



# Lions District 11-C2 Newsletter

Editor: Lion Robert Tetzlaff PDG

## September 2020



### From the desk of the Governor

Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos of 11-C2



I am very excited to get out and meet your clubs during my club visits. I did want to let all of you know my work schedule has changed for the month of September. I will be working 10 hour days. Club visits may be a little more challenging due to me getting out of work later. I will do everything in my power to attend your meetings in person but I can also attend via

zoom. If you have not schedule a club visit, please contact me. We have a lot of good things happening in September. Please see information in the other parts of the newsletter. The USA/Canada Forum is going to be virtual this year. It is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer.

We have something new and exciting coming to you a computer near you. We are very excited to announce Virtual Happy Hour. We are kicking off this Virtual Happy Hour in September and October. The dates are September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm-8pm. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and visiting via zoom.

If your club is not meeting I would encourage meeting via zoom. If you need assistance with Zoom, please feel free to reach out to the IT committee or myself and we will get you set up. I also wanted to remind all clubs to continue to recruit new members. The new member \$35 initiation fee is waived until Dec 31, 2020.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the October Cabinet meeting or at your club. Thank you for all you do.

*Lion Kurt Stromlund DG*

### District 11-C2 Officers

Governor: Lion Kurt Stromlund  
1st Vice Gov.: Lion Tracy Temple  
2nd Vice Gov.: Lion Traci Tribley  
Secretary: Lion Becky Hamilton  
Treasurer: Lion Robert Phillips  
IPDG: Lion Becky Hamilton

### Zone Chairs

R1-Z1: Lion Mike St. Dennis  
R1-Z2: Lion Janet Amidon  
R2-Z1: Lion Michael O'Bryant  
R2-Z2: Lion Mae Luchetti  
R3-Z1: Lion  
R3-Z2: Lion Ed Arthur

### Places of Interest

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### Bit of Wisdom



## From Lion Traci Tribley Second Vice District Governor

Welcome back, I know many clubs are just now trying to figure out how to meet again and adapt to the new way of “serving” while social distancing.

As we start this new year of service we are faced with many questions and concerns, and we also know that the need may be greater than ever this year.

This is the perfect time to try new things, online meetings, Facebook, etc. Tap into the fresh new ideas from new members. Solicit new ideas of service projects that can be done with limited contact. Remember, it is not all about the fundraising. This is a great time to revamp our thinking and to get away from the “because we always have” attitude.

Please reach out to our GMT team and any guiding Lion in the district with questions and concerns. We are all in this together.

I look forward to hearing about all the new creative ways our district has implemented to continuing serving during this pandemic.

*Lion Traci Tribley 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG*



### Elsie Lions Club



Elsie Food Bank volunteers and Lions Arden Densmore and Dr. Robert Peterson.



Lion Arden Densmore in the back of his pickup.

Elsie Lions Club Members who drive to Saginaw, to Prairie Farms Dairy, to pick up a pallet of Dairy Products, twice a month, to deliver to the Elsie Food Bank to be distributed in the community. The Dairy Products are donated through USDA.



### Laingsburg Lions Club



PDG Eric Schuman & Lion Lori St. Clair with their Lion of the Year Awards



Lion Mike Foster with the Larry L. Sparkes Award.

PDG Eric Schuman and Lion Lori St. Clair were presented with Co-Lions of the Year awards for only the 4th time in the club's history. Lion Mike Foster was presented as the 2nd recipient of the Larry L. Sparkes Award.

### Monthly Trivia Contest

The answer to last month's trivia question: Which year was the Mackinaw Bridge completed is 1957. Thank you to all that submitted your answers.

I wanted to clarify the rules of the trivia contest. Each month we will publish a trivia question hidden in the newsletter. Send your answers to the trivia contest to DG Kurt via email each month. We will take all the correct entries from the year and draw three winners Friday night at the convention. The three winners will get a free breakfast for the Saturday morning breakfast at the convention. Look for the trivia question each month in the newsletter and submit your entries.

## DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club



MS Persis Sopariwala' President Tony Spagnuolo

President Spagnuolo introduced MS Persis Sopariwala from - Big Brothers/Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region who informed the den about BBBS as being the largest evidence based youth mentoring organization in the country. The Capitol Region includes Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia and Shiawassee Counties. The adults [Bigs} are matched with children 5 - 18 [Littles] two to four times a month. Currently they have 135 matches in the area plus 90 on the WAITING LIST looking for BIGS to mentor them.



## Governors Travels

Sept 3rd	Dimondale Club Visit
Sept 8th	Eversight Golf For Good Awards via zoom
Sept 9th	Ashley Club Visit
Sept 11th	Virtual Happy Hour 7pm to 800 pm
Sept 14th	Wacousta Club Visit
Sept 17th	Hartland Club Meeting
Sept 22nd	Grand Ledge Club Visit via Zoom
Sept 25th	Virtual Happy Hour 7pm to 800 pm
Sept 25th	USA/Canada Forum via Zoom
Sept 26th	USA/Canada Forum via Zoom
Sept 26th	Past District President Chrissy Appreciation
Sept 27th	USA/Canada Forum via Zoom
Sept 28th	St Louis/Alma Club Visit

## Governor's Visit to Laingsburg Lions



Pictured with me is Lion Keith Townsend who has been a Lion since 1/1/1958



Welcome New Lions Club Members:

Williamston Lions Club  
Dean G Sienko Sponsor Lion Lucille Pitlanish



September 7, 2020



## Health items to loan

Health items to loan/donate—Contact Lion Dunn, DeWitt Lions Club for Canes, Crutches, Walkers and Wheel Chairs.





## Grand Ledge Lions Club



Lion Mike Rademacher

Recently Grand Ledge Lion Mike Rademacher steered the Club's Ramp Crew toward a need for handrail help. With just a bit of "on hand" lumber, Lions Lysle Finney and Dave Peake followed the lead of Lion Mike and constructed a measure of safety and ease of mind for a very thankful resi-dent. The project might have seemed small, but to the resident it was worthy of her generous donation to the Lions Club.



## Eversight Auction

"Join the fun bidding on packages and gifts to enjoy with your family and friends-and support the gift of sight! Eversight's Golf for Good! Silent Auction open at 9 a.m. ET/8 a.m. CT on Tuesday, September 1. For one week, bid for your chance at wine tasting packages, foodie baskets, UofM memorabilia, golf outings, and more! It's easy and all online! Mark your calendar to visit [eversight-golf.givesmart.com](http://eversight-golf.givesmart.com) September 1-8 for more information and place your bids throughout the week. Please reach out to Amanda at [afrederick@eversightvision.org](mailto:afrederick@eversightvision.org) with any questions."

Thanks!

Amanda Frederick

Philanthropy Administrative Assistant  
Eversight | [eversightvision.org](http://eversightvision.org) | (734) 780-2616

## Eversight Golf and Auction

## Global Membership Team

Our district had a fairly diverse attendance at our first "Build a Vision" summit in August. Lions and Lioness from across the district met virtually by Zoom to talk about our clubs strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Out of this collaboration we identified a need for our own Lions and Lioness to safely socialize in a friendly virtual environment and after brainstorming, decided to host a district wide "Virtual Happy Hour". On the 2nd and 4th Fridays in September and October from 7-8pm, just click: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7019037915?pwd=QIVpYVlIMjk2YmY0K1AxQkNPV09GQT09>

And your smartphone, tablet, laptop will do the rest. Remember, this is a friendly meeting where we all can try out this new technology and it might not work the first time. NO WORRIES! Log off and try again. It's a chance to learn and see your Lion and Lioness friends from all over the district, no protocols or business, just FUN! This link will also be posted on the district website <http://district11c2.org/> along with dial in options for those with only telephone access. I'm looking forward to seeing great attendance on September 11th as well as finding out if you can guess what's in my RED solo cup!

After Friday, September 25th's Happy Hour, we all have the chance to attend the "Virtual" USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. For only \$20, you'll gain access to 3 days of virtual events, including Michigan's ID Justin Faber on Saturday! What a bargain! Head to <https://lionsforum.org/> to register and for all the details.

Lions and Lioness of 11-C2, I'm proud of the ways you have found to persevere during this trying time, and how you've done that with kindness in heart.

Lion Brent Beracy  
MD-GMT

## Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

Lions Mints

Mints for the Military

2021 Lions of Michigan Foundation Group Cruise

## Lions of Michigan

Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute

2021 Lions of Michigan Scholarship  
for the Visually Impaired

Lions Pride, Web Version



# TAKE THE PATH TO BETTER HEALTH!

**You are invited to participate in a fun, interactive, virtual 6-week workshop that helps participants improve their health and feel better.**

## Learn how to manage your Diabetes

Diabetes PATH is a 6-week workshop designed to provide the skills and tools needed for people living with diabetes to improve their health and manage their symptoms. As a result, people are better equipped to face the daily challenges of living with diabetes.

Living with or caring for someone with diabetes can affect your quality of life. This workshop will give you the support you need to find practical ways to deal with your condition, discover better nutrition, exercise choices and learn ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health. PATH Workshops help participants with ongoing health conditions and their caregivers learn how to...

- Manage symptoms
- Communicate effectively with your doctor and other healthcare professionals
- Fight fatigue
- Build your confidence
- Eat healthy
- Monitor blood sugar
- AND... get more out of life!

### What people are saying...

"The people start to interact and ask questions of each other, giving each other tips on how and where to find answers to their questions. They don't want the workshop to end!"

Programs are made available in whole or part with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services/Aging and Adult Services Agency through the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.



## Attend a VIRTUAL WORKSHOP using GoToMeeting with a computer, tablet, or smartphone!

*\*Participants must have internet and web camera functionality to participate.*

### Workshop Dates

Thursdays

8/20/2020 – 9/24/2020

Orientation session will be held on 8/13/2020

### Time

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

No Cost; Donations accepted

*Participants will receive the book*

*"Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions"*

**Space is limited, pre-registration is required. Once registered, GoToMeeting link will be provided.**

**To register, call (833) 262-2200 or email [wellnessprograms@aaa1b.org](mailto:wellnessprograms@aaa1b.org)**





## USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience

August 15, 2020 Newsletter

**Registration is OPEN for the USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience**

Just click [here](#) to register

***Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity***

### From Our General Chair, PID Harvey Whitley

The response to our Lions Virtual Leadership Experience has been tremendous. Early registration has been strong and as word spreads, we expect even more will jump onboard to enjoy the leadership learning opportunities that we are offering.

We are all disappointed that we could not bring you a live and in-person experience in Louisville this year. Life teaches us, though, that anytime we suffer a setback or disappointment we should put our heads down and plow ahead. That is what your Forum Planning Committee has done as we have put together this virtual leadership experience for you.

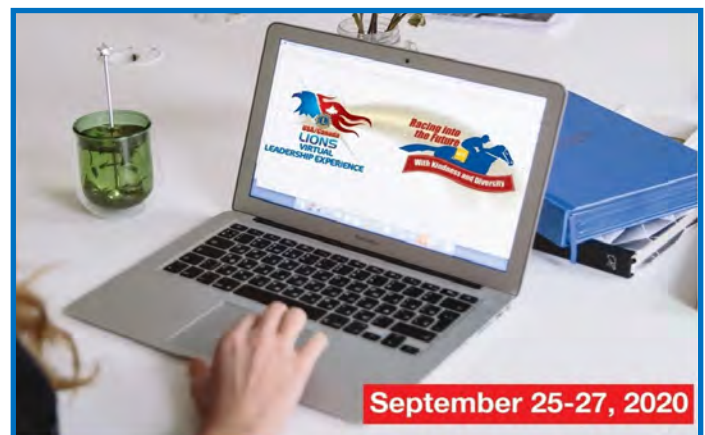
This virtual experience is for everyone at all levels. It is not just for current or past leaders, but for every Lion regardless of experience. Some have told me on Facebook that they are not comfortable attending a conference on the computer. I tell them that if you can do Facebook, you can do the virtual experience. Please encourage all of your club Lions to participate.

A recent informal survey within the zone where my Lions club is located showed that over 80% of the clubs were still able to perform service activities in their communities even during this pandemic time. In many cases, clubs have had to adapt to different circumstances to deliver, but they have been successful in continuing to meet the needs of those we serve. We are continuing to serve which is what we are all about; but there is one more thing that many of us miss the most from our Lions experiences. Many of us miss not being able to fully meet together as a large group and enjoy the social aspect of being a Lion. When you speak to those who have attended previous Forums, most will tell you of the fun times they had in addition to the great learning experience.

Virtual learning is a good thing, but being together to learn not only from the seminars but from each other is even better. We look forward to the time when we can once again meet together at our next Forum in Des Moines in September 2021.

PID Harvey Whitley

General Chairperson





## Anticipating the Virtual Experience

The anticipation is building as we prepare for the **"USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience: Racing into the Future with Kindness and Diversity."** For a mere \$20, you have the opportunity to select from 19 educational seminars, be inspired and motivated by our keynote speakers and get a sneak peek at next year's venue!

Certainly, the buzz this year centers around the North American Membership Initiative, NAMI. So, VPs Doug Alexander, Brian Sheehan and Dr. Patti Hill with PID Jerome Thompson and PCC Ron Seybold will encourage us with success stories from the nine NAMI pilot districts. Learn the keys to build success!

In addition, we will highlight our two new global causes: childhood cancer and diabetes as Four Diamonds and City of Hope share promising research information, provide educational materials to share with our communities and recommend ways to form partnerships within our communities and districts.

Is your community interested in chartering a Leo Club? If so, tune in as PCC Mahesh Chitnis and his son LEO Ojas relate their success in chartering Leo Clubs in various communities with diverse cultures. Although clubs on the college campus can be extremely challenging, Lions Paul Baker and Brett Rosenblum have tips on how to avoid the major obstacles.

Are your Zone Meetings exhilarating? If not, Lion Barbara Thompson has the perfect make-over solution for you. How about that member who just "rubs you (and the other club members) the wrong way?" Well, PID Ed Farrington will offer some diverse, but kind, ways to deal with these contentious members.

Have you heard of the Young Lions Task Force? If not, you will want to hear Lion Jordan Glass Williams share how this diverse group of young Lions can help increase membership within this age group. Furthermore, if you've never attended a seminar led by Daniel Marney Elkins, you will definitely want to catch the excitement as he discusses ways to bridge the generation gap.

While you may be familiar with the names of PIPs Joe Wroblewski, Judge Brian Stevenson and PID Lacy Presnell, you may not realize that they each have a wonderful sense of humor that VP Brian will elicit as these leaders reminisce on how the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum began.

Of course, our general sessions will include messages from our International President Dr. Jung Yul Choi and LCIF Chairperson PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir, and our two keynote speakers, Katherine Greenland and Striker Corbin. Be prepared to be inspired, motivated, and empowered to serve our communities in more diverse ways.

There is so much more, including updates on Campaign 100, LCIF Grants, how to avoid legal problems and MyLion improvements. Register today so you won't miss out on this sensational virtual experience to **"Race into the Future with Kindness and Diversity."**

### Thank You, Presenters

**The USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience** would not be a reality without the efforts of our presenters. Please join the Forum Planning Committee in extending a huge LIONS' THANK YOU to these leaders who are willing to share their time, knowledge and expertise.

PID Jerome Thompson  
PID Sangeeta Jatia  
PIP Joe Preston  
PID Ed Farrington  
Lion Ron Seybold  
Lion Barbara Thompson  
City of Hope  
PID A.P. Singh  
LCI Staff Sarah Levy

LCI Staff Jayaram Balachander  
Lions Paul Baker and Brett Rosenblum  
PIP Judge Brian Stevenson  
PCC Mahesh Chitnis and Leo Ojas Chitnis  
PID Lacy Presnell  
VDG Daniel Marney Elkins  
Lion Jordan Glass Williams  
Lion Malcolm Kirwin  
VPs Doug Alexander, Brian Sheehan and Dr. Patti Hill



## Event Schedule



### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

8:00-9:10 PM Eastern Time GENERAL SESSION

Welcome/Intros General Chair Harvey Whitley  
Tribute to VP Haynes Townsend  
Katherine Greenland: KEYNOTE

9:10-9:15 PM Eastern Time BREAK

9:15-10:00 PM Eastern time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

NAMI-What's All the Buzz about Kindness and Diversity?

LCI Digital Programs

Diverse Projects and Activities to Engage Women and Families

How to Successfully Sponsor Clubs on Campus

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

2:30-3:00 PM Eastern Time GENERAL SESSION  
Sponsors and Recognition of NAMI Pilot Districts

3:00-3:45 PM Eastern Time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

Faces of Diabetes Innovation: Racing Toward a Cure

Young Lions Diverse Leadership Skills Contribute to a Successful Future

Attracting and Retaining Great Lions through Diversity

Debunking the Membership Myth

Legal Issues

3:45-4:00 PM Eastern time BREAK

4:00-5:30 PM Eastern Time CLOSING SESSION

Striker Corbin: KEYNOTE  
Thank you General Chairperson Harvey Whitley  
Racing Ahead to Des Moines PDG Wendy Cain, PCC Jerry Inman,  
and the Catch Des Moines Team

### SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

11:00-Noon Eastern Time GENERAL SESSION

International President Dr. Chung-Yul Choi  
International Director Justin Faber  
LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir and KaSondra Byrd

Noon-12:15 PM Eastern time BREAK

12:15-2:00 PM Childhood Cancer Symposium

**For those not participating in the Symposium, please choose one.**

12:15-1:00 PM Eastern Time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

NAMI-Individual District Enhancement Plans

Dealing Kindly with Contentious Member

Campaign 100

How to Start a Leo Club Where Diversity and Kindness Matter

1:00-1:15 PM Eastern time BREAK

1:15-2:00 PM Eastern Time PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

NAMI-Building Success through Kindness

Reflections from Our Founding Fathers

Zone Meetings: Secrets of Success

How Do We Approach the Younger Generation?

**It's so easy to register. Just click [here](#).**

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## LIONS UNIVERSITY—RACING INTO THE FUTURE

There have been many questions about Lions University Graduation due to the cancellation of the Louisville Forum. The Lions University Team has been working diligently to come up with a plan that would allow participants the opportunity to graduate.

Any participant who has completed a program and has attended the required Forums before Louisville will be listed on a rotating slide show during the Virtual Forum. We are hoping to have a Lions University Room that will run this graduation list during the weekend event.

Participants who needed the Louisville Forum to graduate from any of the programs must make sure they sign up and participate in the 2020 Virtual Leadership Experience. Our team is currently working on a plan that will allow participants to take a test, on the Lion University website, after the close of the Virtual Forum. This test will be comprised of questions developed from the different sessions of the Virtual Forum and will be available after the close of the Forum and only be available for two weeks. There will also be a required number of points generated from attending the session, too. We are still working on this and will provide more information as we finalize the requirements.

All graduates will have their certificates, in .PDF format, emailed to them by the end of October. Due to the cost involved we will not be able to mail certificates and pins but will make them available at the Des Moines Forum. Participants can pick them up there or have someone from their multiple districts pick them up. We look forward to more learning.

*Gary Steele*, Past Council Chair, MD31

## Lions University Graduation Highlights—2019



It's easy to register.

Just click [here](#) and you're there. . . .



2015  
Diagnosed  
With  
Autoimmune Type  
1 Diabetes



1<sup>st</sup> Grade

2016  
Diagnosed  
With  
Autoimmune  
Eosinophilic  
Esophagitis



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

2017  
Diagnosed  
With  
Obsessive Compulsive  
Disorder  
And  
High Function Autism



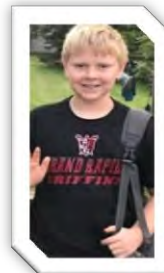
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

2018  
Diagnosed  
With  
Separation Anxiety  
And  
Depression



4<sup>th</sup> Grade

2019  
Diagnosed  
With  
Tourette's  
Rage Disorder



5<sup>th</sup> Grade



AYSO Soccer



AYSO Soccer



GYF Hockey



GYF Hockey



GYF Hockey

I am participating in the JDRF Walk in Grand Rapids, MI in support of Carter Thomas Dixon

**Date**

October 17, 2020

Length of drive(walk): 1.5 miles

**Location**

Millennium Park Grand Rapids,

**Goal of Funds to Raise - \$1,250.00**

***Please make all checks payable to JDRF and mail to the address below***

Sally Ann Spry, Participant Team Danger, Team

916 Alderman Street Belding, MI 48809

[annie48846@yahoo.com](mailto:annie48846@yahoo.com)

**or go online at [www2.jdrf.org](http://www2.jdrf.org) Choose donate, then choose I'm looking for a participant, Type Sally Ann Spry and make your donation today to JDRF-One Walk 2020.**

Parishoneer St Charles/St Joseph/St Mary Church

Member Bretton Woods Lions/District 11C2

*Please show your support for Carter and the millions like him  
and support the JDRF Walk 2020 Today!*

*Since the creation of JDRF, JDRF has funded \$2.2 billion in research and their advocacy work has resulted in \$2.8 billion in additional research funding from the U.S. government. JDRF propels research along seven therapy areas to cure ( Beta Cell Replacement, Beta Cell Regeneration, Immunotherapy), prevent and treat (Artificial Pancreas, Glucose Control, Complications) T1D. 83% of funds collected, plus matching funds, goes directly to research.*

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