STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER
International President, Dr. Patti Hill - “Change the World”
District 11-A2 Governor Kelley Unruh

AUGUST 2023

PRIDE NEWS

We had our District Picnic and Cabinet Installation. “MENTOR FOR CHANGE” are the words to live by this year, thanks to our District Governor Kelley Unruh! Everyone who attended from throughout the District brought a dish to pass and all the food was scrumptious.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

On Saturday, August 20th, District Governor Kelley Unruh will host Club Officer Training, doors open at 8:30 am.
If you hold a leadership role or are interested in learning about a leadership role in the club for next year, please consider attending this session or reach out to President Dr Mary Welsh to have a discussion. We are better together!

CHARITY POKER

Thanks to all Lions who volunteered to work our Charity Gambling events this month. We will need volunteers for the following upcoming dates:

*September 14-17 (night shifts),
*September 29 -October 3 (nights shifts), and
*December 27-30 (nights).

Interested Lions Please contact Eileen Maciasz at ejmm8@comcast.net to volunteer or acquire more information..♠️❤️♣️♦️

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We recently attended the Ice Cream Social at the Lions Bear Lake Camp, along with some Lioness Lions. We served ice cream with lots of sugary toppings, to the blind/visually impaired campers. Lake Orion Lions Club did a fantastic job cooking and preparing food for the campers. Also, Susie Q's Kids provided all the campers with bears, blankets, and a bag of goodies. Looking forward to next year!

TRAINING SEMINAR FOR DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

Our club welcomed Chad McMahon from the Lions Clubs of Mi for the Diabetic Retinopathy Training Seminar, along with approximately 20 other Lions. Not everyone who attended went through the training. The machine used to diagnose Diabetic Retinopathy (which costs $20,000/yr. to lease) has artificial intelligence built into it, which takes unlimited pictures to help determine the diagnosis and the test is 90% accurate. For those lacking insurance, the testing is free of cost.

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross Blood Drive that we hosted was a success. We had 25 Donors altogether. There were 7 Double Red Donations and 3 new First Time Donors! Thank you to Lion Dr. Gary Ciolek, who spearheaded this event, and all the other Lions who attended to help with check-in and snack provisions. We will keep you posted on our next Blood Drive which will be in Jan. 2024.

WEBSITE AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Sterling Heights Lions Club website is looking great! To stay up-to-date, please review the website for information on upcoming events.
https://sterlingheightslionsclub.org/event-calendar/

2nd ANNUAL TOM KLINGENSMITH GOLF TOURNAMENT

You can also sign up on the website for our 2nd Annual Tom Klingensmith Golf Tournament, if you're interested in golfing, sponsorship, dinner only, or would just like to donate.

BACKPACK GIVEAWAY/ DRIVE

We will be having a Backpack Giveaway on Sunday August 20th at the clubhouse from 3-6 pm. Please share with your family, friends, and the community. Lion Mona Hamlett (who is chairing this event). is looking for donations of Backpacks filled with back-to-school supplies or $20 towards the purchase of one.
We will be issuing backpacks for free to the first 50 children (First Come, First serve). There will be face painting, balloons, and more! This event will also be broadcasted LIVE on WRJR RADIO NETWORK by our newest Lion, Ronald Young.
Any Questions or for contributions contact Lion Mona at monalizza221@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our new Members to the SH Lions Club this month. We are all looking forward to being of service in the community with all of you!

Camea Franklin (sponsored by Monica Hamlett)
Ronald Young (sponsored by Monica Hamlett)

Thank You to PDG Lion John Bingham for swearing in our new members.

GUEST SPEAKERS & OTHER NEWS

MAILBOX & DONATION BOX

We now have a Mailbox and just a reminder that we have a Box by the front door for people to drop off eyeglasses, hearing aids, & contact lenses. Thank you again, Joe Welsh!!

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.

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 Facebook Page!

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Dr. Mary Welsh

Hello Fellow Lions

Welcome to our newest members. We had a productive month conducting a couple of planning sessions looking at the ideas and suggestions made throughout the previous year. We were glad to have several Lions (new and seasoned) agree to chair different events. It takes a team effort to plan and staff successful events, please review our upcoming event list and reach out to the Chairs to offer your ideas, and expertise, and to volunteer. Thank you so much.

Our backpack event to be held on Sunday, August 20th is being chaired by Monica (Mona) Hamlett. This is her first event with us, she is engaging her connections and needs our help to make this a fun event. We ask that donations of filled backpacks or a $20 financial donation be made at our next meeting Wednesday, August 9th. Lion Doug Wilson works at Target, he can take our financial donations to purchase backpacks and school items. The board can assemble these backpacks at the board meeting on August 16th, all Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend our Board meetings on the third Wednesday of each month.

Our outing to Lions Bear Lake Camp to treat the blind campers to an ice cream treat was met with huge smiles. Check out their Facebook page to see how the campers all summer enjoy their programs. We were treated to a stage show by the campers following their dinner treat, it was enlightening. Lion Kim's grandson Grayson and Lion Joe and Mary's grandson Luke (they are classmates) were the ice cream Sprinkle Masters and distributed Susie Q's Kids panda bears, blankets, and comfort bags to all the kids. The smiles were huge.

The Eagles for Children grant to supply comfort bags to all the campers at the new Henry Ford Sandcastles grief program were dropped off. They will be distributed to all the campers this month at the first grief camp session, we were glad to make the connection between Lions Bear Lake Camp and Henry Ford Sandcastles. Thank you to the Eagles for Children program and our Lions for making this happen.

As a result of the Lions Collaboration Event in March, the board approved a collaboration event for Impact 100 Macomb County, several Christian networking groups, and BNI Eastside Launchpad networking group to come together to support Turning Point, Ennis Center for Children, Grace Centers for Hope, and Jasmynn's Voice by creating and delivering 270 Susie Q's Kids comfort bags to those in attendance and creating 300 inspiration books for kids. Fox 2, Amy Angels, came and filmed and interviewed our event along with Jelani from AccelerateKID.

The club allows Susie Q's Kids to create comfort bags on the second Monday of each month at 6 pm. Consider joining and sharing Lionism service with those in attendance. Susie Q's Kids engages "Kids in Helping Kids", bring your kids to learn to give back to other kids in need.

Our District picnic was a success, thanks to all our Lions who set up, shopped, cooked, tended bar, and cleaned up to serve our district guests. Your participation was noticed and appreciated.

I look forward to another great month, I hope everyone enjoys these remaining summer days.

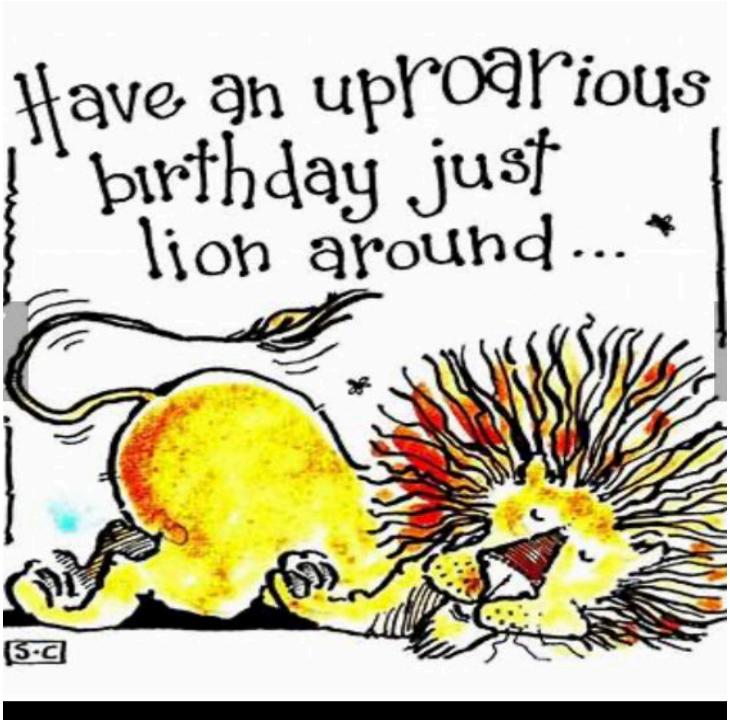
President Lion Dr Mary

FUTURE EVENTS

Aug. 9TH (Wed) -Dinner Meeting (starts at 6:30 pm) (Jasmynn's Voice & Play Place)
Aug. 5th (Sat)- LMSF "Hall of Fame" Dinner (Mt. Pleasant)
Aug. 11th (Fri) –Euchre Night (Doors open at 6pm)
Aug. 19th (Sat) – Club Officer Training (if interested) (Doors open @8:30am)
Aug. 20th (Sun) – Backpack Drive (3-6pm) (Looking for donations of Backpacks filled w/supplies) (Contact Monica Hamlett (Mona) at monalizza221@yahoo.com for questions)
Aug. 20th (Sun) – Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic (Metamora Golf & Country Club)
(Registration Deadline is Aug.7th) (www.bearlakecamp.org)
Aug. 23rd (Wed) – Dinner Meeting (starts at 6:30)
Aug.. 25-26th (Fri/Sat) – Lions of Michigan Weekend @ Lions Bear Lake Camp
(RSVP by Aug. 15th to TRACI@BEARLAKECAMP.ORG) (Tours,Teambuilding & Fellowship)

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

Sept. 13th (Wed) – Dinner Meeting (Dr. Goldstein)
Sept. 23RD (Sat) – 2ND Annual Tom Klingensmith Golf Tournament (Chairs Chuck & Ken Sharp)
(Timberwood Golf Course)
Sept. 27th (Wed) – Dinner Meeting (Turning Point - Human Trafficking, 1 hr. presentation)
Oct. 1st((Sun) – JDRF Diabetes Walk
Oct. 8th (Sun) - One Last Rodeo /Appreciation Dinner for PDG Shawn Blaszczyk
(Lions Bear Lake Camp) (1-4pm)
Oct. (TBD) (Mon) - Mammography Seminar (Chair- Mary Jo from Troy Lions, collaboration with Sterling Heights Lions, more info to come)
Oct.14th (Sat) – Day of Healing (Chair/Lion Mona)(More Info to come)
Oct. 21ST (Sat) – Evening with the Stars (Doors open @ 5:30) ($25) (Chair Ron)
Oct. 23rd (Mon) – Penrickton Kick–Off Dinner
Oct. 28th (Sat) – Arts & Craft Show (9-3pm)(Chairs Barb & Donna) (More Details to Come)
Nov. 2nd- 5th – Lions of Michigan Leadership Training, Higgins Lake
Nov. 11t (Sat) – Entrepreneur Fair (Chair Mona) (More info to come)



BIRTHDAYS

Doug Wilson (8/3)
Bill Stapels (8/3)
Sean Ziegenhagen (8/6)
Jasmine Anderson (8/19)
Scott Chambers (8/26)
Ken Krueger (8/30)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dr. Mary Welsh (3yrs)
Joe Welsh (3yrs)
Barbara Quandt (23yrs)
Ginnie Nizol (22yrs)
Larry Carson (6yrs)
John Walker (41yrs)

Please keep the following Lions in your Thoughts and Prayers.....

LL PHILLIS WEXLER
LION HANK CARROLL
LION MARLENE VARTO
LION ROBERT VARTO
LION ROY CECI AND FAMILY
LL VAL GACH
CORA (LION JIM HARTENS WIFE)
LL SANDY VARTO
LL CATHY RIGGS.
LL BARB GILL
LION JOE WUNCHEL
GARY LOOPER (GOOD FRIEND OF LL PAT MEADOWS)
SHELLY (DAUGHTER OF LION MILDRED BUTTS)
NATALIE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF VERALUCKENBACHER)

LIONESS LIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS......

Aug. 8th (Tues) – Board & General Membership Meeting (starts at 6pm)
Aug.15th (Tues) – Tea & Strumpets (Starts at 12pm) (Cost is $15)
Aug. 21(Mon) – American House Cream Tea (2pm)
Sept. 6-8th – Mystery Trip
Sept. 12th (Tues) – Board Meeting (6pm)
Sept. 16th (Sat) – Baked Potato Fundraiser (2-6pm) (Advance/$8, At the Door/ $10, & Family of 4/ $30)
Sept. 19th (Tues) – Bunco (Doors open at 6:30) ($10)

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)
Pat Meadows – Plastic Lids & Caps (Please deposit in Bin in the Back Room)
Amy Casali – Crib/Twin Sheets, Kids Pajamas, & Toothpaste (Macomb Foster Closet)

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).

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.
SCHOOL SUPPLIES: starting at July meeting Highlighters, rulers, ink pens, filler paper (college rule), spiral notebooks, 1" flex binders, pocket folders, erasers, safety scissors, and mechanical pencils.
LL Val Gach will now be in charge of collecting items that will be donated to Big Family!

QUOTES FOR THE DAY:

"WE CAN'T HELP EVERYONE,
BUT EVERYONE CAN HELP
SOMEONE."
(RONALD REAGAN)

"BE THE CHANGE THAT YOU WISH
TO SEE IN THE WORLD"
(MAHATMA GANDHI)

"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE:
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH."
(HELEN KELLER)