



DISTRICT GOVERNOR JIM PATTERSON'S MESSAGE

"Service is Music for the Soul"

That's my theme this year. I love the good feelings I get after working on a service project. Fund raisers don't do it for me as much as being able to say "I did a good thing today. I helped someone." In fact, that is the thing that keeps me in Lions. There are Lions Clubs I call "check writing clubs." They raise money and then write checks, giving their funds to the state and national projects. Don't get me wrong - those projects are important and need Lion's donations. But to me, writing a check doesn't give the same feeling as pitching in to help someone.



And there are other, real, benefits to serving local needs. An important one is using a local service project to encourage volunteerism. I wrote last month about the "serial" volunteer - the person who is willing to work on Lions projects but is not willing to join the club. While that may sound undesirable, it can be a real advantage. A reliable cadre of volunteers allows a small club to take on large projects. Bigger projects make a bigger impact on our community which, in turn, creates more media "buzz." The buzz makes folks take notice and wonder about the great Lions organization. That allows you to "soft-sell" the virtues of Lionism and encourage membership.

I've seen prospective volunteers scared away because a well-meaning Lions member holds a membership blank up and does the hard sell about joining. Not every volunteer is a potential member but will come back to volunteer again and again if they feel good about the job we ask them to do.

I've also seen the opposite occur. At the international convention in Boston earlier this month I witnessed what can happen if you make volunteering spiritually rewarding. After ten years - yes, ten years - of volunteering at LCI conventions, that volunteer was sworn in as a Lions member to the cheers of eleven thousand Lions.

So, when you coax a non-member to volunteer for one of your club's service projects you have a responsibility to make that service project enjoyable and, more importantly, spiritually rewarding. After all, service is music for the soul and you want everyone's soul to sing at the end of the day.



IPDG Jackie Glazier, DG Jim Patterson, 1st VDG Ken Hisey, & 2nd VDG Penny McGlaughlin

District 11E1 Officers 2023/2024

DG Jim Patterson, Fremont Lions Club
 1st VDG Ken Hisey, Mt. Pleasant Lions Club
 2nd VDG Penny McGlaughlin, Harrison Lions Club
 Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee—IPDG Jackie Glazier, Kingsley Lions Club

1st VDG Ken Hisey



2nd VDG Penny McGlaughlin



Hello Fellow Lions,

I am looking forward to working with all Lions in our District. I have been a Lion for over 15 years. I love it! There is just so much our Lions do in their community and in the District. Lions are the best!

My husband has Alzheimer's and I am trying to take care of his needs. So please be patient with me. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you all and keep up the great work!

Lions of Michigan HALL OF FAME

The 2023 Induction Ceremony will be on Saturday, August 5, 6 pm at the Comfort Inn Hotel in Mt. Pleasant. This year PCC Janalee McClure from our district will be recognized and inducted.

Congratulations Janalee!!!

[For more information see the Lion Pride Magazine.]



Service Stories and submissions to “LIONS CONNECTIONS”

We post club service stories and/or news under the “*Club News*” section of the District 11E1 newsletter. Has your story been shared? Our District 11E1 newsletter is forwarded to Lions of Michigan for consideration in the **LION PRIDE MAGAZINE**.

Please submit articles in Word [Please no PDF files] and pictures in jpeg format as an attachment for the September 2023 Newsletter by August 24 to Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at hoym@charter.net or call 989-832-8354. Any District 11E1 Lion can submit articles and/or pictures for the newsletter.

Letter from the Editors:

Dear District 11E1 Lions,

We have been the co-editors of the District 11E1 newsletter, “***Lions Connection***”, since July 2019. We will be retiring as editors of the newsletter at the end of this Lion year, June 2024. After doing this for five years, it is time for someone else to step in. Please consider taking over this role and adding a fresh spin to the newsletter. If you are interested in this job, please let 1st VDG Ken Hisey know. This is a great opportunity to serve your District and improve the newsletter publication. We would be happy to work with you to get started and answer any questions. We are letting you all know now that we are stepping down to give someone time to consider stepping in. We will continue to be active in District 11E1, but will serve in others ways. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve our District in this capacity for these five years! **WE SERVE!**

Lions Mike & Tina Hoy

CLUB NEWS

COLEMAN LIONS



At the July 17 meeting of the Coleman Lions Club, PDG Al Roesler inducted three more officers to include Lion Jason Perkins as Director, PCC Jeff Schafer as Secretary, and Lion Amy Hovey as 2nd VP. Unable to attend the ceremony was Lion Pam Render as Treasurer.



Southeastern Guide Dog in Training, Jamy (black female Lab), raised by PCC Jeff & PDG Sheryl Schafer was placed as a guide dog with a client in mid-July at the Southeastern Guide Dogs located in Palmetto, Florida. Jamy was their 1st puppy raised for Southeastern Guide Dogs and 11th overall. They have raised 10 puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind out of Rochester Hills, MI.

MOUNT PLEASANT LIONS

[Below are items taken from Mount Pleasant Lions Club newsletter—*"MANE EVENTS"*]

- August 9 (Wednesday), 7PM, West Michigan vs. Loons at Midland.
- On Monday, August 28, at Chip-A-Waters park at 6PM is the famous Rudoni BBQ. Everything is provided. Lion Steve would appreciate the number of members and guests who will be attending.
- We will again be stuffing backpacks for children at McLaren Hospital. Lion Kelsey Coyne has ordered the necessary "stuffings." Where and when will be announced.
- The annual "Zoo In The Park" took place in late June, and several of our members participated in sight screening. Approximately 20 children were tested and some results needed further examination. How important it is to take advantage of this program and early diagnosis. Lion Desormes did a great job of recruiting applicants.
- Just this past Monday, the club dined in Claudia Schimmelman's garden in Winn. A great variety of food and an enjoyable evening, with Lion Gerard providing the event.

STANDWOOD LIONS

Stanwood Lions Club have been busy planning their 2nd Annual Volunteer of the Decade Dinner to occur on August 26, 6pm, at St. Mary's Parish Center. Cost: \$10. Tickets available—contact PDG Jim Walls at 231- 679 -7911. Ten organizations from Mecosta County come together to celebrate their volunteers and network.

Stanwood Lions Club continue to cook hotdogs and sloppy joes at Morley Community Center Flea Market every Saturday.

Stanwood Lions Club was involved in the July 4th celebration of a Veteran at the Morley Community Center. They served the refreshments and were recognized during the ceremony.

EMPIRE LIONS

The Empire Lions Auction & Yard Sale will be on Sunday, August 12.

BALDWIN LIONS



July has been a busy month for the Baldwin Lions. We, once again, had our ice cream booth at the annual Bitley Homecoming. Thanks to the superb skills of Lion Ed Schmidt, we nearly sold out of ice cream! The banana splits and hot fudge sundaes were favorites of the adults. But the ever popular cones kept all of our Lions busy grinding ice! The club made a profit of over \$600 during the weekend event. A BIG thank you to HOUSE of FLAVORS in Ludington for donating all the ice cream and our local grocer, Houseman's, for donating the ice!

District Float in Troutarama Parade in Baldwin



LAKEVIEW LIONS

Another sunny day, not hot, not cool, but a Goldilocks type of "just right" day was Friday, June 9, when the Lakeview Lions Club once again hosted their annual *Golf Outing*. There were lots of smiles and teams out on the golf course showing their skills and enjoying a good time with friends. After registering, contributing even more by purchasing 50/50 or door prizes tickets, the golfers were then off and "teed off" at 9am.





The golfers' contributions were beyond appreciated; but, in addition to the golfers, we also had many giving sponsors and contributors to this fundraiser. Golfers enjoyed some hot dogs at the turn and then a very filling luncheon at the end. There were burgers, brats, a few different types of salads, baked beans, many desserts, and the list goes on. No one went home hungry!

In addition to enjoying the day with these golfers, the Lakeview Lions



Club added two new members to the club. We'd like to thank everyone that helped support our Golf outing in one way or another such as sponsorship, door prize donations, food for the luncheon, etc.

This week I've seen so many wonderful pictures and short stories of people's time at this year's **Summerfest**. The sun, laughter, friends, sounds, smells, rides, parades, barking, singing, and yep, the list does go on. We have so much to be thankful for in our small town.

Summerfest was Friday, June 17. The Lions Club started out at the south side party in front of the Family Dollar in Leppink's parking lot. There were bounce houses and other games provided by many local businesses. Radio M106.3 was even there providing music to the crowd. Our club had



the Lions KidSight trailer there to do free vision screenings for kids ages 6 months and up. KidSight screenings provide early detection of vision problems in hopes of preventing learning delays and a lifetime of potential vision loss. It took just a few brief



minutes to have the camera check each of the children that visited us although I think they enjoyed getting their picture taken as a Lion a tad bit more!



Saturday was our annual chicken BBQ sale at Lakeside Park. The food was tasty as always with many regulars stopping by as well as a few new customers to our pavilion plus we had quite the entertainment while eating; the air dog show was right near us!

As usual, the Lions Club would like to thank all our contributors and volunteers that helped to make these events successful and also to you for your continued support to our Local, State and International causes.

Wednesday, June 28 was a pretty special night for the Lakeview Lions Club. There was an induction ceremony for new members along with the swearing in of this next year's officers and member chairs. We had the honor of our District Governor Elect, Jim Patterson, at our meeting to conduct the ceremony. When the ceremony started, District Governor Elect Patterson awarded Lion Hal Wilkes with a 20-year service chevron! Twenty years serving the community! Way to go Lion Hal!

Next, he recognized new members to the Pride. He



gave each new member a new member packet and a Lions club pin. They went to Trevor Geodge, Greg Hetherington, Colton Leppink, Teri Skaggs and Amy Wales who all joined the ranks and we are so happy to welcome them to the Club. With more members comes the opportunity to do more things for and serve our community!

Finally, DG Patterson did the 'swearing in' of officers and member chairs for Lakeview's club. It included Greg



McKenna, President; Dawn Johnson, 1st Vice President; Mary Snyder 2nd Vice President; Amy Wales, Secretary; Rosemary Witt, Treasurer, Deb Ashbaugh, Lion Tamer / Tail Twister; Hal Wilkes, Membership Chair; and Lisa Jensen, Media and Outreach.





New Lakeview Lions members.



Lakeview Lions officers for 2023/2024

MIDLAND LIONS

Our upcoming summer fundraisers include the 24th annual Hole In One challenge from July 31st thru August 4th which is immediately followed by our 34th annual Chicken BBQ dinner on August 5th. Contact any Midland Lion for Chicken dinner tickets.

MIDLAND LIONS ANNOUNCE 2023-2024 ROGER MAIER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



The Midland Lions Club, working through the Midland Area Community Foundation, has awarded the Roger Maier Scholarship to Jamie Bacon. She is a Saginaw Valley University graduate student from Midland and a 2019 graduate of Bullock Creek High School. Bacon will receive \$3,000 to assist her in achieving a Master's degree. [Roger Maier was a mathematics teacher and coach at Northeast Middle School in Midland for 32 years. It was his bequest that established this scholarship.]

Bacon, who earned her bachelor's degree from SVSU, has already earned more than half the credits needed for her Master's degree. She will also earn her Special Educational credentials and she has earned a 3.947 GPA while doing so.

She credits her pursuit of a Learning Disabilities certification to the fact that she, herself, was diagnosed as having dyslexia as a third grader. She believes that she can pay forward the benefits she received as a youngster by empowering others to learn to read and write via untraditional ways. Bacon is appreciative of the scholarship because it will help her become Orton-Gillingham certified, which is a program used to help students with dyslexia learn to read and write.

District *Projects*



I would like to come and visit your club for a presentation. Please contact me through Lions Mike and Tina Hoy at hoym@charter.net or 989-832-8354.

Cowboy Hoy, Hearing/Assistance Dog



Greetings, fellow Lions-

Here is the website link: <https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/>

Each month, a newsletter page will be uploaded to our website. Help spread the good partnership between Lions and Leader Dog and how people blind, visually impaired, and DeafBlind are being served. Together we serve,

Lion Beth, Director of Lions Engagement

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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., your Zone Chairs, or Lion Peggy Frank at 616 217-6840 for pick-up.

EYEGLOSS MISSION TRIP 2023

We still have plenty of glasses both unfinished and finished. We would like to go on a Mission Trip but are still looking for Eye Doctors that would like to help us carry out our Mission work. If your Lions Club would like to schedule a workshop on sorting and cleaning used eyeglasses, please call PDG Harry Johnson at 231 745-4524 and leave a message if I'm not home. We are currently looking to go to Puerto Penasco, Mexico, this October. Please contact PDG Harry Johnson for more details lionharry1947@gmail.com

Lions of Michigan Foundation

WE ALL EAT!

We all eat breakfast, lunch and dinner or supper, unless we are dieting and skip a meal. Are you eating the same menu and need innovative ideas of what to prepare for these meals? The Michigan Lions Service Foundation has come to your rescue. They have a new cookbook with recipes from Lions across the state of Michigan. Staying at home during COVID has encouraged more of us to try our hand at gourmet cooking and change our usual menu. Cookbooks sell for \$15.00 and can be purchased from your Foundation trustees, Dan Gibbons or Jackie Glazier or call the Foundation to set up a fundraiser (Chad McCann - 517-887-6640, ext. 2). If a club would like to sell them as a fundraiser, the Foundation will reimburse you \$5.00 per cookbook for twenty plus cookbooks sold. See the flyer in this issue (next page).

Lions of Michigan Foundation Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers

Cookbook Fundraiser



Lions Clubs are well known throughout the world for the services we provide to help people with hearing and vision loss. Nearly a century ago, Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs to be "Knights of the Blind," and she declared that "the problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune, for it means the loss of the most vital stimulus — the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

Our new Lions Hearing Centers Cookbook was developed to create awareness for the treatment of hearing loss and to provide funding for our Michigan Lions Affordable Hearing Aid and Hearing Screening Programs, which offer affordable hearing care options for Michigan residents.

With your help, we can continue to change the lives of thousands of Michigan residents who need and depend on the Lions Clubs of Michigan and our partners, sponsors and friends for the treatment of the their hearing loss. Lions Clubs or other nonprofit organizations who sell 20 or more cookbooks collectively will receive a \$5 rebate for each book sold to be used for their local projects.

As a Public Charity, all contributions to the Lions of Michigan Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We appreciate your support!

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Cookbook Order and Donation Form

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I would like to purchase _____ cookbook(s) for \$15 each for a total of \$_____.

I would like to make a donation to the Lions Hearing Centers in the amount of \$_____.

Payment Method: ___ Check ___ Credit Card ___ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Lions Club or Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION—2024 GROUP CRUISE

ROYAL CARIBBEAN - NAVIGATOR OF THE SEAS

7-Night Cruise: February 2 - February 9, 2024

ROUNDRIP - LOS ANGELES, CA

Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

PRICING: 2 PEOPLE - \$50 ONBOARD CREDIT PER ROOM

4V - Interior Stateroom: \$1,240.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Stateroom Size: 150 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests

4N - Ocean View Stateroom: \$1,690.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Size Stateroom: 160 square feet - occupancy up to 4 guests

2D - Balcony Stateroom: \$2,418.00 + \$268.68 Taxes/Fees + \$224.00 Gratuity

Stateroom size: 185 square feet + 50 square feet balcony - occupancy up to 4 guests



Lions, After some negotiation with Royal Caribbean (RC), we have settled on a competitive price for our 2024 LMF Group Cruise. These prices are higher than we originally posted as RC was previously offering higher discounts, however, the final pricing we have secured is the best pricing currently available for our cruise, and it includes a \$50 per stateroom onboard credit. If someone is able to secure better pricing on our cruise, they may do so, and we can add them to our group following their booking, and we will still get credit for their reservation. For individuals who have already submitted a reservation deposit, we will refund their deposit, or we can apply their deposit to a room based on the new pricing on the attached reservation form. Note, we have reserved 35 rooms (20 balcony, 10 interior and 5 ocean view), and they will be assigned on a first-come first-serve basis. Rooms can be reserved with a \$500 per stateroom deposit (\$250 per person), and final payment for the Room/Taxes/Fees will be due by November 20, 2023. Gratuity of \$112 per person can

I would like an Interior Stateroom for ____ Adults and ____ Children (Age 12 or under).

I would like an Oceanview Stateroom for ____ Adults and ____ Children (Age 12 or under).

I would like a Balcony Stateroom for ____ Adults and ____ Children (Age 12 or Under).

Stateroom Deposit - \$250 Per Person: ____ Check ____ Credit/Debit Card ____ Pay Pal (info@lmsf.net)

Credit/Debit Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____ Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____

Legal Names: _____ - Birth Date: _____

_____ - Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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be paid prior to sailing, or it will be added to your onboard account on a daily basis.

Thanks! Chad A. McCann, Director, Lions of Michigan Foundation, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48911
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•Information about this scholarship will be posted on District website and sent to Club Presidents and Secretaries to pass on to District members.