

# Lioness District 11-C2

*"We Serve Better Together"*

*District President Lioness Mary Kallin  
February 2018 Newsletter*



## *District President's Message*

Welcome to February....almost. I want to remind everyone about upcoming events....your participation is needed for them to be successful.

Our next cabinet meeting is February 10. Please RSVP a club attendance count to one of the District Coordinators. Their contact information is included on page two on this newsletter. Bonnie Billings Award forms are due at that time, so please bring four copies with you to the meeting.

Registration for the convention on March 16-18 is due soon. Please mail your registration form to Lioness Dona Gartside PDP as soon as possible to help us with planning.

We Serve Too!

-- **Lioness Mary Kallin DP**



## Important Dates

### **Cabinet Meeting**

February 10, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.  
Perry VFW  
601 N. Main Street

### **Region/District Meeting**

April 22, 2018  
Perry City Hall  
203 W. Polly Street

### **Lions/Lioness Convention**

March 16-18, 2018  
(Cabinet meeting - March 17)  
Owosso Comstock Inn

### **Cabinet Meeting**

May 5, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.  
Perry VFW  
601 N. Main Street

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Fundraiser  
Friday, April 6, 2018  
Grand Ledge Masonic Temple  
Details Coming Soon!

## District 11-C2 Convention



Please remember to send your reservation for the District 11-C2 Convention to Lioness Dona Gartside PDP. The convention will take place on March 16-18 at the Comstock Inn in Owosso. Room rates are \$85, plus taxes. When calling, please mention the Lions District 11-C2 Convention. Join with other Lions and

Lionesses to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lions Clubs International.

The theme is "We Are A Better Family Together." On Friday evening there will be food, music and games as well as a photo booth with photo opportunities for all. Come dressed as your favorite TV character, family or creature. It's TV Night!

Saturday activities include a Lioness awards breakfast, business meetings, Lions awards lunch and break-out sessions. An awards dinner will be held Saturday evening and a memorial brunch will be on held Sunday honoring Lions and Lionesses who passed away in 2017.

Attached is a certification form that should be returned to Lioness Kay Olson, PDP, by February 16. Registration and others forms are available on the District 11-C2 website.

## Lions of Michigan Forum

The annual forum will be held on February 16-17 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. This annual event is always full of useful information and interesting topics in the breakout sessions. This year's keynote speaker is Ann Guzdial, Chief Program Officer for Special Olympics of Michigan.

Friday Night at the Forum: There will be a large group service project, with Special Olympics Michigan the designated benefactor. First aid kits will be assembled and distributed to Special Olympic coaches and volunteers. Clubs may bring supplies to the Michigan Forum on Friday, February 16, for packaging.

Saturday Breakout Sessions: Breakout sessions will be offered during four sessions from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Information about the sessions was included in the January newsletter and is available on the District 11-C2 website.

Leos at the Forum: There will be a breakout session designed specifically for Leo members to help strengthen their leadership skills and gain new ideas.

Lunch at the Forum: Lunch will be held at 12:30 p.m., followed by White Cane scholarships, keynote address, closing remarks and door prize drawings.

It is a great event for members to increase their Lionism and meet Lions, Lionesses and Leos from around the state. A flyer/registration form is available at <http://www.district11c2.org/>.

## Leader Dogs & LYE Camp

Attached is a letter from Lions JoAnn Sheehan and Eileen Delaney, Leader Dogs and Youth Exchange chairs. They are available for presentations at meetings. In the letter, you will note that fundraising for the Leader Dogs program is running behind in the District and they hope clubs will consider making a donation.

Youth Exchange host homes are needed this summer. Students arrive between June 30 and August 1 and generally stay 4-8 weeks. Additional details are included in the attachment. Camping items also are needed for the Lions Youth Exchange Camp. A "wish list" can be found in the attachment as well.

Please contact Lion JoAnn or Lion Eileen if you have questions.

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## Karola Klette Award

Nominations are still being accepted for the Karola Klette Outstanding Club President Award, which is given annually District Convention. It will be presented to a 2016-17 Club President judged to be the most outstanding based on nominations received. The criteria for this award can be found on page 18 of the District Roster. The deadline for entries is February 10. Send your letter of nomination to:

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## Bonnie Billings Award

The Bonnie Billings Award was initiated in 1979 by PDP Virginia Eisinger in memory of Bonnie Billings of Laingsburg. Each year the award is presented to the club that the District Bonnie Billings Award Committee determines, by the forms submitted, has done an outstanding job of community service from February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018. Please complete the attached form and bring four copies to the February 10 District Cabinet meeting. This award is presented at the District Convention in March.

## Diabetes Awareness Fundraiser

PDG Tom Doyle on behalf of DG Brent Beracy is working on a bike trail ride fundraiser for the District Diabetes Awareness Committee. The event will be held on May 5, starting in St. Johns and ending in Ovid and/or Owosso. Proceeds will support individuals who do not test their blood sugar levels because of the cost of testing supplies. Lion Tom needs assistance in many ways, including financial support from every Lions and Lioness Club in the District to help with upfront costs. He also needs man/woman power to run the event and, of course, riders to sign up and pay the entrance fee and ride in the event. Additional information will be available soon. Contact PDG Tom at 517-881-9684 (cell) or [doyle@msu.edu](mailto:doyle@msu.edu) with questions or to offer help.

## Virginia Eisinger Award

Qualifications for the Virginia Eisinger Award for Outstanding Lioness of the year include:

1. Be a member in good standing.
2. Attend the Lioness conference in November.
3. Attend a cabinet meeting.
4. Visit at least one other club.
5. Chair a committee.

Nominations come from your own club. The nominee cannot hold a current office either in your own club or in the District (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer). The award cannot go to a Past District President. There can only be one nomination per club and all nominations must be received by the District Cabinet meeting in February. Attached is a form, which includes a section for the club president's comments. These comments will weigh heavily in the committee's decision.



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If you have photographs, stories and other items you would like added to the Lioness District 11-C2 Facebook page, please forward them to one of the following page administrators:

- Lioness Nikita Becks: [becks.nikita@gmail.com](mailto:becks.nikita@gmail.com)
- Lioness Jenifer Owens: [Owensj494@gmail.com](mailto:Owensj494@gmail.com)

## Around the District

**Delta:** The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration has been changed again due a scheduling conflict with another event at the Grand Ledge Masonic Temple. The new date is Saturday, September 19, 2018.

**Grand Ledge:** Hosted a speaker from Sparrow Hospice at the January meeting.

**Ovid-Elsie:** The January meeting program was Elsie Baby Pantry and Ronald McDonald House; they collected items for those organizations.

**St. Johns:** Working on the annual Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on March 31.

**FROM THE EDITOR:** Please remember to add me to your club's newsletter mailing list or send me a summary of fundraisers, community service projects and other items of interest. My email is [dcarnicom@chartermi.net](mailto:dcarnicom@chartermi.net).

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