STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

International President, Dr. Patti Hill - "Change the World"
District 11-A2 Governor Kelley Unruh
"Mentor for Change"

APRIL 2024

PRIDE NEWS

As we come to the end of our 2023-2024 term, we will be welcoming new Club Officers and new Board Members. Here is a list of those positions...

Position	**2023-2024**	**2024-2025**
President	Dr. Mary Wesh	Rev. Robert Roscoe
Immediate PP	John Bingham Jr.	Dr. Mary Welsh
1st Vice President	Chuck McAllister	Doug Wilson
2nd Vice President	Ken Sharp	Joe Croke
3rd Vice President	Dawn DeClark	Dawn DeClark
Treasurer	Eileen Maciasz	Edward Williams
Secretary	Joe Welsh	Joe Welsh
2 Yr. Director	Dr. Gary Ciolek	Bob McAllister
2 Yr. Director	Joe Croke	Dr. Chineva Early
1 Yr. Director	Sue Joye	Dr. Gary Ciolek
1 Yr. Director	Frank Singer	Kim Martin
Lioness Lion President	Pat Meadows	Pat Meadows
Membership Chairperson	Bob McAllister	Kim Martin
Tail Twister/Happy Dollars	Jim Oak	Ben Matin
Lion Tamer	Dipesh Bhalsod	Jeanette Springer

Membership
Please welcome our newest members to our club and we look forward to being of service in the community with you.
Lori Roberts (sponsored by Lion Dr. Mary Welsh)

Service Projects
A Big Thanks to Lion John Bingham Jr on his role facilitating the delivery of over 900 pairs of glasses to Merida Mexico, last month, with the help of his High School Classmate, Suzanne Nye. This is what she had to say...

"My dear friend and Finney High school classmate, John Bingham Jr, worked closely with the Lions Club to deliver 900+ pairs of glasses to Mérida Mexico. These glasses are going to be distributed in the small Pueblos around Merida to Maya adults and children. These humble people cannot afford glasses. Many thanks to the Lions Clubs of Michigan for gathering these glasses and to John for making sure they got safely to Mérida where I gave them to Pedro. Tomorrow this is going to be a wonderful event. Thank you, Lions Club for the gift of sight."

Foster Care Summit
There was quite a number of organizations that participated. They all make a difference in the lives of youth. Thanks go out to the Lions who also volunteered to make this a successful event.

Euchre
We are still looking for volunteers to learn how to participate for backup coverage.

Club Maintenance
Nothing to report!

Canisters
The Sterling Heights Lions Club canisters are located throughout Sterling Heights, Clinton Twp., and Macomb at 16 food establishment locations & 1 hobby store. We have a list of those locations on our website, under Events, if you would like to support these businesses that support us! If you have any further questions, please see Lion Joe Croke.
https://sterlingheightslionsclub.org/cannister-map/

OTHER NEWS

WEBSITE
Our Sterling Heights Lions Club Website is constantly being updated thanks to Lion Dr. Mary Welsh and Lion Austin Lee. We now have access to see Hall Rental availability for those interested in renting. Check out the events and community resources and please encourage others to check out our website.
https://sterlingheightslionsclub.org

ADOPT A ROAD
All participants interested are required to review the safety brochure, read the safety guidelines, watch the safety video and sign the Indemnification Agreement. Our stretch of road is Van Dyke Rd., between Utica & Canal Rd.
Thank You Lion Joe Welsh for driving this project.

SOCIAL MEDIA Would you like to see what's the Lions have been up to? If so, keep an eye on our Sterling Heights Lions Club Facebook Page.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Team, what an exciting time of the year. As the nominations are in for the new board effective July 1st and the numerous programs are in full swing to give us an action-packed spring and summer. We have the Foster Care Summit, the 2nd Annual Collaboration Better Together nonprofit event, the Resellers Treasure Trove event, Paws for Service event, and the President's Appreciation Dinner on June 26th, I hope you can join me!

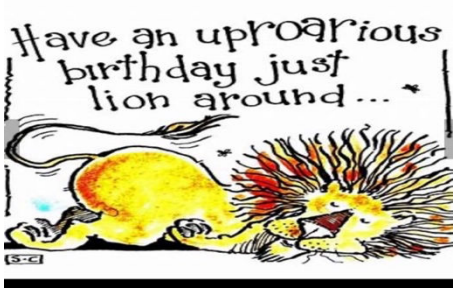
I have enjoyed leading this group over the past two years and look forward to acting as the immediate past president to mentor and coach Rev Robert Roscoe in his new role as President on the Club and Board. He has great ideas and is working diligently to learn more about Lionism to continue to grow and build our club. Wish me well as I have been honored as an Athena Award Nominee, the Award dinner is May 3rd when the winner will be crowned. I will be one of 17 inspirational leaders being honored. It is easy to lead when surrounded by strong leaders and friends, I am proud of the Sterling Heights Lions leadership team and members that surrounded me in my presidency and earned me recognition for my efforts in support of Susie Q's Kids, the Sterling Heights Lions, and our collaborative friends in our community, we are making a difference – We are Better Together!

******MARK YOUR CALENDER******

April 26th -28th & May 3rd- 5th – White Cane Drive
May 1st (Wed) – General Membership/Dinner Meeting
May 6th (Mon) – Collaboration Event (6-8:30pm)
May 8th (Wed) – Beaumont "Silent Children Special Evening" (San Marino Club) (Social Hour / 5:45pm)
May 15th (Wed) – NO BOARD MEETING
May 22nd (Wed) – General Membership/Dinner Meeting – Board Meeting to follow
May 25th (Sat) – Resellers Treasure Trove (9-4pm)
June 2nd (Sun) –Paws for Service (11-3)
June 26th (Wed) – Presidents Appreciation Dinner (Doors open @ 6pm)
July 10th (Wed) – Lions Bear Lake Camp Ice Cream Social (w/ Lake Orion Lions)
Aug. 1st (Thurs) – Blood Drive (9-3pm)

****** DISTRICT EVENTS******

May 17th-19th – State Convention (Grand Rapids)
July 28th (Sun) – Lions Bear Lake Camp Fundraiser (Jimmy Johns Field)



BIRTHDAYS

JOE WELSH (4/30)
JOHN WALKER (5/13)
RONALD YOUNG (5/13)
JEANETTE SPRINGER (5/17)
KIM MCALLISTER (5/12)
JOANN JERMANUS (5/13)
RICH BRACCI (5/17)
AUSTIN LEE (5/29)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

ROBERT JENKINS (52 YRS)
DOUG WILSON (2 YRS)
ASHLEY WELSH (1 YR)
APRIL L'ECUYER (1 YR)
SEAN ZIEGENHAGEN (1 YR)
MARLENE VARTO (16 YRS)
SCOTT CHAMBERS (1 YR)
BEVERLY VANDAMME (1 YR)
ALENA KOURKOULIOTIS (1 YR)
LORI ROBERTS (NEW MEMBER)

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING LIONS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

LL PHILLIS WEXLER
LION MARLENE VARTO
LION ROY CECI AND FAMILY
CORA (LION JIM HARTENS WIFE)
DEANN (WIFE OF LION KEN KRUEGER
GARY LOOPER (FRIEND OF LL PAT MEADOWS).
SHELLY (DAUGHTER OF LION MILDRED BUTTS)
CINDY (WIFE OF FORMER LION TOM KLINGENSMITH
LION MIKE DIGREGORIO
LL CATHY RIGGS
LION HANK CARROLL
LION RON PAPA
LION MIKE DIGREGORIO
LION VERA LUCKENBACHER & FAMILY

LIONESS LIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

May 5th (Sun) – 17th Annual Luncheon Fundraiser (Noon-4pm)
May 14th (Tues) – Board Meeting
May 21st (Tues) – BUNCO (Doors open @ 6:30) ($10)
May 28th (Tues) – General Membership Meeting (6pm)

ONGOING COLLECTIONS....

Val Gach/Marilyn Winter- New/Used Greeting Cards
Val Gach – New or Slightly Used Stuffed Animals
Grace Shalawylo – Used Stamps
Cynthia Coraci –Can Tabs & Tennis Shoes (any condition)
Amy Casali – Crib/Twin Sheets, Kids Pajamas, & Toothpaste (Macomb Foster Closet)

BIG FAMILY DONATION REQUESTS

Men's size sweats (for older boys)
Eye makeup, mascara, nail polish, manicure sets, nail polish remover, lip gloss, fragrances, body wash items.
LL Val Gach will now be in charge of collecting items that will be donated to Big Family!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please see LL Nancy Fantene to donate the following items to this cause:
Coloring books & crayons, Wash cloths, Bar soap, Kids Toothbrushes and toothpaste, small stuffed animals, pencils, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, combs & brushes, and small toy (assembly).

QUOTES FOR THE DAY:

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love,

a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

Mother Teresa

BE AN EXAMPLE…

Show kindness to unkind people.

Forgive people who don't deserve it.

Love Unconditionally.

Your actions always reflect who you are!

Shared from Lion Mark Lyon.

2nd Annual Service Collaboration Event
"Better Together"

All local service groups are invited to a networking event to talk about shared challenges, your needs, and how we can help support and possibly partner with one another for optimal effectiveness.

Service Collaborators

Dr Mary Welsh, President
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Clinton Valley Kiwanis
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Join us to share and learn more about the local service groups in the area, what projects they are working on, and how we might be able to collaborate for the greater good.

Join us for light refreshments

Monday, May 6, 2024 6:00 - 8:30 pm
12828 Canal Road
Sterling Heights MI 48313

$20 donation payable at the door
RSVP to Dr Mary Welsh or Cynthia Greening by 4/26/24

Bring some canned goods for a local pantry initiative

We hope to see you