

LIONS NEWS

DISTRICT 11D2

Aug 2024



District Governor Judy Keller
1st VDG Dave Fisher
2nd VDG Tim Dietzel

Cabinet Secretary Donald Spinks
Cabinet Treasurer Jack Kriete

Region 1 Chair: Tom Watkins
Region 1 Zone 1 Chair Steve Schultz
Region 1 Zone 2 Chair Kirk Smith

Region 2 Chair: Vacant
Region 2 Zone 1 Chair Ron Stevens
Region 2 Zone 2 Chair Debbie Kaighen

Region 3 Chair: Rich Cochrill
Region 3 Zone 1 Chair Tim Rutkowski
Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Louise Dobson Blasius

GMT Tim Dietzel
GLT Donald Spinks
GST Karl Cross



**GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER &
SPOUSE LION DAVE KELLER**

CALENDAR –EVENTS

Aug 2-3 1st

Council of Governors Grand Rapids

Aug 19 Owendale corn roast 6;00PM

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CORNER

I know many Lions have issues reporting service, adding new members, and other information in the new portal. If you have service projects or other information that needs to be reported, don't hesitate to contact CS Don Spinks. Call 989-551-5726 or email donnspinks@gmail.com and he will get it reported. It will only take a few minutes to get it done.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

I trust everyone is having a good summer. It is a busy time of year, but be sure you are recording your club's service activities. Mark August 19th at 5 PM on your calendar for the Owendale Lions Corn Roast. This is a great event every year to help support their community. Great food, raffles, and passing of the banner are just a few of the night's activities. Bring a carload and enjoy all you can eat and drink for only \$10 per person. I hope to see many Lions from the district there. Zone chairs will be contacting clubs to set up times for club visits. Please welcome them and let them know what is happening in your club. I will be visiting clubs as well. I will be stressing the points of membership and service. These two go hand in hand. The more service increases membership, the more members you will do more service.

Spark Your Passion, Make Our Mark, and we will lead Lions in service and membership.

District Convention is April 5,6,7 2025 at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE FISHER

From the desk of 1st VDG Dave Fisher

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

Its August and that means Owendale's famous corn roast, mark your calendar for August 19th at the Owendale Park, on the Menu is corn, brats, entertainment and refreshments all are invited. This event also includes the passing of the Banners HOPE to see you all there, invite a friend and ask if they would like to help others, and join THE GREATEST SERVICE CLUBS IN THE WORLD Lions clubs International.

Hope to see you there.

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL

I would like to introduce to you the newly elected 2nd Vice District Governor from the Lions club of Marlette. Lion Tim Dietzel has been a lion since July 2016. He has been the Marlette club president for two years in a row and has had numerous titles within the club. He is currently the Region 2 Chairperson for 11D2. Lion Tim has been on the District Diabetes committee and is the District chair on White-cane. He is more than ready this coming July to start fulfilling his responsibilities as a 2 VDG and is gearing up to go visit the Lions clubs of 11D2. Lionism is volunteer

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM DIETZEL

Tim Dietzel, Global Membership Chair

Our Lions year has come to a close, we still need to take time to work on new members. So look around, each one of use knows someone that would make a great Lion, all you have to do is ask.

Don Spinks Leadership Chair

Hello Lions I can't log in to the new Lion Portal. Can't find the report you want? How do we do our monthly membership report? How frustrated are you with the new Lion Portal? These are the remarks that have been made since the launch of the new Lion Portal. The district leadership team is here to help. We will be hosting 2 workshops to do training for the new portal. Please watch your email and the district's Facebook page for details of where and when they will be. It will be important for all Lions to attend to learn how to navigate and use the portal. If you are having problems, please reach out to me at 989-670-1401. By working together, we will master the portal!!

LIONS DISTRICT 11 D-2 FIRST MINI CABINET MEETING

Legend: Back row, PID Justin Faber, IPDG James White, 1st. VDG Dave Fisher, Zone chair Tim Rutkowski, Zone chair Ron Stevens, 2nd. VDG Tim Dietzel, CS PDG Don Spinks. Front D.G. Judy Keller and Region Chair Tom Watkins. Meeting was held in Port Sanilac.



Goals of the Reading Action Program PDG SPINKS

- Advance literacy and academic performance by engaging youth of all ages in reading and reading-related activities during the summer months. Involve parents and all family members in the library summer reading experience.
- Increase participation by all ages in public library summer reading programs.
- Foster a love of reading through public library programs and services. Increase successful reading experiences through librarian-supported, self-selected, voluntary reading.
- Improve access to library materials and activities, which will encourage youth to become lifelong library users.
- Provide tools and resources for the public libraries to implement summer reading programs by engaging in partnerships that will benefit the libraries and expand resources.
- The Reading Action Program encourages clubs to donate books or participate in a reading program.

August 2024

“The Corn Roast Club”

You are invited to a party!

The Owendale Lions Club is making plans for our annual Corn Roast. The date is **Monday, August 19, 2024**, at the Owendale Village Park. We will begin serving sweet corn, hot dogs, and bratwurst at 5:00 P.M. sharp, also pop and water will be available. You are most welcome to stop by anytime.

To help defray the costs we will be collecting a \$10.00 Donation. As we have done in the past, after paying everyone will receive a hand stamp before passing thru the food line. Once you have your stamp you can enjoy all you can eat brats, hot dogs, and corn. We will have a short program beginning about 6:30 PM, recognizing all PDG's and Guests from around the State and District. As tradition, the banner exchange will take place between Immediate Past District Governor James White and District Governor Judy Keller. Also, all the District Officers in attendance will be introduced. We would like also to introduce our friends and neighbors who also help us throughout the year. You will receive a ticket and could be the lucky winner of a door prize that will be drawn and announced during the program.

This nice hot summer weather and recent rain is making the sweet corn grow like you wouldn't believe. All indicators point to an exceptionally sweet and excellent crop of corn.

The Owendale Lions Club is working hard on all the last-minute details. We will have some local music before the start of the Corn Roast. In additional we suggest that if you wish to bring your lawn chair feel free.

So, everyone come, NO RESERVATIONS – meet old friends and make many new ones, catch up on all the latest news. All are welcome!

SEE YOU IN OWENDALE AT THE “CORN ROAST” AUGUST 19, 2024.

Owendale Lions Club
Paul Lopez, President
Rita Lopez, Treasurer

**ANNOUNCING DISTRICT 11D2
PEDIATRIC CANCER SERVICE PROJECT**

Calling all Lions in District 11D2 to participate in a Pediatric Cancer Service project to assist Michigan's only Pediatric Cancer Treatment Center – Detroit Medical Center – Michigan's Children Hospital Pediatric Oncology Unit.

The Pediatric oncology unit has an ongoing need of items for children who are battling cancer. These items make chemo/radiation treatments and hospital stays a little more comfortable by providing items to keep these special patients busy and keep their minds preoccupied during this difficult time.

Newly purchased and unused toys and games - UNO cards, regular playing cards, infant-toddler toys/rattles, Lego kits, Play Doh, Crayons (must be Crayola or Rose Art brand), colored pencils, markers and paint brushes.

NO ITEMS WITH VIOLENT SCENES, TOY GUNS/SWORDS AND PROJECTILE TOYS ACCEPTED

NEWLY PURCHASED UNUSED MAKEUP FOR

McKenna's Beauty Bar

Make-up bags, hair accessories (hair ties, bows, brushes, combs, headbands, etc.) hair gel, jewelry, hand held mirrors, makeup brushes, makeup remover wipes, eyelashes, foundation for all skin tones, highlighter, blush, nail polish and nail polish remover.

Child friendly LATEX FREE character band-aids

No anti-bacterial band-aids.

New books for all ages. New socks and underwear for the

Clothes Closet at Children's Hospital.

Trial size toiletries for family members who have unexpected hospital stays for their children.

Warm gloves, mittens, and hats for winter.

MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED

SAFETY IS MOST IMPORTANT

NO LATEX, MUST HAVE NON-TOXIC SEAL, NO FOOD, CANDY, CHALK OR RELIGIOUS MATERIALS

Please contact Lion Wendy Wojtas at 586-306-6262, gitregirl@gmail.com or Facebook at Algonac Lions Club.

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES WHITE

I would like to congratulate International Director Dave Wineman for his appointment at the International Convention in Melbourne. 11 D-2 is starting to get recognition for some of the wonderful humanitarian work our members do. Just stop and think ...what we have done in the recent past. Algonac Lions are the largest supporters of Leader Dog For The Blind. This has been going on for decades. Elkton Lions have been working with different organization to supply food pantry service for the needy. Over 257 truckloads given out. This has been going on since the pandemic. PDG Jack Kriete, Lion Mary Bokach, Tim Dietzel worked the Defense Against Diabetes. The best in the state. Emmett Lions every year take equipment and tools to Bear Lake Camp, to do make-over on the landscape and mulch. PDG Wes Wagester and Nora Walsh travel all over the district to preform Kid-sight screening for the community. This is beyond what the Clubs do. **WE SERVE**

Immediate Past District Governor
James White



Lions of Michigan Foundation

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. We work in partnership with our member Lions Clubs and other organizations to provide disadvantaged individuals and families with access to affordable medical care

and services designed to help improve their quality of life.

While our programs encompass many areas, through screening, diagnosis, treatment, education and research, we primarily help underserved populations and financially struggling individuals who require assistance with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event. Our services are offered statewide with a focus on helping Michigan residents succeed academically, develop normally, maintain independence and prosper in life.

Recently, an Emergency Disaster Relief Grant was requested by the Deckerville Lions. A family in the Community of Deckerville had suffered with a home fire. The Lions of Michigan Foundation responded with a \$2,500.00 grant.

Please support this organization at the club level and individually.. Our district (11 – D2) has two (2) trustees, they are PDG John “Jack” Kriete and PDG Wes Wagester.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation operates a Lion Mints Program. A feature of this program is to send a Mints care package to members in the military. If you have or know of someone in the military you may request a Lions Mints Care Package be sent to them. The cost of sending a care package is a \$90 donation. You do not need to donate the \$90 in order to request a package and you may donate \$90 to this program without a request.



DECKERVILLE LIONS CLUB

Deckerville Lions sounded their Roarrrrr! at the town's Homecoming last weekend. A few little Lion Cubs also took part in the parade. Lion Wes Wagester helped with the kids Sight. PDG Wes was born in Deckerville. This makes it familiar for him.



HADLEY LIONS CLUB

Hadley Lions have one of the most important jobs every year at the 4th of July parade, carrying our national flag. Our members once again, showed up and served.



MEMPHIS LIONS CLUBS

Memphis Lions supported their craft show for Memphis days celebrations. There were fireworks that followed that evening. Very successful craft show.



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LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

This new Lions' year brings some welcome additions to the Lions' Team at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

As Lions Kathleen Breen and Mike Dengate retired, the team has been joined by Kelsey Martin and Mara Phillips. Between the three of us, we have divided North America into three sections to help focus on serving Lions.

Mara will handle Lions in the eastern United States, Kelsey the central United States and I will be working with the Lions in the western part of the United States and Canada. Please review our updated contact information and a map of states/multiples identifying the sections we each serve [here](#).

Below, meet Mara and learn Kelsey's latest news:

Mara Phillips, Manager of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement – East

A bit about me: I'm a proud graduate of Oakland University, Michigan, where I majored in Secondary Education with minors in English and Sociology. Teaching high schoolers was a rollercoaster ride of Shakespearean drama and teenage shenanigans, but it eventually led me to the nonprofit realm.

From crafting inclusive, accessible exhibits at the Henry Ford Museum for a variety of special populations to mastering the art of grants management at Oakland Community College, I've worn many hats, each one adding to the tapestry of experiences that brought me here today.

Now, here's a fun fact: I've been known to dabble in the world of entertainment. Whether it's delivering a punchline on stage during my stand-up comedy days or strumming a melody on my guitar, I've always had a knack for keeping things lively and engaging. Away from the spotlight, I enjoy baking up a storm in the kitchen, tending to my (almost!) flourishing garden, or simply enjoying quality time with my family and pets.

But enough about me—let's turn the spotlight on you! I'm eager to hear your club's tales of triumph, your community initiatives, and perhaps even your favorite joke or song. Whether you're a seasoned storyteller or a reluctant raconteur, I'm all ears and ready to listen.

Kelsey Martin, Manager of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement, is now Kelsey Gardner. Kelsey and her partner of 8.5 years, Jeff, were married under a willow tree nestled on one of their favorite vineyards in Lake Leelanau, Michigan. Please feel free to contact her at her new email address is Kelsey.gardner@leaderdog.org for any assistance.

Lion Beth Slade, CFRE, Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement

I am celebrating my 10th year with Leader on the Lions' Team. Lionism and Leader are still my most passionate missions.

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ALGONAC LIONS CLUB



ANNUAL STEAK-OUT

At the North Channel Yacht Club

Free Refreshments Upon Arrival

Hunting Items Raffle

Steaks and Cooler Raffle

This is a benefit dinner

Proceeds will benefit Local communities
and charitable organizations.

STARTS 5 PM

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 28, 2024

Cost is \$50.00 Per Person.



This year we are serving New York Strip

Address: 1001 N Channel Dr, Harsens Island, MI 48028
Free Water Taxi to the island.

Remember to bring a
designated driver to the

ALMONT LIONS CLUB

The Almont Lions held their annual Golf Outing at Heather Hills Golf course on Sunday, July 28, 2024. It was an enjoyable day for all who participated.

Two Almont Lions members were presented Melvin Jones Fellowships at the meeting held on Monday, August 5, 2024. Recipients of the Fellowships were Almont Lions President Eric Glosser and PZC Dolores Bartlett. Here is well deserved Lions being recognized.

Euchre will return in the Almont Lions Hall on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. All Euchre players are invited to participate.



READING ACTION PLAN

WHAT IS WKAR RADIO READING SERVICE (RRS)?

WKAR Radio Reading Service is a 24/7 free reading service to individuals who cannot access traditional reading materials due to visual, physical or cognitive conditions.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

WKAR loans qualified listeners a special portable radio free of charge. The pre-tuned radio includes the Radio Reading Service signal and 90.5 WKAR. You can listen within a 60-mile radius of WKAR's Okemos/Meridian Township broadcasting tower or on your computer at WKAR.org through a variety of streaming applications.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Participants must meet at least one of these qualifications:

- Trouble reading or using printed materials as a result of a visual, physical or cognitive condition
- Macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa or dyslexia.
- RRS CONTENT INCLUDES:
 - Three Michigan and two national newspapers
 - Local, state, national and international news and features
 - Weather forecasts and alerts
 - Best-selling novels
 - Grocery and department store ads
 - Community calendar events
 - And more!

HOW IS RADIO READING SERVICE FUNDED?

It costs WKAR approximately \$120 per RRS listener each year to provide this service. Radio Reading Service is funded by individual contributions and support from community organizations.

VOLUNTEERING

WKAR welcomes your volunteer support. Join more than 100 volunteers who read live and recorded material on the air. The commitment is one hour per week.

ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

Algonac Lions held their annual pickerel tournament on July 4th holiday week . There was a contest to pick a Queen of the tournament and the fish challenge. It was a very successful tournament, once again. A lot of hard work from the members to support the charities.





ALGONAC LIONS CLUB

The Algonac Lions are beginning a Lion member feature for our club. Here is our very first.



Meet Algonac Lion Rich Hicks

Meet Algonac Lion Rich Hicks. Rich has been married 25 years, he has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Rich is a retired pharmacist who moved to Algonac in 1959, where he purchased a pharmacy - Hicks Pharmacy until the mid 80's when Rite-Aid bought him out. Rich has been a Lion since 1959 and still is an active member helping in the kitchen for the annual shrimp dinner and working the Pickerel Tournament.



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PECK LIONS CLUB

GUNS, PLUS MORE

RAFFLE



Prizes provided by & will be claimed at: Ben's Great Outdoors 2424 S. Vandyke Rd. Marlette, MI 48453

Tickets - \$10.00 each

*Ticket sales will end on October 3, 2024 at 5:00 pm or when all 1500 are sold

*Winners will be announced on October 3, 2024 at 7:15 pm at the Elk Township Hall

*Must be 21 years of age to purchase ticket – must abide by federal/state laws and regulations *

Must be able to legally own firearm – must be able to pass background check

Need not be present to win – Must present ticket stub and valid ID to claim prize

Prizes will be available starting October 9, 2024 and must be claimed by November 10, 2024 or prize will be forfeited

LIC#R75259



Breakfast with your coffee!

**Wednesdays are breakfast
sandwich days**

\$5

at



**Sanilac Coffee
27 North Ridge (m25)
Port Sanilac MI**



**7 am until about 10 am
proceeds to Port Sanilac Lions**



**Thank you Huron Shores Golf
Club for providing the
sandwiches**



ELKTON LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 24th

Century Oaks Golf Course, Elkton Michigan

Noon Shotgun Start

Teams Start Times TBD



\$85 Per Person Includes...

- Cart •Steak Dinner •Hot Dogs on the turn
- Team Skins & Team Pot of Gold

Cash Prizes ~ 1st, 2nd, 3rd

(Based on Entries)

\$1000 Grand Prize

Prizes & Raffles

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

Rules: *4 Player/Mixed teams ~ Scramble Format

***Teams may only have 1 player with a handicap of 8 or lower.**

***Teams must have a minimum of 50 handicap.**

Player No. 1: _____ Handicap: _____

Player No. 2: _____ Handicap: _____

Player No. 3: _____ Handicap: _____

Player No. 4: _____ Handicap: _____

Team Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make Checks Payable To: Elkton Lions Club. Mail entry form & payment to:

Elkton Lions Club - PO Box 371, Elkton MI 48731. For more information, Contact Gary Sweeney at 989-553-4066



**Children's
Hospital
of Michigan**

One focus. One purpose. Your child.

District 11D2 Lions Helping Kids Fighting Cancer

Lions collecting fun items for patients & families for long chemo therapy and hospital stays at Michigan's only pediatric oncology center

**DETROIT'S DMC
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
OF MICHIGAN**



Items needed: coloring pages for kids & teens, Crayola/Rose Art crayons, canvas & paints, mini Play-Doh & tools, bead kits for jewelry key chains, baby rattles, UNO & playing cards, a full list on back & at Algonac Lions FB page. No latex. Only non-toxic items.

Please contact Lion Wendy at 586-306-6252 or at gitregirl@gmail.com for more information

LIONS CLUBS ALL STATE BAND

2024 All State Band Tour June 18th through June 29th

The Lions of Michigan All State Band has once again formed to represent Michigan Lions at the 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. The tour will start with a 3 day band camp followed by 8 days in Australia and 3 days in California. This all-inclusive trip will cost \$6,299 for all of the 46 members planning on attending this year. District 11 D-2 has 3 students from Ubyly School and 4 students from Lakeville School. After Covid shut down the band for 3 years, we were able to send 28 student to Boston last year. Students from all 10 districts and the U.P. are represented this year.

The students will again be high-lighted as the band that performs the Flag Ceremony at the International Convention.

Performances will take place at numerous venues in Australia and at Disneyland and Universal Studios in California on the way home. The band has played at orphanages, veteran homes, shopping malls and children's hospitals while on tours since 1978, as well as at the convention. Sharing their talent with others and learning about different cultures on tours makes this an unforgettable trip for these young musicians.

The January rehearsal was cancelled due to bad weather but the March 23rd rehearsal will take place at Lakeville School and the band will rehearse and perform at the MD11 Convention May 18th in Kalamazoo.

The complete itinerary is available at the Lions of Michigan band web site (www.lionsmiband.org)

Please spread the word to Club members, family and friends that donations to our District Students can be made at Lions of Michigan State Office or to District Treasurer PDG Jack Kriete for this year's Trip. Please note were your donation applies (any or all students in District or administrative fund)

An easy way for clubs to raise funds for these students is a pop can drive and if you pull the tabs before you recycle them, you can help Ronald McDonald House too. I pick up can tabs at the District Convention and also Owendale's corn roast every year. Recycling has given us more than \$8,000 to donate there.

If you have any questions or concerns about the band, please feel free to contact me @810-793-6258 or @peggy_duane@yahoo.com.

PDG Peggy Farnsworth

District All State Band Chair