



**October 2023**

# Lions District 11-C2 Newsletter

Editor: Lion Robert Tetzlaff PDG



## District 11-C2 Officers

Governor: Lion Ted Hamilton  
1st Vice Gov.: Lion Carl Cozart  
2nd Vice Gov.: Vacant  
Secretary: Lion Becky Hamilton PDG  
Treasurer: Lion Robert Phillips  
IPDG: Lion Traci Tribley

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R1-Z1: Lion Jenny Stromlund  
R1-Z2: Lion Aleta Cozart  
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R2-Z2: Lion Kenny Kinsey  
R3-Z1: Lion Michael O'Bryant  
R3-Z2: Lion Eileen Delaney  
R4-Z1: Lion Wendy Mater

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## From the desk of the Governor



Fellow Lions of District 11-C2, hope all of you are well.

The rollout of the new Lions International website has now been delayed to January 2024 as they continue to get the bugs worked out and align it with the 11 official languages LCI uses.

September kept us busier than mosquitos at a bloodbank. PDG Becky and I assisted the Wacousta Lions at the Sept 1 MSU/CMU football game working the concession stand fundraiser.

Sept 7, Lions Denise and Tracy Temple and myself assisted a bedbound man in Durand whose hospital bed was not working properly. We root-caused the malfunction, and ended up replacing the controller on the bed, and got him back in business.

PDG Becky and I were invited by Lions of Mich Exec Director Chad McCann to attend their Webberville Lions club for a great meeting/cookout Sept 11 at the home of Lion Tom Ancel.

Sept 12 we enjoyed a nice visit with the Vermontville Lions at the invite of Lion Mark Jorgenson. R3Z1 Zone Chair Mike O'Bryant was also in attendance. We had the honor and pleasure of meeting PDG "Sweet Gene" Fisher, a 56 year Lion.

Sept 17, PDG Brent Beracy, VDG Carl Cozart and I attended the awesome Bancroft Lioness Lions brunch and business meeting. Hearts were heavy from the recent loss of beloved member Darlene Reeser-Flynn. Later in the meeting, PDG Traci Tribley announced the addition of new Lions Drew Stocker, Kyle Leader, Tina Matthews, and Alex Smith

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## Bit of Wisdom

LOOK FOR  
SOMETHING  
POSITIVE IN EACH  
DAY, EVEN IF  
SOME DAYS YOU  
HAVE TO LOOK A  
LITTLE HARDER.

## From DG Continued

Under the leadership of GMT PDG Tracy Temple and GLT PDG Brent Beracy, there was an informational event held at the Byron Municipal Building on Sept 19, to promote starting a new Lions Club in the village of Byron. FVDG Carl Cozart and myself also attended.

Sept 20 we attended the Dewitt Breakfast Club morning meeting along with ZC R2Z2 Kenny Kinsey where several members received club awards, and Lion Patrick Donlon became a Melvin Jones Fellow!

Sept 21 we attended the Bath Township club meeting for a great meal, where they awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a 2023 Bath H.S. graduate, and inducted new member Eric Goodnoe!

Sept 24 we visited the Ashley Lions and their annual chicken BBQ fundraiser at the Ashley High School. It was a very successful and well attended event, and they sold out of meals!

Sept 25 we attended the Wacousta Lions meeting along with ZC Kenny, where we all had a great dinner and welcomed in new member Kyle!

Sept 26 PDG Brent and myself attended the Eaton Rapids club to work with them as they rebuild their membership, while PDG Becky and ZC Kenny attended the Grand Ledge club meeting.

Invite me to visit your club!

My best to all of you.

*Lion Ted Hamilton DG*

### DISTRICT 11-C2 CABINET MEETING

The next Cabinet Meeting is being held on October 25th, 2023 at the Delhi Cafe 4625 Willoughby Road, Holt, MI. Social time is 6:00pm, with the meeting being called to order at 6:30pm. Please email reports to Cabinet Secretary Becky at [bbthebb2004@yahoo.com](mailto:bbthebb2004@yahoo.com) no later than October 23rd, 2023. RSVP's for a delicious Delhi Cafe meal can be emailed to Cabinet Secretary Becky at [bbthebb2004@yahoo.com](mailto:bbthebb2004@yahoo.com) or call or text 517-614-4432. Expect dinner to run around \$15 - \$16.

District Governor Ted welcomes everyone to wear a Halloween costume, and he promises some fun fall festivities with prizes.

#### Durand Lions



Lions Tracy Temple PDG, Ted Hamilton DG, Carl Cozart VDG

Durand Lions PDG Tracy Temple, DG Ted Hamilton, and VDG Carl Cozart installing a temporary wheelchair ramp for a family in Bancroft.

#### Around The District



#### Olivet Lions



Lion Gale Knoll, John Mertz

Olivet Lions treasurer, Gale Knoll presenting a check for \$1500 to Olivet Community Schools superintendent, John Mertz for the student assistance fund. This fund is for hats, gloves, coats, field trips, personal care items etc that teachers often provide for out of their own pockets.

## DeWitt Lions



Lions Ted Hamilton and George Walter President

Vice President Lion George Walter introduced District Governor Ted Hamilton with a standing ovation of the members. Governor Hamilton informed the den of the delay in the new LCI website because of including eight languages. The Lions of Michigan have three service projects as priorities this year. There is a request to add a \$250 donation for artificial limbs. And finally, there may be a dues increase in our future.

## Around The District



## Mason Lions



The Mason area community found out about Bear Lake Camp, Leader Dogs, Oversight, and our many other Lions-related programs and services. Representing Oversight was District Co-Chair Lion Kay Olson. She was joined by District Chair for Oversight and Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Lion Eileen Delaney.



## Lansing Capital Lioness Lions



Club Officers installed: Bretton Woods all on the left, Lansing Capital Lioness Lions Sheri March, Treasurer (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) & Jean Vollmer, President (far right)



## Wacousta Lions

Once, again, The Lions Club of Wacousta provided a luncheon for over 250 guests following the Wacousta Memorial Day parade and cemetery service. Our Club parade entries included a 1931 Ford Model A with club signs, a World War II Jeep and our guest of honor, U.S. Army Veteran, Lion Robert Graydon Briggs, of Grand Ledge, one of our members, who served in Korea. Lion Johnny Maahs, our Tail Twister, led the service at the cemetery. The club has been providing this service to the Wacousta community nearly every year since 2012!



## Charlotte Lions



Lion Bob Phillips and Gerald

The Charlotte Lions Club was privileged again this year to honor the Eaton County Vietnam Veterans by furnishing the bottled water for their annual summer picnic. We thank them for their service.

### Are the Charlotte Lions Odd?



Lion Dean Steward and a festival participant

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Charlotte Lions celebrated with those who enjoy being odd if only for a day or two. At the recent Oddities Festival in downtown Charlotte, the Charlotte Lions served about 500 people. They sold popcorn, water, sodas, and assorted ice cream treats, to those brave enough to attend!



October 31, 2023

## Around The District



## Grand Ledge Lions



Lions Gary Frank and Kim Saplabury

Congratulations to Lion Gary Franck and Lion Kim Spalsbury who were both presented Melvin Jones Fellowships at the Grand Ledge Lions Club meeting on September 12. Both of their families came to surprise them at the presentation.

## St. Johns Lions



In honor of the club's 75th anniversary this year, free bags of popcorn were distributed to the first 75 customers to thank the community for their support during the final concert on September 6. Unfortunately, a thunderstorm cut the evening short, but many people moved into the pavilion for shelter, and volunteers continued to serve food from inside the trailer.



October 9, 2023



## ST. JOHNS LIONS CLUB 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The St. Johns Lions Club has spent the last 75 years supporting the community and is celebrating a landmark anniversary with a gathering at the Pierson 319 BLDG in St. Johns on November 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., with catering provided by Main Street Café. The cost is \$18 per person. There will be guest speakers and a special presentation by the City of St. Johns.

Perhaps the most well-known member of the club is Ralph Lynam, who had the distinction of serving as Lions International President in 1978-79. He was originally elected as Lions International Third Vice President in 1974-75, the same year that the St. Johns Lions raised funds to send the St. Johns High School Redwing Marching Band to the International Convention, held in Dallas, Texas. The event prompted the start of another well-known group – the Michigan Lions All-State Band. Following the success in Texas of the SJHS band, other Michigan clubs joined with St. Johns to form the All-State Band group, which was conducted for many years by SJHS band director and Lion, Walt Cole.

The Ralph A. Lynam Award was established by District 11-C2 in his honor and is presented to a club president who has done outstanding work in the club, district, and state.

Since the inception of the St. Johns Lions Club, three members have served as District Governor, including L. Russell Steffens (1954-55), Ralph Lynam (1967-68), and Charles Barnes (1973-74).



# Dine at Culver's of DeWitt

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 FROM 5-9PM**

and we will donate a percentage of all sales to the:

## **DEWITT LIONS BREAKFAST CLUB**

The DeWitt Lions Breakfast Club's motto is "We Serve." The Club is fundraising to support programs for the hearing and vision impaired. Specifically, glasses and hearing aids for those in need, as well as scholarships.



*No flyer or code needed.*

*Drive-thru, dine-in, carryout  
or order online at  
[culvers.com](https://culvers.com)*

## **SHARE NIGHT**

Enjoy a delicious meal, benefit a great cause and feel good all over.

Thank you for supporting  
*DeWitt Lions Club!*



Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:

### **CULVER'S OF DEWITT**

1030 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI 48820

(517) 668-6188 | [culvers.com/restaurants/dewitt-mi-herbison](https://culvers.com/restaurants/dewitt-mi-herbison)



# **You're Invited!!**

## **Clinton County Champions Fall Social**



**Why:** Have some FUN before the snow flies

**When:** Friday, November 17th, 2023, 6-9pm

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St, St. John's; **East Entrance**

**What:** Pot-luck dinner, music and games & get together! Dish to Pass & BYO N.A. Beverage

**Details:** CC Champs Lions are excited to host this social event! Our goal is to provide a safe, fun, and memorable evening for our athletes, families and friends. The Area28 SOMI is endorsing, but NOT sponsoring this event.

- Come on out and have some fun! 50/50 raffle and Toys for Tots collection on scene!
- Coffee, Meatballs and rolls are already on the menu!
- No transportation or caregivers available
- Many games will be provided. Bring your favorite to share!

**Any Questions? Call Lion Brent @ 989-847-6122 [bberacy@hotmail.com](mailto:bberacy@hotmail.com)**





**CC Champs Lions Club and SOMI Area28 Present:**  
**“Have a Heart” Progressive Raffle**  
**At Bruno’s Bar & Grill**

**House Rules:**

- Find the Ace of Hearts and win the Jackpot!
- \$5 tickets will be sold daily and can be purchased on-site.
- One ticket will be drawn each Sunday at 6pm Beginning 10/15/2023
- \*exceptions 3/30, 5/11, 6/15, and 9/31/2024 final drawing 10/6/24
- Winner receives 60% of tickets sold minus consolation prizes
- Tickets must be legible. No bending, folding, or address labels on the stubs
- If there is no designated number on the ticket, or if the chosen number has already been opened, the person may pick another number. If they're not present, the waitstaff will be asked to choose a number
- If the Ace of Hearts isn't found, the jackpot rolls over to the next drawing
- **Consolation Prize:** Cards 2-10 \$20, Face cards \$30, Aces \$40
- Consolation prizes **Double** when the Jackpot reaches \$5000.00
- Consolation prizes **Triple** when the Jackpot reaches \$10,000.00

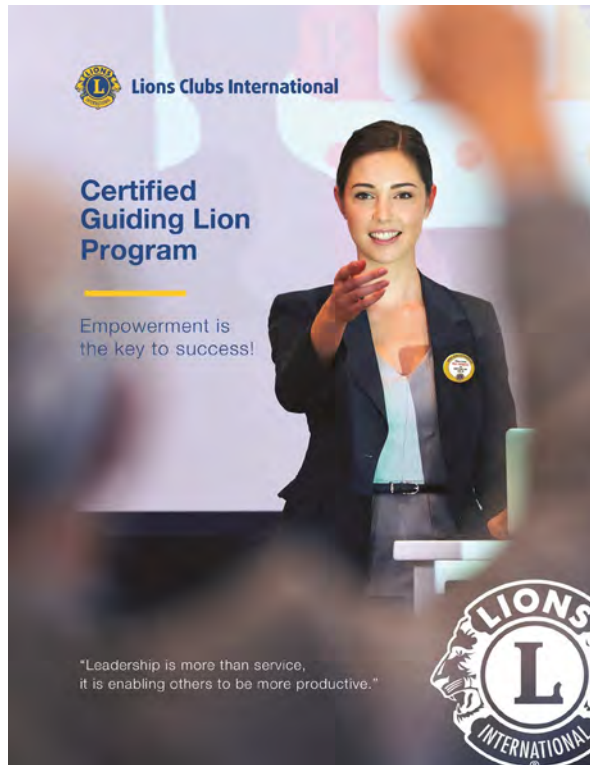
**Proceeds benefit SOMI Area28 and Local Lions Projects**  
**License#C31347**



***Special Olympics***







# District 11-C2 Lions, Be a Guiding Lion!

Lions of district 11-C2 encourage all Lions to be a part of our CGL group.

District 11-C2 will be offering a Certified Guiding Lion (CGL) self study course for all interested Lions. This training will include a **focus on Club Rebuilding**. CGL's are quickly becoming some of the most valuable assets that our Lions districts maintain. As a CGL you'll have exposure and training for all aspects of club management and member development.

How do you get started?

Email Lion Brent([pdgberacy@gmail.com](mailto:pdgberacy@gmail.com))

The course will be broken into 4 parts estimated to take 1-2 hours each.

We'll have 3 optional video conferences, with training to facilitate your own! **October 16-18th @7pm.** Successful CGL's will receive recognition, certificates and special district Name Badges at the October 25th Cabinet meeting in Holt

After graduation, CGL's will have the opportunity to have their contact information published in the district roster so they can be reached for advice. CGL's will be asked for advice and input for district training, new club development areas, new generation Lions member information.

If you've already been to district officer training, consider this option. If you never see yourself as a club or district officer, please, consider this option. It will take all of us, members, club and district officers to usher Lions into the next century. CGL training is one great step in the right direction.

*Be a Guiding Lion!*



DISTRICT 11-C2



# *EyeGlass Collection Challenge*

JULY 1ST, 2023-MARCH 1ST, 2024

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1ST-3RD PLACE RECOGNIZED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1-10 MEMBERS, 11-20 MEMBERS, 21-30

MEMBERS, AND 31+ MEMBERS

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## **REPORTING**

\* Box and deliver eyeglasses to the state office by March 1st, 2024. The state office is not recording glasses turned in.

- You must fill out the online reporting form, or contact Lion Chrissy Andre so your counts are entered correctly for the challenge.



**Scan QRCode to  
report online**

**chrissyandre113@gmail.com**

**989-627-3808**

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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 FROM 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**

Stateroom Size: 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



☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_





# NEED HELP MANAGING DIABETES?

## Attend a free 6-week workshop

Diabetes PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) is an interactive workshop designed to help individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes improve their health and feel better. Caregivers are also welcome to attend.

## Get on the PATH to better health!

Learn how to:

- Eat healthy
- Create balanced meal plans
- Decrease stress
- Get physically active
- Balance your blood sugar
- Improve communication skills
- Problem solve and make decisions
- Deal with difficult emotions
- Prevent complications
- Action plan
- Improve your overall health, increase your energy, and more!



## UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Sam Corey Senior Center

2108 Cedar St. - Holt

Meet in the Exercise Room

Wednesdays, September 13 - October 18, 2023

1:00 - 3:30 pm

Workshop is free of charge, but donations accepted.



To register, call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465



For a full workshop schedule visit: <https://www.tcoa.org/classes/evidence-based-programs/>



# Mints For MILITARY

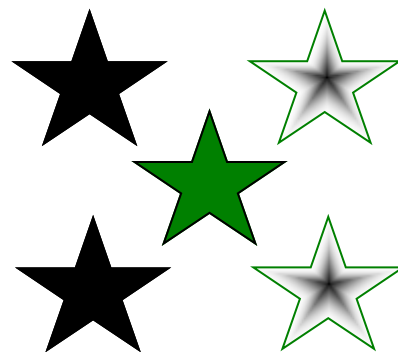
The Lions of Michigan Foundation is proud to recognize the brave men and women serving our nation in the United States military. We have Lion Mints Care Packages ready for distribution, but we need the names and addresses of more service men and women to recognize. Please help us by displaying and distributing this flyer in your community.

## LIONS OF MICHIGAN



## FOUNDATION

5730 Executive Drive  
Lansing, Michigan 48911  
517-887-6640  
info@lmsf.net  
www.lmsf.net



**PLEASE SEND A LION MINTS CARE PACKAGE TO:**

**Military Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APO:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FPO:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Lions Clubs Key to Leadership Development

by Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA

I was speaking with a small business owner recently and she told me that she was stressed out dealing with an influx of new hires in her company. She was now spending a lot of time helping train the newbies, especially in “soft skills” needed for customer service. She was also having quite a bit of trouble getting her current employees to step up to supervisory roles recently vacated by retirees. That meant she couldn’t share the training load with many of her existing employees.

Remembering the last time this happened in our local economy, I was ready with a suggestion. Back then, I was attending a Chamber of Commerce event when the owner of a small chain of auto parts stores spoke up. “How can I find leadership training for my employees who are reluctant to be promoted? Some would be good managers if only they had confidence and learn the necessary skills,” he said.”

Several of us in the meeting suggested he look to community organizations for help. For a relatively small investment in “paid time off” and dues money, he could provide those opportunities for his folks -- and get some good public relations for his business at the same time. We told him that many companies (usually banks and other financial institutions) regularly assign their more senior employees to join local organizations.

Today's dynamic work environments place a premium on making sure there is a robust leadership pipeline for the future even in small companies. Identifying and selecting the best potential leaders are, therefore, critical strategic objectives for ensuring a sustainable, competitive organization.

Asking an employee to join and participate isn’t enough, though. They usually need to be supported by their workplace and family. Lions can make a good case being the membership of choice, though. Those of us who are Lions Club members know that, as a global network of service clubs with over 1.4 million members, we are an impressive way to develop leadership skills. We offer our members a variety of opportunities to discover individual talents, network with other members, and work together to make a difference in our communities.

We also offer our members the opportunity to take part in a Lions Leadership Institute. That experience provides knowledge and skills focused on team building, managing change, presentation skills, action planning/goal setting, effective listening, and other qualities of leadership. However, it is your Club’s job to let owners and managers know about all those opportunities.

When deciding which employees to promote, the Society for Human Resources Management suggests that companies should consider a variety of factors, including:

1. Performance: Employees who exceed expectations and deliver high-quality work should be prioritized for promotion.
2. Skills and experience: Employees who have the skills and experience required for the higher-level role should be considered for promotion.
3. Potential: Employees who have demonstrated the potential to succeed in the higher-level role should be considered for promotion. This includes employees who have taken on new challenges, learned new skills, and shown a strong work ethic.
4. Leadership potential: Employees who have shown leadership potential, such as by mentoring other employees or taking on leadership roles in projects, should be considered for promotion.
5. Cultural fit: Employees who are a good fit for the company's culture and values should be considered for promotion. It is also important to consider diversity and inclusion when making promotion decisions. Companies should strive to promote a workforce that reflects the communities they serve.

Now, you can see connection! Lions Club participation and leadership gives their people transferrable skills that make a company’s promotion decisions much easier. Consider having quality conversations about all this with the local owners and top managers of businesses in your community. It is more than good public relations. It is also a good way for your Lions Club to help meet the “Mission 1.5” membership challenge.



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*Lion Doug Klein regularly passes along tips to help your Club sharpen its public relations and marketing efforts. He has been a member of the Mason, Michigan Lions Club since he retired in 2018 as a Lansing Community College adjunct professor of public relations, communication, business, and marketing. He is currently serving as Mason Lions Club Secretary, District 11-C2 Public Relations Chair, and MD11 State Public Relations Chair. A member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1983, he has held their prestigious APR designation (Accreditation in Public Relations) since 1996. He was inducted into the American Marketing Association’s national honorary Alpha Mu Alpha in 2012. Contact him with any public relations or marketing questions at [douglein@wowway.com](mailto:douglein@wowway.com) or (517) 775-8601.*

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