red Cross Blood Drive – Monday, June 12, 2023
12:00pm – 5:45pm.

Euchre tournament – Friday, June 9, 2023 Open
5:30 pm Play 6:30pm.

Golf Outing – Sunday, August 13, 2023 at
Heather Hills Golf Course.



EMMETT LIONS CLUBS

The Emmett Lions went to Bear Lake on Sat. May 20 to put new mulch down around the Play Ground area, the Climbing Wall, Obstacle Course, and around trees and shrubs throughout the camp.

Chuck Belesky, Paul Krause, Dick Belesky, Jack Belesky, Chuck Wood, Ken Walsh, Cory Singelyn, & Steve Plenda



EMMETT LIONS CLUB

The Emmett Lions held a Very Successful reverse raffle. This is a yearly event, held the last Sat, of April. Mark your calendars for 2024.

APPLEGATE LIONS CLUB

The Applegate Lions Club has received an award and certificate for annual donations to Eversight, formally (Michigan Eye Bank), a global non-profit organization to restore vision and prevent blindness through cornea transplant, research and more. Pictured left to right Lions Richard Cochill and Richard Nadjkovic.



Applegate Lions Roar for Women's Shelter

The Applegate Lions club made a \$3,000 donation to the recent Flamingo Fling event which benefits Eva's Place, Sanilac County's shelter for battered and homeless women and their children. The club donated \$1,500 plus a match of \$1,500 from Lion Richard Nadjkovic. Lion Richard Cochill helped with the event. Bonnie Erbe was there representing the SAVE Council that operates Eva's Place



FORT GRATIOT LIONS CLUB

Fort Gratiot Lions these are some of the great things our club is doing. Saturday May 20th Bike Safety Rodeo. Officer Sam Baker is working with the children on bike safety.

Members of the Rotary Club of Fort Gratiot, Ft Gratiot Lions, Fort Gratiot Charter Township employees and Fort Gratiot residents, came together to place flags at the grave sites of deceased servicemen and women. All available members were on hand. Lion Laura Campbell with the flags.



EMMETT LIONS CLUB

Emmett Lions club welcomed District Governor to share them in presenting awards. Governor Shawn Wightman also installed a new member into the club. District Gov. Shawn presents Lion Paul Krause with the "Eversight Award" also, presents the Heart of a Lion, to lion Jeff Troy for his work on the new Emmett Lions food Pantry. The Governor installed Emmett's newest Lion, Owen Bergen. Pictured Gov. Shawn, Owen Bergen, & his sponsor Beau Heilig



CROSWELL LIONS CLUB

At the June 6th meeting of the Croswell Lions Club, new member Jane Mortimer, left, was inducted into the club as its newest member. To the right is sponsor Josephine Hernandez and centered is PDG Jack Kriete.

Also at the meeting, scholarships in the amount of \$500 each were presented (left to right) to Kaden Hines, Robert Loomis and Selena Macias from the Cros/Lex school system to assist them in their further studies. Congratulations to all!





Dining with Diabetes

WHEN:

*Wednesdays
July 12, 26 and August 2
and 9
(no class on Wednesday,
July 19)
10 am - 12 noon*

WHERE:

*Croswell Lions Hall
17 Wells Street
Croswell, MI 48422*

COST:

*Free! This series is funded by
the Lions Clubs of Huron,
Lapeer, Sanilac and St. Clair
counties.*



TO REGISTER CONTACT:

*Cheryl Loomis: 810-712-1870
or
MSU Extension: 989-672-3870*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Kris Swartzendruber
swartze6@msu.edu*



Dining with Diabetes is a fun and interactive series for individuals with prediabetes, type 1 or type 2 diabetes, members of their support system and/or anyone interested in learning more about healthy eating and diabetes prevention.

During each class, participants will learn how to make healthier food choices and incorporate balanced menus into their family dining experience. Classes include research-based education and cooking demonstrations from the recipes in the take-home participant books. Participants will also get to sample and taste the delicious foods that are made during each of the classes.

Testimonials from Participants who took this class:

"I learned through this class that foods cooked with healthier ingredients can be very tasty!"

"The recipes in the participant book are great! Very good class!!"

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2023



BERVILLE LIONS FIREWORKS

WHERE: BERVILLE LIONS FIELD

13651 Hough Rd. Berville, MI

WHEN: FRIDAY JUNE 23, 2023

Sunday the 25th in case of rainout

The gates open at 7:00pm

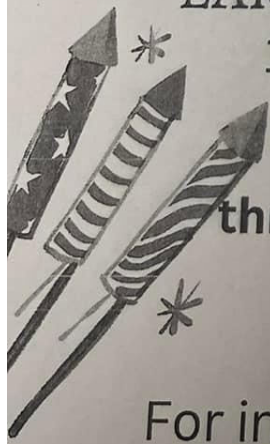
Fireworks begin at dusk

Food & Drinks Available

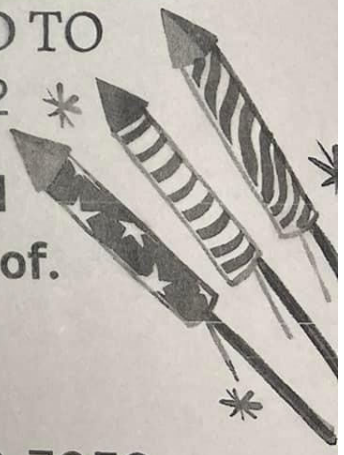
DONATIONS ACCEPTED & APPRECIATED!

EARLY DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO

13651 Hough Rd. Berville, MI 48002



The Fireworks are completely funded
through donations & any sales the day of.



NO ANIMALS ALLOWED

For information: Call Justin at (586) 260-7059

or Andrzej (810) 689-7208



**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. - 5yr. & under
free.

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.

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JUNE 30-JULY 2

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- ✓ Making Friends
- ✓ Much More!!

PARENTS WILL ENJOY

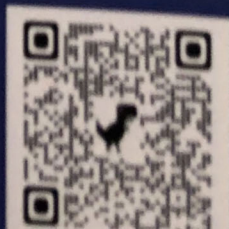
- Informative sessions about current issues
- Networking & sharing with other parents and families
- Family activities & bonding
- Creative break from the daily grind!

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jfisch10@emich.edu

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REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 1ST, 2023

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info@bearlakecamp.org

USA Lions Club Upcoming Events: All At American Legion Sebewaing

Cheese and Wine Party – July 15, 6pm

Blood Drive – August 29, 2023 - 2-7pm

Meet and Greet RSVP August 15, 7pm call 989 450 3644 for info.

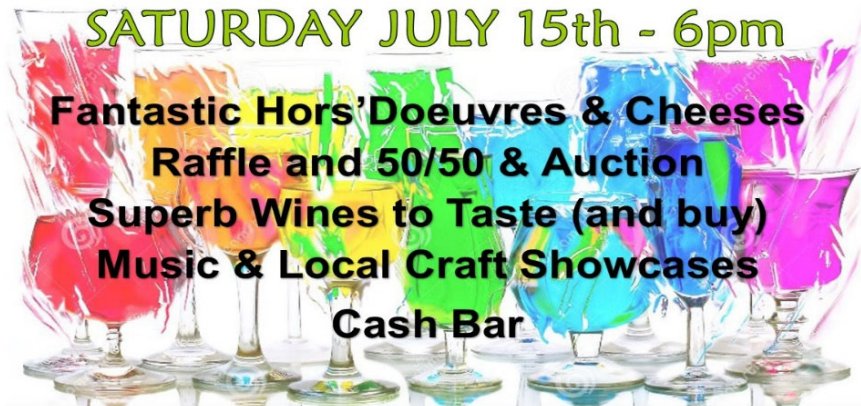


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SATURDAY JULY 15th - 6pm



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