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DISTRICT 11 D-2



Governor Dr. Shawn Wightman

Calendar-of Events:

Dec. 2-3 3rd. Council of Governors Meeting (Grand Rapids, MI.)

Dec. No Global Action Team Meeting

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DR. SHAWN WIGHTMAN

Tis the season for giving...

Imagine you're unable to see the sky or a bright sunny day. Imagine you're unable to see a loved one's eyes as they smile. You can't see their face as they call your name, or your own face in the mirror as you start each day. This is what life is like for millions of people coping with blindness.

Now imagine your eyesight is restored. You can suddenly see all the colors and sights of the world around you. Your life is transformed. This is the power of eye donation, transplantation, and research.

This is what each of us, as Lions, and Eversight makes possible every day. For more than 75 years, Eversight has enabled donors and their families to give the gift of sight. Together, we ensure that these monetary gifts transform the lives of those suffering from blindness, and advance new treatments and cures for blindness.

For more information about Eversight or to make a special club donation, please visit <https://www.eversightvision.org/give/>.

Together, we make a difference!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DR. SHAWN WIGHTMAN

1st. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES WHITE

Hello fellow Lions

For those who don't know me I am Jim White and I am honored to be your First Vice District Governor. I am owner of Luxury Bath by Mobility Remodelers in Port Huron and I live in Port Huron.

I chose to join the Lions after the death of a very close Family friend that had made a profound difference in my life growing passed away. He suffered from Retinitis Pigmentosa during his life and eventually went totally blind in his early 40 s with the help of the Local Lions club he lived his best life for over 40 years. In his memory I joined the Lions. Port Huron Host is my home club and have enjoyed serving as a club President, a region chair and zone Chair. I have learned a great deal from Governors and PDGS and I will continue to learn to better serve our clubs and Members.

Yours in Lionism

1st. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM WHITE

2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

It's hard to believe the holidays are here and we are all busy with families and other social events. Let's not forget about families in need or who have lost a loved one. One way we can help is with the donations of socks. GST Terri has put together a Sock Hop for the state convention. So far around 8,000 pairs of socks have been collected. These will be going to different homeless shelters. Keep them coming Lions!! It was good to be at another training in Grand Rapids and be with the other upcoming governors. The Council of Governors meeting are informative and invaluable as well. Listening to other Lions speak on their duties and clubs, has been a great tool for me.

Merry Christmas to everyone and may you all have safe travels.

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

PDG DON SPINKS, Global Membership Chair

Last month I challenged all the 11D2 lions clubs to get new club members. I am trying to get the DISTRICT membership numbers up to 1326. As of now while writing this report, we have 1316. The challenge was by Christmas. We still have a chance to reach that goal. If your club has new members, please enter them in LCI. If you can't or have problems, contact me and I'll make sure they are entered correctly for your club. I do want to overtake District 11A2 in membership. They are the largest in the state membership wise. Wouldn't it be nice for our district 11D2 to have the bragging rights on being the largest district in membership. This is something that we will be working on all year and years to come. We can do it.

Remember, as your club approaches the holidays, a great opportunity has risen for you to talk it up on new membership. As we have our parties and get together, we meet people who are not a lion. They may not even know about lions. Remember the old cliché-we are the best kept secret out there. Let's change that and bring new members in.

As for our retainability, we are holding around 53% for the district. Thus, is good, but I know it can be better. Get all of your members involved. Listen to them and make them feel wanted. Make them stay in your club. The three-year trend for new member retainability is at a whopping 73%. This is a great area to be in. I hope all the lions clubs in 11D2 have the best and happy holidays and stay healthy and bring in the new members. Let me hear your ROAR.

Here are our membership numbers for District D-2.

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,316	1,308
Added Members	05	58
Dropped Members	07	52
Closing Balance	1,314	1,314
Net Gain/Loss	-02	+06

Worldwide 1,402,748

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.
- 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 2021 – 2022 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.

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PDG WES WAGESTER LEADERSHIP CHAIR

PDG WES WAGESTER GLT, Lions Clubs International Foundation

REMINDER: Nominations for District Awards are due prior to January 1, 2023.

Please forward to GMT Don Spinks or GLT Wes Wagester before January 1, 2023.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF):

- Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients as of October 19, 2022
 - In District 11 – D2 there have been 279 MJFs and 11 PMJF.
The highest level of PMJF is 8
- New MJFs since June 30, 2022

Bethany J. Calka	Almont Lions
James V. Haley	Emmett Lions
Noel R. Katz	Emmett Lions
James White	Port Huron Host Lions
John R. Kriete	Port Sanilac Lions (Progressive)
Jim White	Port Huron Host (Progressive)

Donations in District 11 – D2 as of October 30, 2022

✓ Clubs	\$8,719.00
✓ District	\$2,500.00
✓ Total	\$11,219.00
✓	

This total is \$3,719.79 more than at the same time last year.

- Twelve(12) clubs have donated so far this year, which is 25.63% of our clubs.
- The Status of installments as of October 1, 2022 which indicates how much each club has in their LCIF account follows:
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Algonac	\$1,305.00	Almont	\$2,002.00
Bad Axe	\$3,787.80	Berville	\$1,050.00
Elkton	\$1,500.00	Frieburg St. Ignatius	\$1,500.00
Hadley	\$1,050.00	Lapeer	\$2,510.00
Pigeon	\$1,800.00	Udly	\$2,782.00
USA	\$4,780.00	Yale	\$1,996.00

This will give a deserving member of the listed clubs a total of 20 Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Wes Wagester LCIF Coordinator

James White Service Chair

VDG Jim White or your Region and Zone Chairs and we will get the info in for you and direct you too. Where to go for future reports.

LION JAMES WHITE SERVICE CHAIR

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRIDE

NANCY HELLEBUYCK	ALMONT LIONS
LYNN MARTA	ALMONT LIONS
ELIZABETH PIATKOWSKI	ALMONT LIONS
SCOTT WRANOSKY	ALMONT LIONS
JACOB METHNER	METAMORA LIONS

MEMBERS NO LONGER WITH US "RIP"

DELOS GITRE	METAMORA LIONS
TERRY GEBHARDT	UBLY LIONS

MD11 Reading Action Program-PDG Don Spinks

Well, it is approaching the time of year that all of us have to start thinking of the holidays. The spending season is fast approaching and I hope you are ready. Many of our Lions clubs will be celebrating with parties, gifts and cheers. Now, let us talk about how your Lions club and District can help the community during the festive holidays and beyond.

An idea that came to me, how many orphanages and senior citizen homes are there in your area? Why not take the time to purchase a book for every member of an orphanage or a senior citizen establishment. If that is not possible, maybe your club could purchase a block of books for that establishment. I know that there are clubs that are not as financially set as others, but you could team up with each other and make this happen. Wow, what a powerful statement this would be if this could happen for the holidays. Please give this some serious thought in helping your local community.

The other day, I received a Who's Who from the Lions office in Lansing. I noticed that there were vacancies from a few districts on the Reading Action Committee. If by some chance I did not contact you, please assign someone in your district to this position. I would like for all districts to be represented on this reading program. We can be a positive example for all others to follow.

I close by wishing all of you to have a great holiday season and may you spend time with your families and friends. Be sure to read a festive holiday book to your children. One of my favorites is the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and Charlie Brown Christmas. Enjoy and be safe.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DR. SHAWN WIGHTMAN

The Hadley Lions Club serves up a superb spaghetti dinner during District 11 D2's annual Peace Poster Contest selection meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022. The winner of District 11 D2 moves on to the state selection event to determine a winner from Michigan.

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring this special art contest in schools and with youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

This year's theme was "Lead with Compassion." Children know how powerful compassion can be. They're often able to express this feeling more openly than adults. Consequently, our young people were invited to explore and visually express the peaceful future that compassionate leadership brings.



HADLEY LIONS CLUB

Hadley Lions club has been doing a spaghetti dinner for several years, for the Peace Poster contest. This for the entire District to bring their posters and vote on the best the District has to offer. Hadley has a spaghetti dinner fundraiser regularly. They work together to make it happen. This is what Lions do. Together the tear down obstacles.



These are some of the posters submitted by various clubs.



Once again, the Hadley Lions hosted the peace poster contest on November 18th. We had several beautiful entries this year. Here is the winner our spaghetti dinner patrons voted on. Ellie Francis from Roland Warner school in Lapeer. Her sponsoring club was the Metamora Lions. She will be representing 11 D 2. Good luck Ellie!

Memphis Lions support two grades of Peace Poster contestants. There were five finalists that the club and school recognized.

Metamora Lions and Lioness Lions support Lapeer schools with the Peace Poster contest this was the district winner in the picture on the right.



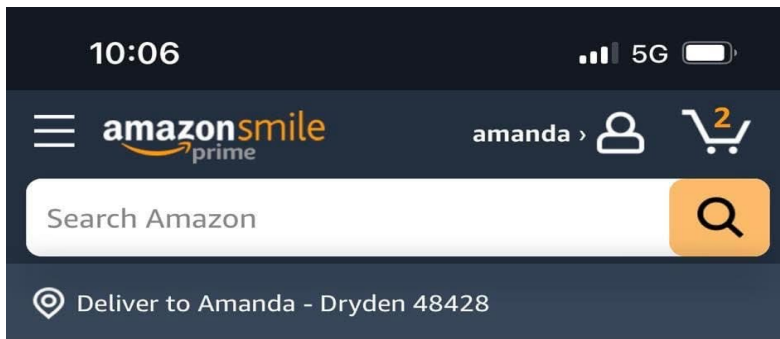
DECKERVILLE LIONS

Annual November fundraising project for Deckerville lions club. Making fresh greens wreaths and grave blankets. Selling them to give back to the community. Deckerville Lions also, installed a drop box in front of the municipal office for recycling usable eyeglasses.



ALMONT LIONS CLUB

Remember when you are doing your shopping on-line and use Amazon, "Smile". Amazon will donate to your favorite charity for free when you use the "Smile" edition to Amazon. It cost nothing and they give to Lions Clubs International or you can use your club after registering it.



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METAMORA LIONESS LIONS CLUBS

The Metamora Lioness Lions hosted an Arts & Craft show. This event was a great success with a over the top sell-out. There was a flow of patrons during the entire show time. The event staff was extremely busy assisting customers. This is an attractive event for other clubs to consider. Contact IPDG Brian Betzold for the contact information.

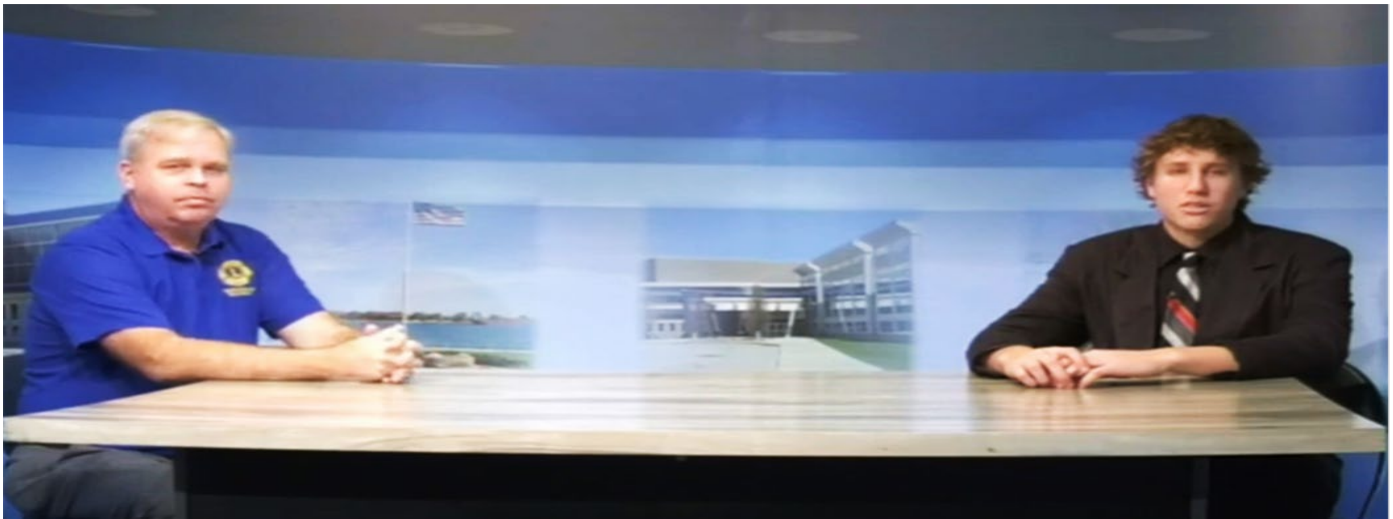
Metamora Lioness Lions also, sponsored their annual shrimp dinner. This was sold out dinner once again. The event was a complete success.



UBLY LIONS CLUB

December 4th Ubly Lions held a Kidsight screening. It was a shared event with the Ubly TVO Breakfast with Santa. We screened 21 children and had 2 referrals. What a great day. Our club will also be helping to deliver food baskets for our local Care & Share program. We will be handing out around 50 baskets in our Ubly area. We will be having our Pierogi Sales starting in January, this is a good fundraiser for our club. More information after the first of the year.

MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB



View an interesting interview with Lion Kirk Smith (<https://youtu.be/wx5RFiSfFV4>). Senior student inquires about the Marysville Lions and what they do.



HADLEY LIONS CLUB

The Hadley Lions once again hosted our towns Christmas tree lighting event. The event was very well attended with over 100 people. The Lions provided hot chocolate, cookies and a craft for the children. Santa was also there (Lion Tony Mazzola) for the children to visit. Pastor Matthew Coleman lead us in song as we lit the tree, then we all did a caroling stroll down the wooden bridge and lit that up. A great time was had by all!

Congratulations to District 11D2 for having the most Lions Club Scouting Award recipients in MD11. Having nine recipients of this award. Recipients are in order of award, Orville Collins of Port Huron Host Lions club in 2009. PDG Margaret Oldenburg of Minden City Lions club in 2012. John Cowan in 2014. PDG Don Spinks of Marlette Lions club in 2016. Zone chair Rich Cochrill of the Applegate Lions club in 2019. John Burns of the Peck Lions club in 2020. Gary Yager of the Sandusky Lions club in 2021. Robert Burkett of the Memphis Lions club in 2022 and Gerald Matese of the Yale Lions club in 2022



MEMPHIS LIONS CLUBS

Memphis Lions put together 35 food donations for the needy. Area contributors were Memphis School, Sacred Heart Charity, Boy Scouts 245, and Community Services of St. Clair County. Leo advisor Lion Nancy Thomson organized this effort and the Thanksgiving holiday. Delivering the food for Christmas was food groups main dish and all the sides including milk and eggs



District 11-D2 Convention – March 17,18,19,2023

Double Tree Grand Rapids

4747 28th Street SE Grand Rapids,
MI. 49512 989-957-0100

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 1, 2023

AFTER MARCH 1, 2023

Participate in all 5 meals	_____ @ \$75.00 = \$ _____	_____ @ \$125.00 = \$ _____
Registration	_____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____	_____ @ \$ 10.00 = \$ _____
Meals separately are \$191.00	Save \$91.00 by ordering all 5	TOTAL: \$ _____

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

Friday Night Dinner: Grilled Salmon, Stuffed Chicken	\$47.12
Saturday Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Biscuits with Gravy, Fruit, Muffins	\$32.24
Saturday Lunch: Deli Buffet of Salads, Soups, Sandwiches	\$32.24
Sunday Breakfast: French Toast, Quiche, Linked Sausage, Fruit, Muffins	\$32.24
<i>All meals served with coffee, ice or hot tea, juices. Soft drinks are \$1.00 per person for duration of meal. Cash bar available.</i>	

Please note any dietary requirements: _____

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

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VALOR LEAGUE
ALGONAC VFW 3901
TO ASSIST AREA VETERANS

NEW YEAR'S EVE FUNDRAISER HONORING JIM FERNANDEZ

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022 7 PM

OPEN BAR

DINNER CATERED BY CHEF RAYMONE

HORS D'OEUVRES, DINNER, DESSERT

MUSIC BY DJ MIKE - PHOTO BOOTH

CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLES, 50/50

ALGONAC LION'S CLUB

MILL STREET, ALGONAC, MI

TICKETS \$75.

WENDY 586-306-6252

ROB 586-436-6252