STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

International President, Dr. Patti Hill - "Change the World"

District 11-A2 Governor Kelley Unruh

"Mentor for Change"

JANUARY 2024

PRIDE NEWS

As we move through the month of January & into the new year, may we all acknowledge the time & effort all of our fellow Lions have put forth through the multitude of events that we hosted in 2023. What an amazing year of new membership & collaboration it has been! Looking forward to 2024 events that are in the works! Remember that, "We are Better Together."

Some of our Lions members who work behind the scenes continuously help people in need throughout the year. Two such Lions are Frank Singer and Jim Oak, who run the Hearing & Sight part of our Club.

Lion Frank has helped 11 people in 2023 with acquiring hearing aids and contributed $500 towards the cost of an individuals cochlear implants

Through collections Lion Frank was able to donate 83 Hearing Aids in September and 74 in December to Starkey (Hearing Aid Company). We received $154 for Sept. donation.

Lion Jim collects, cleans, and boxes up donated glasses. He has boxed up 7,602 recycled glasses from 2022-2023 (July), All of these donations of hearing aids / glasses will help adults and children alike in third world countries.

PAST EVENTS (2023)

Candy Cane Drive

We exceeded our goal of $5000 for our 2023 Candy Cane Drive, which was a success! Thanks go out to Lion Doug Wilson for taking on the Drive after Lion Eileen Maciasz passed on the Canes after running the show for 10 years. Looking forward to surpassing our goal this year.

Annual Pancake Christmas Breakfast 2023

We are thankful that Santa stopped by our club to talk to the kids who attended and hand out candy canes! Eversight was also in attendance checking eyes!
It takes a pride to make an event successful & we sure had a lot of Lions in attendance! Thanks to each & everyone of you for your participation!
Thanks to Susie Q's Kids for surprising kids with a goodie filled backpack and Beanie Babies. So many smiling faces. We look forward to December 2024.

Lions Christmas Party

We ended the year with our annual Christmas party which was full of fun, good food and good music. We hired the Fabulous Fifties- Detroit to perform after dinner. A few Lions even got up to dance! Thanks everyone who attended!

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!
https://sterlingheightslionsclub.org/cannister-map/
Our 2023 Canister totals are $3,686.43. A Big Thanks to Lion Joe Croke for his time and effort collecting the canister funds at these locations, every month.

Charity Poker

We raised $9,871.00 (gross), with a net amt. of $5,771.00. Thank You goes out to Lion Eileen Maciasz for organizing, filling spots with volunteers, and working late nights yourself! Thanks to all Lions who volunteered to work our Charity Gambling events.

Club Maintenance

Thank you goes out to Lion Bob McAllister for your time & effort scraping up the old mats, in the kitchen, and replacing them with new ones! They look great!

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

MAILBOX & DONATION BOX

We 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.

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

Hello everyone,

2023 was a great year for the Lions Club with increased membership, new and old programming, and successful events and fundraising. We were able to accomplish so much within our community.

We had a successful Breakfast with Santa, the kids left with full bellies, Susie Q's Kids gift bags, and huge smiles after partaking of the activities and visiting with Santa Claus.

As a team, we gathered at the Club to celebrate the holidays and the music by Fabulous Fifties-Detroit..A good time was had by all.

We look forward to a New Year full of camaraderie and good work in the community.

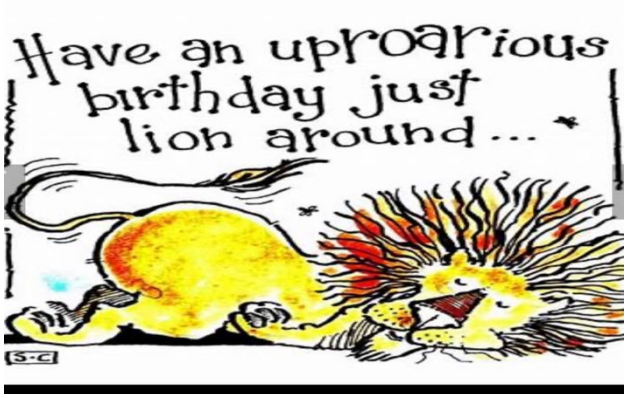
Happy New Year Dr Mary Welsh

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 24th (Wed) – Dinner Meeting (Doors open @ 6pm)

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

Feb 9th (Fri) – Euchre Tournament (Doors open @ 6pm
Feb. 21st (Wed) – Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp Kick-Off Dinner & Parade of Checks (6pm) ($30/person) (Fraser Lions Den)
Feb. 23rd-24th (Fri.-Sat.) – Leadership Forum (Marriot Kalamazoo)
Feb. 23rd (Fri.) – Charity Vegas Night (Hosted by Shelby Lions @ Shelby Gardens) (6:30)
Feb. 25th (Sun) – Euchre Tournament (Roseville Lions Club) (Registration @ 11AM) (Start @ 12pm) ($15)
Mar. 23rd (Sat) – Easter Pancake Breakfast
April 12th -14th (Fri-Sun) – District 11-A2 Convention (Grand Rapids)
Apr. 18th (Thurs) – Madonna Dinner
May 6th (Mon) – Collaboration Event
May 8th (Wed) – Beaumont "Silent Children Special Evening" (San Marino Club)
June 2nd (Sun) – Leader Dog / Service Animal Event



BIRTHDAYS

JUDY WELSH (1/16)
BEVERLY M. VANDAMME (1/17)
DALE SOLITRO ((1/27)
REV. ROBERT ROSCOE (1/27)
BARBARA QUANDT (2/7)
DR. MARY WELSH (2/11)
MIKE PEDRIE (2/12)
HANK CARROLL (1/17)
SAM PALAZZOLO (1/22)
LOUISE FRAGNOLI (1/27)
MIKE LECKLIDER (2/3)
KIMBERLY MARTIN (2/10)
SONYA WEAVER (2/11)
JACQUES HADDAD (2/13)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JAN CUNNINGHAM (22 YRS)
CHUCK MCALLISTER (5 YRS)

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)
LION VERA LUCKENBACHER & FAMILY
CINDY (WIFE OF FORMER LION TOM KLINGENSMITH)
DIANE (DAUGHTER OF LION FRANK SINGER)
LION HANK CARROLL
LL BARB GILL
LL CATHY RIGGS
LION MIKE DIGREGORIO
LION RON PAPA

LIONESS LIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS......
Jan 23rd (Tues) – General Membership Meeting (6pm)
Feb 20th (Tues) Tea & Strumpets / Mardi Gras (12pm) ($15)
Feb 23rd (Fri) – Trivia Night (Doors open @ 6pm) ($25 per person)
Mar. 16th (Sat) – Pajama Party (Doors open @ 12:30) ($15/advance- $20/door)
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)

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).

3rd ANNUAL. MICHIGAN 3-DIGIT LOTTERY RAFFLE

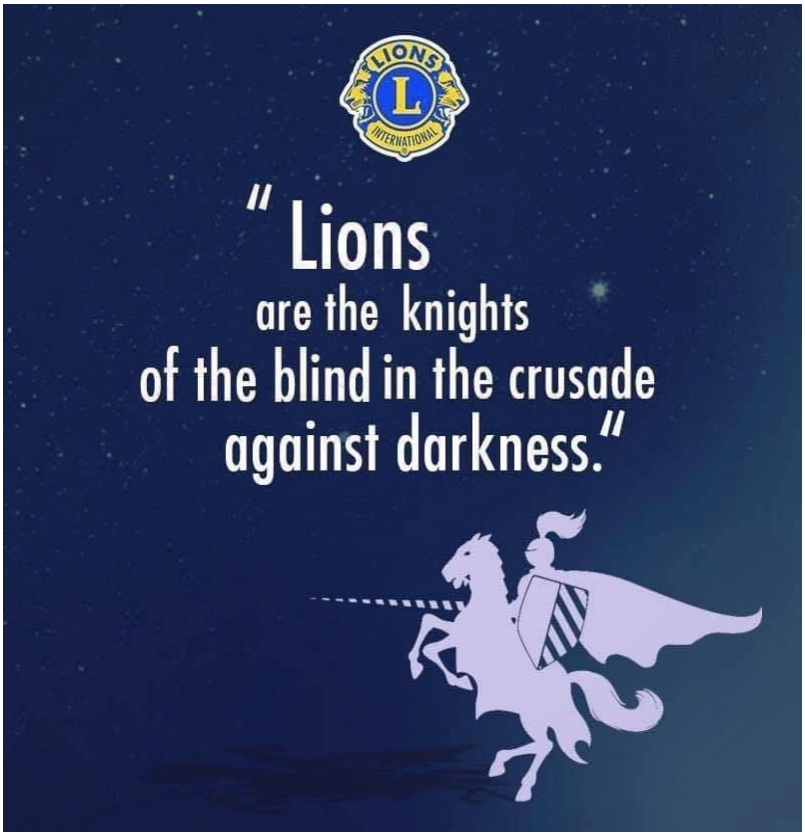
Drawings every day in the month of February 2024.Each ticket is $10.00. If your 3-digit raffle ticket matches the Michigan 3-Digit Evening Lottery number drawn ANY DAY IN FEBRUARY, you win $100.00!If the 3-digit number drawn does not match a raffle ticket sold, a winner will be drawn from the sold tickets. Please ask any Sterling Heights Lioness Lion member for tickets, or click here to purchase online.

https://sterling-heights-lioness-club.square.site/

QUOTES FOR THE DAY:

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"

-Martin Luther King Jr.

"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves."

-Helen Keller