



DISTRIC GOVERNOR BILL KOCH'S MESSAGE

Fellow Lions: First off, I want to thank Mike and Tina Hoy our District Editors. They always try to get this District Newsletter out on time, in spite of articles being barely on time. THANK YOU!! We need to thank PDG Pete Conarty for his wonderful contribution to the newsletter and the research he does for it. Thank You!!

February is here and we are still serving!!! The many ways you serve the community is astounding! One of our clubs furnished facial tissue to the schools in their community. Why??? Because budget cuts mean no tissues for the students. Please send in all the different things you are doing for the community. We like to know and see if we are able to do some of them in our clubs. The Forum will be virtual. Please log on the website. The Forum will be free. We also know that a lot of clubs have difficulty meeting. Hopefully things will start getting better in the near future. I was hoping to see all the clubs and go to their anniversary parties. Next year, let us plan on all of us going to all the anniversary parties that we can and enjoy. We are looking forward to meeting face to face and sharing the joy of having Lions Meetings. We are getting new members because you asked and because of your services in the communities. People are noticing the services you are providing during this difficult time. You make a difference. Many people depend on you. You help all ages; from kids in school, to people that need rides. YOU do it because YOU care. Thanks to each and every Lion for each and every way you serve your area. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

District Governor Bill and Jackie

From the desk of First Vice District Governor Bill Bradfield



On June 28, 2018, Public Act 255 was signed, creating a Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury to assist our foundation in collecting donations to help improve the quality of life of people in our state with unmet needs. This act added the Lions of Michigan Foundation to the list of only nine Michigan Charities eligible to receive donations directly from Michigan tax payers when they file their annual state income tax return.

Each qualified charity is required to collect \$50,000 in donations annually through this special program to guarantee eligibility for the future. We are asking for any help you can provide to ensure we remain eligible. Just a donation of \$5 - \$10 to our foundation, from each Lion member, family or friend on the Michigan Voluntary Contribution Schedule (MI form 4642), would ensure that we cannot be removed from the list of qualified charities. This would cover many of our programs we donate to including Kid Sight, Individual Assistance Program, helping Veterans with surgical problems and costly medical procedures, including hearing loss, and Emergency Disaster Relief, helping families affected by natural disasters. Please pitch in if you can. This message was generated from Pam Schroeder President and Chad McCann Executive Director of the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

On January 24th the Cadillac Lions placed our Ice Shanty on Lake Cadillac. We pull it out on the ice each year behind my snowmobile. We have a special permit from the DNR to let it stay on the lake until it sinks. It is an annual fundraiser and we sell tickets to guess the date and time the Shack will sink. The tickets are 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10 and first prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$200. If interested, call or email me at 231-222-5143 or hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com. Ticket sales end February 28, 2021.

We currently have about \$3,500 left in our DAD budget. We have 2 MSU Diabetes Management Classes coming up for the 2 hour online programs. First is February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25. The second is March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 7. Register with Christi Demitz 517-490-1608 or demitzch@msu.edu.

Lastly, it is with a heavy heart, we recently had to say goodbye to a Great Lion, a Great Person, and a Great Friend. She was Karla Roebuck and I would be remiss if I did not pay Tribute to this incredible woman and her wonderful family. May God bless her and her loved ones, which were all who knew her!

***FEBRUARY 2021 DISTRICT 11- E1 LEADER OF THE MONTH
DAWN WILLMAN
KINGSLEY LIONS CLUB***



Lion Dawn Willman is a charter member of the Kingsley Lions Club which was organized in 2013. Her husband, Scott, her mother, aunt and some of her friends are all Kingsley Lions. Dawn has been a proactive member of the club. She has been involved in all their activities and fund raisers and has been their secretary since the club was chartered nine years ago. Dawn spearheaded the club's car show six years ago. She and her husband, Scott, started the 2020 Shopping to create Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for needy families. Dawn has represented her Lions Club at Monthly Business Coffees, the Village Council Meetings, Christmas in

Kingsley meetings, and Heritage Days meetings. She has also attended Zone and District meetings, Forums, and attended the Chicago 100th Lions International Anniversary celebration. The Kingsley Club also participates in the Rock Pancake Breakfast and the Santa Rock festivities. Her civic participation includes being president of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Western Chapter 187, and she is a member of the Grand Traverse Veteran's coalition in Traverse City. Dawn worked for the State of Michigan as an Administrative Assistant at the Pugsley Correctional Facility and then transferred to the department of Natural Resources in Traverse City in the customer resource department. Dawn and Scott have been married for 44 years and have three children, four grandchildren and two dogs - Oreo and Gizmo. Dawn would like to invite any Lion, who is in Kingsley on the second Thursday of the month, to attend their Lions meetings at the Rock Community Center - 6:30 p.m. Congratulations to our Lion of the Month, Dawn Willman. Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

HOW DO I ADAPT??

These are difficult times! Approximately 40 of our Lions Clubs in District 11 E1 are not meeting or meeting virtually. Some clubs are finding common tools to unite such as Zoom, Facebook, Texting or their Web Sites. A few clubs are still putting out a club newsletter to keep in touch. Then we have clubs that are using the tried and true methods of notes and telephone calls. There is nothing like hearing a voice in this period of isolation. The important item here is to stay in touch and interact. Finding the right tools to keep your club united is the direction Leadership must move. Sitting back and doing nothing can be detrimental to your club. Interact with your club members and keep smiling!
Lion Pete Conarty, District GLT

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Lions, Our District needs new leaders to continue the leadership provided to our clubs by our current leadership team. We have received no nominations to date for 2nd Vice District Governor. We also currently do not have a 2nd Vice District Governor in our District. Why is this important? Because the steps to Governor are: 2nd VDG, then 1st VDG, then District Governor. That way, in a normal progression, the District Governor receives two years of training and experience as 2nd VDG and then 1st VDG prior to serving as leader of our district.

What are the qualifications necessary to run for 2nd Vice District Governor, you might ask? Good Question; from our Constitution and Bylaws which any member can find on our website, by clicking the drop down left menu and select INFO, then on the next page, go to column one and click on the 5th item under District Resources: District 11E1 Constitution tab, you will find on page 6...

In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of first or second vice district governor, he/she must: (a) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district. (b) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as first or second vice district governor: (i) As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and (ii) As a member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof. (iii) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Now, you might ask, what are the responsibilities of the 2nd Vice District Governor? Great Question; again from the Constitution and Bylaws, you will find on page 9...

Section 3. SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR. The second vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be an assistant in the administration of the district, and representative of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be, but not limited, to: (a) Further the purposes of this association. (b) Perform such administrative duties assigned by the district governor. (c) Perform such other functions and acts required by the International Board of Directors. (d) Participate in the cabinet meetings, and conduct meetings in the absence of the district governor, and first vice district governor, and participate in council meetings as appropriate. (e) Familiarize himself/herself with the health and status of the clubs in the district, review the monthly financial report and assist the district governor and the first vice district governor in identifying and strengthening the existing and potential weak clubs. (f) Conduct club visitation, as the representative of the district governor, when requested by the district governor. (g) Assist the district governor and first vice district governor in planning and conducting the annual district convention. (h) Work with the District LCIF Coordinator and assist the committee to achieve the goals of the year through regular distribution of LCIF information and materials to increase understanding and support of LCIF. (i) Work with the District Information Technology Committee and assist the committee to promote the use of the association's web site and the Internet among the clubs and members to obtain information, file reports, purchase club supplies, etc. (j) At the request of the district governor, supervise other district committees. (k) Assist the district governor, first vice district governor, and the cabinet in planning of the next year, including the district budget. (l) Familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the district governor so that, in the event of a vacancy in the offices of district governor and first vice district governor, he/she would be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said offices as the acting district governor or acting vice district governor until the vacancies are filled according to these by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the International Board of Directors.

Now, you may want to know how one goes about being nominated to run for 2nd Vice District Governor; If you proceed to Exhibit F, on Page 22 of the Constitution, you will find a check list to be submitted with the candidate's nomination letter. Nomination letter you ask? Yes, each candidate for District Election must be nominated by their club and voted on at a regular club meeting. (it can be virtual) An example of a proper nomination letter received from our District Governor's club as an

excellent example:

White Cloud Lions Club

Box 116, 294 N. Charles

White Cloud, Michigan 49349

231-689-6410

January 13, 2020

Lion Steve Adsmond
District 11E1 Chairperson
Elections and Nominations
411 Maple st
Fremont, Mi 49412

Dear Steve,

White Cloud Lions Club voted unanimously to formally endorse and present for nomination **Lion Bill Koch (#1394814)** for the position of District 11E1 Governor for the year of 2020-2021.

Lion **Bill Koch** has fulfilled all of the Lions International requirements to be a candidate for District 11E1 Governor:

1. Lion **Bill Koch** is an active member in good standing of the White Cloud Lions Club
2. The White Cloud Lions Club endorsed Lion **Bill Koch** by motion at the January 13, 2020 Board/Business meeting
3. Lion **Bill Koch** has served:
 - a. As President of a Lions Club six (6) times
 - b. As member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for eight (8) years
 - c. as Zone Chairperson two (2) years
 - d. as First Vice District Governor 2019-2020

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Peggy Frank, President White Cloud Lions Club
pfrank1219@yahoo.com (616) 217-6840

Cc: *PDG Janalee McClure, District 11E1 Secretary
PO Box 177 Brohman, Mi 49312-0177

*Executive Director Wendy Burns , Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr, Lansing Mi 48911

Please consider helping with your leadership talents.
Steve Adsmond, Nominations and Elections Chairperson
Fremont Lions Club

Mark Your Calendars!

2020-21 Parade of Checks

February 14, 2021

White Cloud Lions Den



- * Bear Lake Camp
- * Leader Dogs for the Blind
- * Michigan Eversight
- * Lions of MI All State Band
- * Lions of MI Service Foundation
- * PAWS with a Cause
- * Project KidSight
- * Lions Clubs International Foundation



The Parade of Checks will be held during the
Cabinet Meeting 2-14-2021 at 2:00.

Meeting to be held both in person and via Zoom.

If your club is not able to attend in person please send your
8 checks or pledges made out to each of the service projects to:

Peggy Frank, 21899 22 Mile Rd, Paris, MI 49338

The checks will be reported and sent to the Service Projects.

Club News

Baldwin Lions

Baldwin Lions Help Local Families - Even though the Baldwin Lions Club haven't been meeting physically, we have still been active in our community! We managed to raise over \$500 in our Holiday Chocolate sales, even though one of our main locations was not available to sell due to COVID. With some of the proceeds, we were able to donate \$200 towards a fuel bill for a local single mother, who is also raising a toddler grandson and a newborn baby. The club also made sure the children had a bag full of Christmas gifts! The club was also able to help another hearing impaired mother, by providing new coats and boots for her teenage twin sons. We were able to partner with our local Knights of Columbus to purchase the coats, with the Lions providing the new boots!

Hart Lions

We are still not holding meetings. Possibly in the next couple months, when the center opens back up for use and vaccines have become more accessible. All still closed down in our county.

Coleman Lions

Coleman Lions suspended meetings in January and February. We hope to go back to regular club meetings in March. Meanwhile our Sight and Hearing committee headed by Lion Al Mueller has been working with Lions of Michigan Foundation and CMU to provide hearing aids to an elderly Coleman woman. We are hoping she will have them soon as she also has vision problems and doesn't drive, so needs her hearing to communicate with the outside world. Our thanks to Pete Conarty and the Foundation for all of their help.

Harrison Lions

Harrison Lions opened their Bingo back up on Tuesday and Thursday with COVID protocol in place. In February we have our lottery tickets board raffle drawing coming up. We have stopped our meetings for the time being.

Midland Lions

SIX MIDLAND LIONS HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE BY LIONS INTERNATIONAL District Governor Bill Koch wanted to come to Midland to present these chevrons for years of service from Lions Clubs International. However, we are only meeting virtually so that is not possible. He sends his congratulations to each member. The Midland Lions Club has a long tradition of retaining members and that is significant in these awards. All six Lions have been members of the Midland Club for 20 years or more. Sixty Years - Lion Oliver Juengel; Twenty-Five Years - Lions Fred Fletcher, Art Kuper, and Thayre Talcott; Twenty years - Lions Mike Hoy and Doug Ward.

FREE Space to put your Club's News!

***Please contact us to be included in the next issue
of the District 11-E1 Newsletter.***

Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

District Projects

Lions of Michigan Foundation

The trustees of our District are ready to come visit your club and do a presentation. Give them a call and get a date set.

Please keep the donations to the foundation coming, it helps furnish hearing aids, glasses and emergency relief. We hope to have the KidSight program back up and running by spring.

Used Hearing Aid Donations

Remember we accept used hearing aids of any age or condition. All used hearing aids are recycled with one of the hearing aid manufactures. Lions of Michigan Foundation is given credits to be used towards the purchase of new hearing aids. Most Clubs collect hearing aids with their glasses. If you have hearing aids for recycling give them to our Foundation Reps. Lions Pete or Pam, your zone chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.



We are “pawing” in-person **PAWS** presentations until further notice. This is due to Winter weather, COVID, and Lion Mike will be in training with his new **PAWS** dog, Cowboy. They are working on tasks such as Cowboy bringing the house phone to Mike and alerting him to a door knock. Here Cowboy is assisting with sock sorting.



Lions Mike & Tina Hoy
PAWS District 11-E1 Project Co-Chairs
hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354
PAWS contact: 616-877-7297 or
www.pawswithacause.org

Please provide updates on District 11E1 Projects!

Service Stories

Each Lion and every club is changing lives in ways both great and small. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. We make an effort to post club service stories under the District Club Happenings section of the Lion Pride. Has your story been shared? Contact your District Editor, listed here:

District 11E-1 Newsletter Editors, Mike and Tina Hoy—Please submit your club information in Word and pictures as an attachment. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

Please submit materials for March 2021 Newsletter before February 22, 2021.

Mark Your Calendars!

INVITATION TO DISTRICT 11-B1 VIRTUAL WINTER CAMP

The District 11-B1 Lions Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired is virtual this year, but we hope to be back in business at the Battle Creek Public School Outdoor Education Center in February of 2022. Our committee wants to thank your clubs for the response to contributions for support of our virtual event this year!

The Winter Camp Committee of District 11-B1 would like to invite you to be our guests.

What: 2021 VIRTUAL 11-B1 Winter Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired

When: February 6, from 1 pm to 5:30-6 pm. (Zoom line will open at 12 pm)

Where: The comfort of your warm home or office.

About this event: We have about 75 Blind and Visually Impaired Campers registered for the event, which will include several elements of our usual Winter Camp held at the Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Education Center. We will have a Bible discussion, nature segment, a craft activity, and a talent show/camp memories section. We will also be raffling the gift cards (campers only) that so many clubs have donated toward this event.

International Women's Day Saturday, March 6th, 1-3 pm

All Lady Lions in district 11E1 are invited to a combined virtual and in-person fun chat with other female Lions from our district. This will be an open discussion for anything our women would like to discuss. Let's get together and meet each other and join forces in discussing how women bring strength to the Lions organization.

Snacks and beverages will be provided, casual attire.

Lion Terry Ventocilla, Vice President, Big Rapids Lions
1115 Rose Ave
Big Rapids, MI 49307

For Zoom Information, contact Lion Jackie Glazier, IPDG

jackieglazier14@yahoo.com



THE SERVICE MUST GO ON!

MICHIGAN LIONS VIRTUAL FORUM

Join us at 9:00 a.m.
for this free event

SATURDAY
February 27
2021

(5) 20-minute
breakout sessions including:

- Serving Safely
- Leos in a Virtual World of Service
- Zoom 101

Keynote Address by
VDG Daniel Marney Elkins:
How do we Approach
the Younger Generation?

For details, check the Lions of Michigan website at
<http://www.lionsofmi.com>

Get Ready for the Michigan Lions Greatest Virtual Show on Earth
As we present: **The SERVICE Must Go On! Saturday, February 27**



Join us for 5 inspiring breakout sessions geared toward SERVICE programs and ideas to incorporate into your Lions Club. Listen to keynote speaker VDG Daniel Marney Elkins as he addresses *How to Evolve our Service to Survive*. In these difficult times Lions Clubs all over the world are faced with the challenges of having to find ways to continue to serve in the "new normal" of a world that has been impacted by a global pandemic. Join VDG Daniel for an interactive learning presentation about how to evolve and adapt to ensure that we fulfill our commitment to empower volunteers to serve their communities and to meet humanitarian needs. The Service Must Go On and We must Serve to Survive!

Lion Daniel Marney Elkins is a professional drug prevention specialist and is the director of the Bellevue Prevention and Outreach Center. He specializes in creating youth leadership programming by teaching strategic thinking and service learning. Lion Daniel is one of the founders of the Lions Virtual movement and is also part of the executive committee for the North American Membership Initiative's Young Lion Task Force. He also serves as a new club development consultant for Lions Clubs International. Lion Daniel was also just recently elected as 2nd Vice District Governor of the state of Delaware which is District 22-D.

2021 LIONS OF MICHIGAN VIRTUAL FORUM:
THE ***SERVICE*** MUST GO ON!
LION PRIDE ADVERTISEMENT SPECIAL:
¼ PAGE AD FOR JUST \$40.00

Take advantage of this special advertising rate to showcase your club's service and support of the Michigan Forum.

Advertisements will appear in the March issues of the Lion Pride.

Please submit your camera ready advertisement for inclusion in the Lion Pride via email to: wburns@lionsofmi.com

Deadline for the March Pride: February 22



Dear Lion,

You and I share the belief that we have the power to make a better future for all people. Because Lions have a passion for what's possible. There may be challenges ahead of us, but there are opportunities too.

Let's continue to deliver hope to our communities. Let's continue to innovate and serve safely. Let's continue to keep our eyes and hearts open to new opportunities to make a difference every day in people's lives. Together, we can build a better future for our families, communities and the world we share.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

MICHIGAN TAX FORM

The Lions of Michigan Service Foundation worked with state legislators to be placed on the Michigan Tax form charities list. There are nine organizations that you can make a charitable deduction to on the form. However, sometimes it takes patience to find the item on your 1040 or the form that you use. The stipulation with the legislation is that each agency must earn approximately \$50,000 a year from tax filers to stay on the form. All Michigan taxpayers can donate. The Michigan Lions Foundation has been on the charitable list for three years and has earned only about half that amount in any year. A donation can be made by those taxpayers receiving a refund and those owing the Michigan government more taxes. The donation does not have to be large. A five- or - ten -dollar (the price of a Mac and a drink) donation would help. This is an easy way for Lions to help the Foundation complete its mission to the people of Michigan in the form of hearing aids, KidSight screening, eye surgeries and much more. Use the attached form (pg 11 below) when you complete your taxes and encourage your family and friends to do so. A donation can go a long way. The attached form should accompany your taxes.

2020 MICHIGAN Voluntary Contributions Schedule

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this schedule to make a donation from your refund to any of the organizations listed below. If you are not receiving a refund, your donation will increase your tax due. Check the box associated with the dollar amount you wish to contribute in columns A or B or enter a specific dollar amount greater than \$10 in the space provided in column C. Enter the total of your contribution for each line in column D. For detailed descriptions of each fund, see the reverse side of this form. Include with Form MI-1040.

Type or print in blue or black ink.

Attachment 18

Filer's First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Filer's Full Social Security No. (Example: 123-45-6789) — —
If a Joint Return, Spouse's First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Spouse's Full Social Security No. (Example: 123-45-6789) — —

	A.	B.	C. Other Amount (greater than \$10)	D. Total Contribution
1. American Red Cross Michigan Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	1. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
2. Animal Welfare Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	2. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
3. Children's Trust Fund - Prevent Child Abuse Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	3. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
4. Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund ..	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	4. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
5. Kiwanis Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	5. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
6. Lions of Michigan Foundation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	6. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
7. Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	7. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
8. Military Family Relief Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	8. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
9. United Way Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00	9. <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> 00
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This form must be included with your MI-1040 to ensure your contributions are properly credited to the designated fund(s).

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Dear Lion Leaders,

I hope this correspondence finds each of you healthy and safe during these unprecedented times. This pandemic has stressed our organization, our nation, and the world like no one could have ever imagined. I firmly believe that during difficult times, true leaders shine. I am proud of each of you for not only stepping up to lead the charge, but to lead by example. General Patton once said, “A good plan, violently executed now, is better than a perfect plan next week.” The fact of the matter is that we are thinking on our feet and as situations are thrust upon us. There is no textbook on how to handle the present state of affairs. Therefore, no matter what level of leadership, whether it be at the club level or on the international board, we must think and react swiftly and adapt to change. What aids us in the decision-making process? It’s simple, your heart and your passion to serve. We know if we don’t continue to do acts of service in our communities, people will be lost and alone in what arguably may be the most difficult points in their lives. The need today may be greater than ever before. Disasters don’t stop because of a pandemic. Your community needs you; the world needs you. When we joined our clubs, we were drawn to our motto, “we serve”. So, I ask you to continue to lead as you have never done before. Look for new ways to serve our communities, new members to aid us in the charge, and thrive to be the best leader that you can be.

Your International Board of Directors are here to serve by your side. The following are some recent actions taken by your board:

1. [Charter and entrance fee waiver through June 30, 2021](#). Any new club chartered, or any new member sponsored into our organization will be exempt from the standard fee to become a member/club. The board understands at this time, many

people want to serve but are financially strained. We wish to not withhold one's membership for reasons that they did not have control over or had no opportunity to plan. Our hopes are that this will encourage our members to seek out the individuals that share the same passion as you and I and not have them turned away for financial reasons.

2. [Flexible Payments through June 30, 2021.](#) Clubs that were in good standing on December 31, 2020, will not be suspended or canceled for nonpayment of dues. The board understands that many of our current members face financial hardships because of the pandemic. Members that have paid dues for 10, 20, 30 years have now struggled to continue their financial obligation because of the pandemic. We are passionate about each one of our over 1.4 million members and understand that each one of those members touches on average the lives of 50 individuals each year.

3. [The International Convention has now gone virtual.](#) With the potential tens of thousands of our members that would transcend in Montreal, Quebec, it would not be safe. The board recognizes the value of our members safety and while we realize there is no way to completely allow our members to feel the experience of an international convention, we are offering the next best thing, a virtual convention. This will allow even more individuals to have the convention experience. We will elect our new executive officers as well as new international board members.

Lastly, for my friends in CA1 (U.S.A. and Canada) I wanted to acknowledge the USA/Canada Leadership forum is still being planned. The forum will be hosted by the Iowa Lions in Des Moines September 9-11, 2021. I encourage each of you to register now and reserve your seat. If the forum is cancelled or you find you are unable to attend, a refund will be issued.

[Register for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Here](#)

Yours in Lionism,

Justin K. Faber



35th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

GREAT PRIZES

1st-\$5,000 - 2nd-\$2,500 - 3rd-\$2,000
4th- \$1,500 - 5th-\$1,000 - 6th-\$500
7th-\$400 - 8th-\$300 - 9th-\$200 - 10th-\$100

SELLER INCENTIVES

1st-\$750 - 2nd-\$500 - 3rd-\$250 - 4th-\$100

EASY MONEY

30-99 Tickets Sold = \$3.50 Per Ticket For Club
100 - 249 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket For Club
250+ Tickets = \$5.50 Per Ticket For Club

DRAWINGS

TICKET SELLERS DRAWING

May 1, 2021
Lions of Michigan State Office
Lansing, Michigan

FINAL DRAWING

May 22, 2021
MD 11 Convention - Holland, MI

The PRICE is RIGHT

\$10.00 Per Ticket

Attention-Attention-Attention

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

Upon receipt of your gift, we will mail a sweepstakes ticket stub and sweepstakes information to your honoree with a card acknowledging your gift.



imsf.net - lhcmi.org

Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift
35th Annual Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

Donor's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Honoree's Name: _____

Honoree's Email Address: _____

Honoree's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____



Introducing “Lions Cards for Kids!”

A Covid – safe, fun project anyone can do!

Would you write even just one quick note of support for a child fighting cancer?

In recognition of International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day on February 15th, your Michigan Childhood Cancer Committee (MCCC) has an easy challenge for every Michigan Lion!

Make or buy a card of encouragement for a child battling cancer. It can be as simple as you like, or you can go “all-out” with stickers, glitter and other decorations. Just write from your heart or Google and Pinterest will give you tons of ideas. Whatever you choose, we challenge our 12,000 Michigan Lions to send out a card...or three! This could also be a fun family project and can of course be done anytime throughout the year.

Once it’s done, send it to one of the addresses below. Our Lions focus projects will get them to the kids. Easy peasy! Make sure to sign them from “Lion Your Name Here.”

A big “Thank You” from the kids, and from all of us on the MCCC!

- Kids Kicking Cancer
27600 Northwestern Hwy #220
Southfield, MI 48034
- Camp Quality
5 E Main St #6
Boyne City, MI 49712
- Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids
30130 Harper Ave.
St Clair Shores, MI 48082

Lion Laura Hunt, MCCC Chair

Mark Your Calendars!

MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION, MAY 20-21

The MD 11 Lions Convention planning committee is hard at work planning the details of the 2021 convention, to be held in Holland at the DoubleTree Hotel May 20-21. For those of you who have never attended the MD 11 Lions Convention in the past, you are encouraged to attend!

LCI President Choi is our invited guest speaker, and we are optimistic about his travel to Michigan. We are in constant contact with the hotel staff in the planning of this year's convention.

At this time, the committee is planning for an in-person event with the option to move to a virtual event if warranted.

Paws for a Cause will be our host for the pre-convention picnic on Thursday, May 19. We are excited to partner with **Paws for a Cause** and tour their facility. The picnic is a great opportunity to meet with Lion friends from around the state and affords everyone in attendance the chance to meet with President Choi in a relaxed environment.

Reservations at the hotel can be made by calling 616-394-0111. Mention Lions of Michigan when making your arrangements.

Watch for future updates and announcements!

