

LIONS NEWS

DISTRICT 11D2

March 2024



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Governor James White

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

Clubs encourage members to attend the District Convention in Port Huron at the Double Tree Inn. Right under the Blue Water Bridge.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES WHITE

District Governor James White

CONVENTION SPECIAL EDITION

1)What you need to know: register with the convention committee either on line or use the copy in this newsletter

2)book your hotel with the recently remodeled Doubletree Port Huron: located at 800 Harker Street Port Huron call them direct at 810-984-8000. Tell them you're with the Lions of 11 D2 and you will get a special rate. You must register before March 3rd 2024 as we are committed to a certain number to get the awesome rate. Meals are substantially reduced with registration and hotel booking. Views of the water are free and stunning.

Your Governor

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

Fellow Lions,

It's hard to believe March is here. I along with the other FVDG have been doing a lot of training, and we will be in St. Charles for a week to finish up. All the trainings give me mixed emotions about the upcoming year, but I am looking forward to serving the members of 11 D2. I want to encourage clubs to attend this year's District Convention at the DoubleTree in Port Huron! On Friday night we are going to have a roast of Governor White. I'm looking forward to hearing what members have to say. There are activities on Saturday during the day. After hearing PID Shea Nickell speak on Saturday evening, we will be able to see an Elton John cover band concert. PID Shea is a Supreme Court justice from Kentucky and has been a lion since 1989. Please come stay at the DoubleTree and enjoy good food and meet up with some great Lions.

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER

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2ND VDG DAVE FISHER

2ND VDG DAVID FISHER, Global Membership Chair

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.

1st 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



DOUBLE TREE INN BY HILTON

PORT HURON MICHIGAN



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BARBARA WATSON

ANCHOR BAY LIONS

TIMOTHY WEGNER

BERVILLE LIONS

KAREN KUKUK

HADLEY LIONS

CHRISTINE COPPOLA

MARYSVILLE LIONS

BRAD MAXWELL

PORT AUSTIN LIONS

PETE PROVOT

PORT AUSTIN LIONS

AUSTIN BURTON

UBLY LIONS

MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

March



District 11-D2 Convention – April 5-6-7, 2024
Double Tree Port Huron
800 Harker Street Port Huron, MI. 48060
810-984-8000
District 11-D2 Registration Form

CLUB: _____ HOME PHONE: () _____

EMAIL: _____

NAME: Please print names as you wish them to appear on name tags.
If spouse is a Lion or Lioness, please indicate.

Lion: _____ Lion or Spouse: _____

Lion or Leo: _____ Lion or Guest: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

REGISTRATION FEES: All attendees must pay the \$10.00 registration fee to participate in any Convention Event.

Check here if a "First Timer": _____ Lion _____ Spouse _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest _____

You must register for all the meals you plan to attend

Before March 4th, 2024

Registered at the Hotel

If not Registered at the Hotel

Table with 3 columns: Registration options, Costs, and Meal prices. Includes rows for 'Participate in all 5 meals', 'Registration', and 'Meals separately are \$140.00'.

Make checks payable to District 11-D2 Convention & mail to PDG Wes Wagester, P.O. Box 183, Almont, MI. 48003

Table listing meal prices: Friday Night Dinner: \$38.00, Saturday Breakfast: \$20.00, Saturday Lunch: \$24.00, Saturday Night Dinner: \$38.00, Sunday Breakfast: \$20.00.

Please note any dietary requirements:

Free spouse program will be scheduled during the Saturday morning business meeting

March



LIONS OF MICHIGAN
District 11-D2 Convention Committee

Dear Club President and Secretary:

January 11, 2024

Enclosed is a copy of the Credentials and Registration Form for the 2024 District Convention to be held April 5th – 7th, 2024 at the **Double Tree Port Huron**. 800 Harker Street Port Huron, MI. 48060 Phone 810-984-8000 or online at: www.DoubleTree.com. Group **Code LOM**

Send the completed Credentials and Registration forms to
PDG Wes & PZC Kathy Wagester,
P.O. Box 183 Almont, MI. 48003.

We ask that a registration form be completed for each member going to the convention. You may duplicate the registration form as needed. To help eliminate problems that occur quite often, we would like to remind all Lions of the following:

- a) **All club dues** must be paid prior to convention. (International, State and District)
- b) **All Lions** must have a current or life membership card.
- c) Lions must call the **Double Tree at 810-984-8000** by March 4th, 2024 for reservations to qualify for the room rate of \$139.00 plus taxes
- d) **ALL ATTENDEES** must pay the registration fee – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- e) Clubs wishing to sponsor a hospitality room Saturday evening must make your own arrangements with the hotel directly and inform the Convention Committee. Hospitality rooms are not to be open during Convention functions.
- f) Registration badges should always be worn during the convention.
- g) Please order **ALL MEALS** on your registration form. The hotel needs an accurate count in advance of the convention, and no refund can be issued after March 4th. Since all the meals are an important part of the convention, we encourage all participants to attend all these activities. **As an Incentive We Are Inviting You to Join Us for All Five Meals at A Reduced Cost of \$70.00, But You Must Be Registered at The Hotel in Order to Receive the Reduce Pricing.** Your name badge holders will contain all requested meal tickets.

****FREE SPOUSES PROGRAM WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING THE SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS MEETING****

Please continue to bring donations for the Live Auction. The District Convention is a time for members of 11D-2 to share fellowship, have fun and conduct important district business. So, please encourage your members to participate. Let us see if we can get 100% of clubs attending. This year's theme for the Governor's Friday Night is **Mardi Gras**. Costumes are encouraged. Saturday's night dinner is *semi-formal*; rest of convention is Lion's casual.

Yours in Lionism, The Convention Committee
THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SHARING THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR LIONS CLUB.

March



District 11-D2
Credentials Form

Dear Club President & Secretary:

According to the Constitution and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 11, and District 11-D2 are entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, or major fraction thereof, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held (March 1st, 2024). The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

Therefore, the determination of the number of delegates for the 48th District Convention for MI District 11-D2 to be held in Port Huron, MI, April 5-7, 2024 are figures from the March "M" report.

When your Club Secretary completes the "M" report for March, you can then compute the number of delegates and alternates. List their names and return this form no later than March 4th, 2024, to:

District 11-D2 Credentials Committee F
Attn: PZC Kathy Wagester O
P.O. Box 183 R
Almont, MI 48003 M

*If additional space is needed copy this form.

Delegates will be able to obtain their delegate badges at the Convention Registration desk. M

Delegates must be registered in order to vote at the business meetings. Alternates must A

Also be registered. Y

Total Number of Lions in YOUR Club as of your February "M" report minus
Members who have not been enrolled for at least one year and one day B

NAME OF DELEGATE SIGNATURE OF DELEGATE E
(To be completed by Club Secretary) (To be completed at Convention)

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NAME OF ALTERNATE SIGNATURE OF ALTERNATE C
(To be completed by Club Secretary) (To be completed at Convention)

_____ T
_____ E
_____ D

I hereby certify that the Delegates and Alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and our Lions Club, and secondly, our Lions Club has met all past and current financial obligations to District 11-D2, Lions of Michigan, and Lions Clubs International.

Club President's or Secretary's Signature

Signature of Governor or Governor-Elect (Valid only at Convention, and only if President/Secretary of club is not present)

(Name of Lions Club)



**GUEST SPEAKER PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
CHRISTOPHER SHEA NICKELL JUSTICE**



SPEAKER PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER SHEA NICKELL JUSTICE

Justice Christopher Shea Nickell was elected to the Supreme Court of Kentucky in November 2019. He serves the First Supreme Court District, which is composed of the twenty-four westernmost Kentucky counties. Justice Nickell previously served 13 years as a Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, having been elected in November 2006, and being unopposed for re-election in November 2014. During his tenure on the Court of Appeals, Justice Nickell served as Chief Judge Pro Tempore, Chair of the Personnel Committee, and a member of the Judicial Compensation Commission.

Prior to becoming an appellate judge, Justice Nickell practiced law 22 years. Licensed to practice law before all Kentucky state and federal trial and appellate courts and the United States Supreme Court, he served as a Kentucky trial attorney, an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney (21st Judicial Circuit), an Assistant McCracken County Attorney, and a Public Advocate. He also served as an instructor at Murray State University (Insurance and Risk Management) and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (Jurisprudence). In 1995, the Kentucky Bar Association named him the "Outstanding Kentucky Young Attorney."

A native of McCracken County, Justice Nickell graduated from Paducah Tilghman High School in 1977. He earned a bachelor's degree from DePauw University in 1981, with a double major in communications and political science. At DePauw, he served as Student Body President, Editor of a campus newspaper, and was awarded "The Walker Cup," presented annually by the faculty to the graduating senior who has contributed most to the campus community. He subsequently served on the University's Board of Trustees. In 1984, he earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where fellow law students elected him President of the Student Bar Association.

Justice Nickell currently serves as an International Director for Lions Clubs International, the world's largest humanitarian service club with 1.35 million members in more than 45,000 clubs. In 2011, he served on the Rules Committee of the 94th International Convention in Seattle, Washington; in 2013, he served on the Nominating Committee of the 96th International Convention in Hamburg, Germany; and in 2017, he served as Co-Parliamentarian and Chair of the District Governor's Banquet of the 100th International Convention in Chicago, Illinois. He has also served as President of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation, Council Chair for Multiple District 43 (Lions of Kentucky), District Governor for District 43K (western Kentucky), and President of the Paducah Lions Club. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Finis E. Davis Fellow, and was named to the Kentucky Lions Hall of Fame in 2015.

Justice Nickell has also been involved in numerous other civic organizations. An Eagle Scout, he formerly served on the board of the Shawnee Trails Boy Scout Council. A lecturer on regional history, he has served on the board of Paducah's Market House Museum and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Active in various environmental and sporting organizations, he is a Life Sponsor of Ducks Unlimited. He is also a 32 Degree Mason, a Silver Life Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a Life Fellow of the Kentucky Bar Foundation, a Gideon, and a deacon at Paducah's Heartland Church. A popular soloist, song leader, and speaker at numerous civic, religious, and sporting events, he previously served as Music Director at Paducah's Concord United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church.

Justice Nickell is married to Dr. Carolyn Sue Watson, a Paducah pathologist, former Vice Chair of the Kentucky Medical Association Board of Trustees, and Music Director at Paducah's Highland Baptist Church. His first wife, Lana Jean King Nickell, an educator, died in 2001. He is the son of the late Carl Duane "Red" Nickell and Anna June Starrett Nickell, both former educators.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all Lions who sold and bought the 3-Digit January Raffle Tickets from the Convention Committee. This was a grand success again this year. Who would have ever believed that the January 18 and the January 28 winning number would be exactly the same??? Whoever won, hang onto that lucky number. The District netted \$5,683 on this raffle.
TERRY BOWERMAN

All this money is being used to reduce the cost of meals at the Convention. You can get 5 fantastic meals, including the Saturday night banquet, for an unbelievable price of just \$70!!! We want to encourage everyone to attend the convention, stay both nights at the newly remodeled hotel, partake of the wonderful meals and have a fantastic time.

The Convention Committee is asking each Lions Club in 11D-2 to please provide a Live or Silent Auction donation for the upcoming Convention. The live auctions are always a load of fun especially when a "bidding war" breaks out. Silent auctions hold their suspense as well trying to get a fellow Lion to keep bidding. All the proceeds from the auctions help to keep the next year's costs down. Our goal is to have every club to make an auction donation this convention. If you have an item to donate but can't bring it to the convention, contact your zone or region chair for assistance.

Thank you,
The Convention Committee

THIS YEARS CONVENTION IS GOING TO DIFFERENT WITH THE ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY. ANYMEMBER REGISTERED TO STAY AT THE DOUBLE TREE WILL HAVE A TICKET TO MCMORAN ARENA TO SEE ELTON JOHN AND ROD STEWART IMPERSONATORS . THE DINNER WILL STILL BE SERVED AT THE DOUBLE TREE BANQUET ROOM. DO NOT MISS THIS , IT WILL BE GREAT!

Clubs are encouraged to donate an item for the price auction. Each year the district has an auction to help with the costs. We have an actual auctioneer to get bids on the donations and to help off-set costs. The district would like to make this event a nicer celebration for the members new and long time. If there is something that you would like to see, just jot it down and present it to any of the officers. I will or PDG Donald Spinks will make sure you feelings are known by the convention committee.

MINDEN CITY LIONS CLUB

From Wyandotte to Minden City. Another project is complete. These 4 men met to assemble this ramp to make the outdoors more accessible for one of our local residents. This event was originally reported as a Harbor Beach Lions project mistakenly, it was actually a Minden City Lions project. I am sorry for the mix-up. Good work Minden City.



UBLY LIONS CLUB

February and March are Pierogi months for us Uibly 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





MEMPHIS LIONS CLUBS

Memphis Lions welcomed in eighteen new Leo members to their Leo club. Lion Nancy Thomson inducted the new Leos at the regular Lions meeting. The majority of the parents were present at the induction ceremony. It was made known that all the parents and Leos were welcome to attend the District convention on April 5-7 at the Port Huron Double Tree Inn.

STATE SERVICE PROJECTS PER C.O.G.

The District Governors were presented with a SPECIAL project to start the new year off. At this years International Convention we were introduced to the HOPE TO WALK project organizers. This project provides artificial leg kits to children and adults in Guatemala for only \$250. This 501c program is run by donations and grants. They are partnering with the Lions to provide as many kits as is financially possible. District Governors have been asked to fund raise with their clubs to donate towards at least one leg kit. YouTube videos are available, check them out.

This project is a MD project for each district to manage on their own, with the ultimate goal of one leg kit per district. (FYI E2 has donated one, and B1 has donated 4)

The second project is making and donating tied blankets for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project. We will donate directly to this project or Districts can identify shelters or programs that they would like to donate blankets to. This will all be worked out with the District GST. The blankets will be made at the MD Forum.

The committee decided on a total of 110 blankets to be donated and tied at the MD Forum February 23-24. This includes a 10 non-sew, tied fleece blanket from each district including SD 11. The Service Project will be set up in the banquet hall where 11 teams of at least 8 Lions will work on cutting and tying the blankets. Each District can make the choice as to where they want their blankets donated to. The first choice is to a Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project. Other options are to churches, shelters, daycare, etc. The blankets can be bought at Joan Fabric for around 15.00\$. We are buying twin size kits. The kits are to be collected by the District GST and brought to the MD Forum. Hopefully, GST coordinators will work with clubs to get blanket donations. 10 blankets per district is the minimum goal. We will further discuss the plans at our next meeting.

The third project is the Kids Coalition Against Hunger food packaging project where we will financially support the project and package foods for inner city programs who provide meals to families and children. This program was presented at last years MD Convention. We will put the packages together at the MD Convention.

C1 GST Coordinator Michelle White is going to be a huge asset for this project. Lion Michelle advised that she has recently been involved in a food packaging project for the Kids Coalition. I will be working with Lion Michelle to contact the Project Coordinator to further develop our plans for the MD State Convention May 16-18. This is going to be a project that is going to be dependent on financial support from the Districts. Details will be available at the next council of governors meeting in October for the District Governors.



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



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:

- KidSight Fund
- Medical Assistance Fund
- Sight Restoration Fund
- Other _____
- Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers
- Grant Yager Military Family & Veterans Relief Fund
- Emergency Disaster Relief Fund

This gift is in memory of: _____

This gift is in honor of: _____

Please acknowledge my gift to: _____

Mailing Address: _____



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Lansing, Michigan 48911
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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