

LIIONS NEWS

DISTRICT 11D2

November 2023



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2nd VDG Dave Fisher
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Region 2 Zone 1 Chair Tom Lupo
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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

CALENDAR –EVENTS

Nov. 3-6 Leadership Ins. Higgins Lake MI

Nov.16. Peace Poster Hadley, MI.

Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

Kids Coalition against Hunger-Everyday 14,500 kids under the age of 12 die of hunger we can package meals for those in need locally and globally. For as little .35 per meal with a minimum of 10,000 we would probably want to group clubs together as we will need a \$3500 commitment. This project requires 100 volunteers and can be completed in an hour with all materials supplied A great project for a Jan regional GAT meeting or the district convention.

Talk to your Region chair or Zone chair about how we could do this Sleep In Heavenly Peace and Build a bed – We can contact Joann Fabrics and make blankets for kids in our district. I ask clubs try to make what they can and we will take to the Feb 23 Forum. Again, this could be done at a GAT meeting in January. Build a Bed is building beds that are very much needed for kids in our community Talk to your Region chair or Zone chair about how we could do this.

Hope To Walk 540-605-7102

Around the world, thousands of children lose Limbs due to landmines, birth defects or cancer we as clubs or individual Lions can donate the small cost of \$250 and make a child smile again and hope for a better life. Go to Hopetowalk.org for more information

So, as you may have gathered Jan, we are having Global Action Team meetings in each region. We have 3 Regions; I hope to have 100 plus members at each meeting to not work as '1' but enjoy each other's company and learn more about our organization.

Dates and locations to follow very soon.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES WHITE

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

Here it is the beginning of November!! It has been a busy fall with my governor elect training, one session leads to another and so forth. Trying to visit clubs has become a challenge that I need to work on, but hoping to get to clubs in the next month. One nice thing about social media is getting to see how active clubs are. Keep putting your club activities out there for all to see. You will never know how many new members you might gain from someone seeing the service your club does. Remember also to report on Lions International website. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving with family and friends!

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER

Just attended the Council of Governors and VDGs training workshop.

The Training was filled with a lot of information very well presented, along with good information shared with other VDGs. Now for the Business at hand, the Month of November is fast approaching with a lot of work to do.

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER

2ND VDG DAVID FISHER, Global Membership Chair

District Governor Jim has set goals that we as 11-D-2 Lions need to address his big thing is for each Club to work on membership, That's number of dropped plus ONE that's all, I know we can do it, and the big thing is have fun.

The other thing is REPORTS, we need you to step up and send in your reports to state and international, if you need help with your reports. just ask I'm here to give you a hand, I know we all have projects. Send the info a month ahead to Don Spinks at (donspinks@gmail.com) or Bruce Bronson at bebronson79@gmail.com to get put in the monthly newsletter, then after the event send pictures a long with a summary of the fun you had,

The Governor and I are calling Clubs and setting up meeting dates ,HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

2ND VDG DAVID FISHER Global Membership Chair JUST ASK!

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 judyakel76@gmail.com.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving

GLT, JUDY KELLER

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 one point we were in the 90% bracket. The district is now showing 62% of the clubs showing service activities. What are service activities? It doesn't mean you have to have a big banquet to raise money. It means anything you do to assist or outright help others with any of the trivial life hardships. Please report what you are doing. There are so many great things we are doing for the people in our community and beyond. Lions Clubs International is introducing a updated web-site. The club secretaries should be able to upload their activities easier. We will be doing service projects at the Lions of Michigan forum in February also at our convention in April in Port Huron Double Tree Inn. Let's see if we can get our numbers into the upper 90's or 100%

(VISION, HUNGER, DIABETES, ENVIROMENT, AND CHILDHOOD CANCER)

The District really needs your cooperation to report all that you do. If you have any problems reporting on the International web-site fill free to contact cabinet secretary Don Spinks at (donnspinks@gmail.com) or myself. I am the District Editor so anything that you want to get into the newsletter or Lions Pride, send it to me (bebronson79@gmail.com). My email address is wrong in the roster manual.

PCS BRUCE BRONSON SERVICE CHAIR



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MICHAEL BEMBAS	ALGONAC LIONS
RICHARD FOUGNINE	ALGONAC LIONS
THOMAS WALSH	EMMETT LIONS
JANICE RAWSKI	HARBOR BEACH LIONS
MICHAEL RAWSKI	HARBOR BEACH LIONS
SAMANTHA SECORD	PEARL BEACH LIONS
GARY ALLEN	PORT AUSTIN LIONS
DAVE KADY	PORT AUSTIN LIONS
ERIC MAYES	PORT AUSTIN LIONS
MICHAEL MEDWITH	PORT AUSTIN LIONS
MARK MURAWSKI	PORT AUSTIN LIONS
JUSTIN NOBLE	PORT AUSTIN LIONS
MARVIN PRINE	PORT AUSTIN LIONS
ERIC STOECKEL	PORT AUSTIN LIONS
JEFF THEOBALD	PORT AUSTIN LIONS

MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

RICARD FAIRMAN	APPLEGATE LIONS
DANIEL FRASER	METAMORA LIONS
GLENN SMITH	NORTH BRANCH LIONS
ROBERT BUCKLEY	PORT AUSTING LIONS

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

I am writing this to express my gratitude to Lions in District 11 – D2 and to Lions Clubs in District 11 – D2 for the tremendous support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) exhibited during the 2022 -2023 Lion year. Douglas X. Alexander, Chairperson, Lons Clubs International Foundation has recognized our district for contributing over \$30,000 to LCIF, while also achieving an overall increase in contributions of at least 10% over the previous year.

To commemorate this feat, in all Districts achieving the over \$30,000 contributed and the 10% increase over the previous year, the Past District Governor and the Past District LCIF Coordinator have been presented the “Chairperson’s Medal. I Thank all individuals and all clubs that contributed to LCIF for their generosity. Your contributions help to ensure that the humanitarian service of Lions reaches those most in need. This Medal really belongs to all of District 11 – D2.



Wes Wagester

Past District 11– D2
LCIF coordinator

Shawn Wightman

Immediate Past District 11-D2
Governor

THE UBLY LIONS CLUB

On October 7 we held a Cajun Dinner with help from our Lion friends Scott & Jeff from Shreveport LA. Our club was happy with the turnout, and hope to do it again. Halloween will be giving out bags of chips in the village park. Always fun to see the kids and adults dressed up. On December 3rd will be doing a Kidsight along with the Ubyl TVO during their annual Breakfast with Santa. Ubyl club president Adrainne Maurer with the volunteer from Shreveport.

Wishing you all a nice Thanksgiving

Judy



ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

The Algonac Lions Club hosted the Peace to Piece Quilters at their club. This took place on October 20, 2023. There was a fantastic turnout and a lot of fellowship took place. Lions helping other causes is a great service to the community. You will notice that all the quilters were not females. Had a few fellows at the event.





PEACE POSTER CONTEST

2023 THEME: "DARE TO DREAM"

I'm looking forward to seeing all the creative posters for this years theme "Dare To Dream". You can bring your poster yourself to the Hadley Lions spaghetti Dinner by 4:30pm or you can mail it to Lion Deb Kaighen, PO box 45, Hadley, MI. 48440. Please mail them early enough! It's very important that I receive them by 4:30 because voting is from 5 to 7 and I need time to hang them for voting. As always. You can text me with any questions at 810.656.5160.

PZC Deborah Kaighen

HADLEY LIONS CLUB

Several Hadley Lions participated in the "Feed My Starving Children" packing event. Packages of food are put together to send to children all over the world. This is one the five key service items from LCI.



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Many of the Lions Clubs are involved in this endeavor and if your club is looking for something to do this organization is looking for financial and volunteer help. Estimates of 3% of any population of school-age children sleep on the floor because they do not have beds. SHP fundraises and builds beds for these kids. Each bed is around \$250 and includes the bed, mattress, and bedding. We need help fundraising, holding bedding drives, and actual hands-on work to build these beds. SHP is always looking for motivated individuals to help spread the words, “**No kid sleeps on the floor in our town.**” As of right now, there are chapters in Wayne, Flushing, and a new one in Lapeer that is just starting out. Bed builds for the Lapeer Chapter will begin in the Spring and hopefully, we can be putting out over 40 beds per year for our children as it grows.

All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. In Idaho and across the US, too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health.

That’s where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. We’re a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. Our organization has grown steadily over time, and we’re working on opening more chapters in different states to serve more people.

So many great charities provide clothing, meals, and toys to families in need. But as wonderful as this aid is, few organizations offer suitable beds and bedding to the kids in these families.

At SHP, we fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. When it was brought to our attention that the need for beds went far beyond our own neighborhoods, we stepped up and took the initiative. [We're a national organization answering the call to a national problem.](#)

If a child needs a bed, we want to make sure they get one.

MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Marysville Lions Club was the beneficiary of donations from Art Hop - Marysville Art Program last night. Hosted by Megan Simmons -State Farm Agency, Mrs. Sparchu's art students shared their talents. The donations will help our club continue to SERVE!



MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Marysville Lions Club appreciates all of our community members that made donations the past couple days towards our annual Mint Sale. A special thank you to Marysville Tim Hortons and the Post Office for supporting our mission. Proceeds collected will be directed to our vision and community projects





ELKTON LIONS CLUB

The Elkton Lions Club was able to help the Village of Elkton by purchasing 13 Aluminum Tables for Ackerman Park. The tables were placed in the Elkton Lions Pavilion. The Elkton Lions Club does it again, Serving the community.



METAMORA LIONS & LIONESS CLUB

Metamora Lions and Lioness had a great turnout for Halloween. Kids were treated to hotdogs, chicken nuggets, french fries, candy cider, and donuts all for free Thanks to our cider and donut drive.





ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

Lion Chris Halkias-Robb and Lion Cathy Harris were awarded the Algonac Art Fair under the umbrella of the Algonac Lions Club. The Algonac Lions are grateful, proud and truly humbled to be selected to carry on this amazing annual tradition! Pictured are Chis Halkias-Robb, Cathy Harris, Susan Reck, Annette Heyza, Maxine Zamborowski, Patricia VanDenBergh and Julie Mytinged. The Algonac Lions sponsored a Halloween celebration at their field. Lions making a safe space for the children to enjoy their holiday;



CROSWELL LIONS CLUB

The Croswell Diabetes Center and the Croswell Lions Club held a 5K/2 mile walk or run on Saturday, October the 7th in Croswell. 39 children and 88 adults participated with ages ranging from 3 years old to a veteran of 81 years old. There was a mixture of 79 runners and 48 walker throughout the various ages. The winner finished the 5K in 18 minutes and 32.6 seconds. He also has run 5K's in almost all the counties within Michigan. The cool, wet, and windy weather did not hamper the great turnout for this event.



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 classrooms for whatever they needed. I'm sure there may be a book or two bought for the classroom. Get out there and help promote the Reading Action Program.

PDG Don Spinks
District Secretary
RAP Coordinator

PROTOCOL

The visit of the District Governor is one of the highlights of the Lions year. Certain rules of protocol apply for the official visit. This is not a campaign visit. Introduction of the Governor should be done only once – when being presented to the assembly for remarks.

It would be suggested that thirty (30) minutes be allowed for remarks by the Governor. Other Cabinet members will speak only with permission of the District Governor. The Governor is the only speaker scheduled for the meeting. The District Governor will speak and introduce the accompanying Cabinet members.

This is your opportunity to learn the vision and goals of our International President and District. Do not expect the Governor to compete with another speaker or with long, drawn-out business or board meetings. Rules are suspended and all reports are tabled

until the next Club regular meeting.

The Governor maintains a very busy schedule during the year and courtesy would suggest that the Governor scheduled visitations are honored and not changed at the last minute.

The Governor can be introduced by the club president or one of the cabinet officers present. This should be done with dignity and include information concerning the Governor's home club, business, offices held, Lion activities and family, if appropriate.

Please create an agenda to work from and start the meeting on time. Make sure all of the details are done in advance, greeters to be present, bell and banner displayed, region or zone chairmen invited, meal planned and, if a gift is being presented, make sure it is available at the meeting.

Notify the Governor, in writing, of all special club events and extend an invitation to attend. If the Governor is expected to be a participant in the event, provide advance notification, in writing, as to the level of participation requested by the club.

When the District Governor is recognized at any Lions meeting, club or district level, all Lions should rise and remain standing until the Governor signals them to be seated. Not only is this proper protocol, it is recognition of the office. If a club wishes the Governor to induct new members during the course of an official visit, again notify of the induction in advance and provide a list of names of new members, and their sponsors. Make sure new member kits are ready for presentation.

Kathy Wagester

Protocol & Ceremonies Chairperson



MINDEN CITY LIONS CLUB

The Minden City Lions Club recently purchased an aluminum handicap accessible ramp for use in our community. On October 29, Lion Bob Kaufman, Lion Dale Halifax, Lion Cliff Messing and Cliff's Son Tim Messing assembled the ramp at a local resident's home. This man has been wheelchair bound for some time now and this ramp will make the outdoors accessible to him once again. I have attached some pictures for the newsletter, and a link to our FB page for your perusal. Another community helped by a group of Lions.



METAMORA LIONESS LIONS

The Metamora lioness lions held a very successful road rally /scavenger hunt. The event took place around Metamora and the Lapeer area. Guests were treated to a buffet before the event and an after party.



METAMORA LIONS CLUB

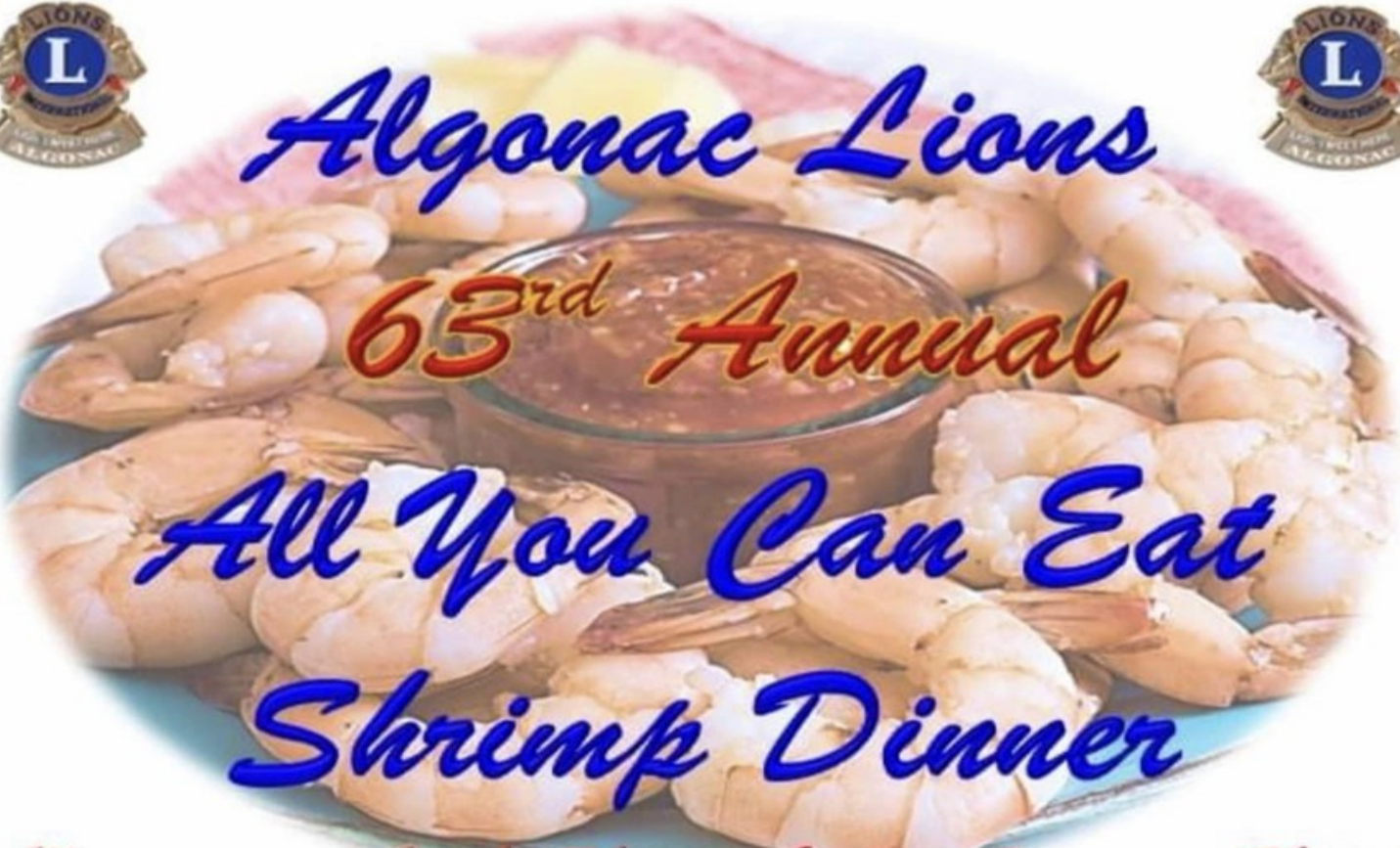
The Metamora Lions proudly support of the Rolland Warner MS Bee Club. With their donation the bee club was able to purchase new suits and equipment as this program continues to grow. This year's harvest was 500 lbs which will be bottled and sold. Kids take care of the bees, harvest the honey, extract the honey, design labels, bottle and sell the honey.



UBLY LIONS CLUB

Ugly Lions Club had their true Cajun dinner with Cajun Cooks from Louisiana. The club invited guest from other district, A group of Lions attended from Mayville Lions Club. Mayville is in district D-1. It is located in Tuscola County.





Algonac Lions

63rd Annual

All You Can Eat Shrimp Dinner

All you can eat Jumbo Shrimp, Italian Sausage, Shrimp Jambalaya, Coleslaw, Fries and Refreshment Bar. Tickets available from any Algonac Lions Club Member.

\$50.00 Per Person.



Don't Forget the Raffles

Hunting Items Raffle

Doors open at 6 PM

Dinner is at 7 PM



Wednesday November 22nd - 2023

1905 Mill St, Algonac, MI 48001

For ticket info, Call Lion Dwayne (586) 883-3435 or Lion Eli (810) 397-4084. Also email us at algonaclionsreport@gmail.com or Message us on Facebook.

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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

METAMORA LIONESS LIONS CLUB

*Ladies' Shrimp Night
Fundraiser*



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 @ 5PM

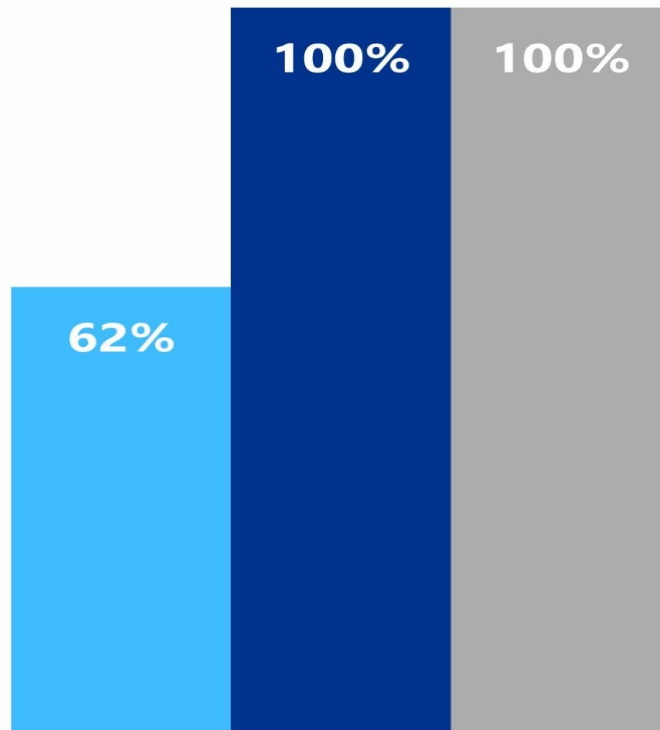
Raffles, prizes, all you can eat shrimp and potato bar and MORE!!!

MUST BE 21+ TO ATTEND

Tickets on sale now!
\$30 each (presale) or \$35 at door (if available)
Call 810-728-6574 or message on Facebook!

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Sebewaing

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/154717

Lions Bear Lake Camp



POLAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER

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

February 10th, 2024

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

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UNDER THE EVENTS TAB

Lions Bear Lake Camp
3409 N Five Lakes Rd
Lapeer, MI 48446



FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

KIDS ACTIVITIES

50/50 & BASKET RAFFLES

SOUP & SALAD BAR

CASH BAR