STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

MAY 2024

PRIDE NEWS

Every year in May, Lions stand outside stores and street corners, for two weeks, collecting for our White Cane Drive, which is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

We got through another White Cane Drive, in which we raised $4,640.98.

Thank you to Lions Doug Wilson, Sam Palazzolo, Eileen Maciasz, Jim Oak, and Jerry Kieliszewski for braving the rain and traffic.

Some of you may not know that Lion Eileen has stepped down from her lead role of the White Cane Drive, but has passed the Cane on to Lion Doug.

Did You Know:

In 1930, Lion George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club (Illinois) introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions approved the idea, white canes were made and distributed, and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. News of the club's activity spread quickly to other Lions clubs throughout the United States, and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. Overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration among their sighted counterparts.

Club Officers/Board Members
Correction: Membership Chairperson for 2024-2025 is Elaine Ventura, not Kim Martin.

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DATES ARE: **6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 9/13, 10/11, & 11/8**
We are still looking for volunteers to learn how to participate for backup coverage.

Charity Poker
Lion Eileen Maciasz will be looking for volunteers to fill time slots starting July 18-21 at One Eyed Jacks. Keep in mind, you must be on the list that is submitted to the state. Please email Eileen at ejmm8@comcast.net if you would like to be added to that list. Future Charity Poker dates are listed below.

Sept. 18-21	Rosemack
Oct. 7-10.	Paradise Banquet and Restaurant
Oct. 28-31	Paradise Banquet and Restaurant

Club Maintenance
Lion Joe Croke was able to help facilitate the removal of the berm and surrounding landscaping improve the visibility of our amazing electronic sign.

Canisters
Thank you to Lion Joe Croke for collecting the month of April totaling **$296.**
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

We had a couple of fabulous events interacting and enriching our nonprofit relationships.

Sterling Heights Lions Foster Care Summit held 4/27 at the club 12828 Canal Road Sterling Heights MI 48313
2nd Annual Collaboration Event held 5/6 at the club hosted by Sterling Heights Lions Club and Clinton Valley Kiwanis Club

The collaboration event was an interactive night of nonprofits and supporters speed-dating to share who and what they do and need. Through this format, the parties were able to find synergy within their programs, ways to support each other and the community we serve, and to build long-lasting partnerships and alliances to do good - We Are Better Together!

Look at some of the feedback from the evening participants:

"The beauty of the Foster Care Summit and the Annual Collaboration Event (Better Together) is that they bring together such a variety of people and groups in the community identifying and meeting different needs in unique ways The collaboration it invites strengthens the community and the representation of so many ideas and dirrs perspective is an inspiration (it definitely was for me, and I'm sure it must have been for everyone there)." Kayla Park, Samaritas

"What a great event! So many great connections were made for follow-ups (and speaking engagements)" Ryan and Christine Phipps, Walk for the Red

"Thank you to Sterling Heights Lions Club, Susie Q's Kids and Kiwanis Clinton Valley for hosting this event tonight! Nonprofit organizations are such an integral part of our society. Thank you for helping nonprofits connect to each other! Avin Thomas, Trinity Community Center Board member

"There is so much good in this world with several organizations and clubs willing to help those in need of assistance." Denise Zuke, Love INC of North Oakland County

"Better Together 2nd Annual Collaboration Event provides necessary informational resources for those in need! We have to be aware of all the ways there are to help someone in need" Lisa Stoen, Christ Lutheran Church

"Susie Q's Kids works with so many nonprofit and service agencies to provide their comfort bags to kids in need in our community. Events like these enable us to strengthen current and develop new nonprofit and community relationships. Our Love in Bag program has helped over 12,000 kids, it is not possible without the relationships built through events like this, Thank You!" Dr Mary, President of Susie Q's Kids

"I really enjoyed the format of this event. We each had time to introduce our work and express our need to multiple groups of people.. Very friendly and well-organized event" Russanne Bucci, Art of Group Conversation

"What a great opportunity to network with other non-profits, and in many cases join forces to improve our communities and the lives of those who live in our communities. Thank you, Dr Mary" Nancy Darkin, Fisher House Michigan

"Better Together, The Sterling Heights Lions Club loves to host events where we provide information and engage those in our community who can help others. The recent Foster Care Summit and 2nd Annual Collaboration Event brought those who support the community together to share ideas, network, and make collaborative relationships to help others in the future." Dr Mary Welsh, President Sterling Heights Lions Club

"Thank you for coordinating this program. I had met entirely new people and organizations this time around. I believe that it is a fantastic program to cross-pollinate everyone's efforts." Rich Morian Golden K (Kiwanis)

"Thank you, Mary for such a great event. This event allowed me to meet new organizations that I can partner with. This was a wonderful way in which like-minded individuals could get together." Dr.Chineva Early, The Bettye Harris Foundation

"I had the pleasure of attending this great event for the second time each year it gets better and better. Just to sit and meet new organizations and talk about collaborating with each other and building new relationships. The event is truly a blessing I look forward to next year." Rev Robert Roscoe, CEO/Founder Lift Up a Child

"Clinton Valley Kiwanis helps kids. It was a privilege to collaborate with the Sterling Heights Lion's Club on this second annual Better Together event. We all have limited resources; it only makes sense to share our experience, successes, and lessons learned." Cynthia Greening, President of Clinton Valley Kiwanis

"It was a great collaboration experience, we learned a lot about other organizations and how we collaboratively partner with them. We look forward to future events of this type and working with our new partners." Ed Williams, CEO Let Me Your Hands

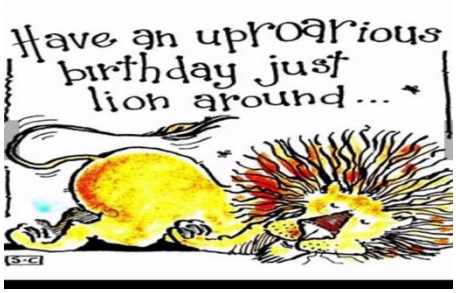
Join us for future events and learn about the community we support, the nonprofits and their impact within the community.
President Dr Mary Welsh

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

June 2nd (Sun) –Paws for Service (11-3)
June 18th (Tues) – Bounce Event (Private Foster Kid Event)
June 25th (Tues) – Lioness Lions Presidents Appreciation Dinner (Aspen Restaurant) ($32 +$3) (6pm)
June 26th (Wed) –Lions Presidents Appreciation Dinner (Doors open @ 6pm) ($15 / Non-Members & LL)
July 10th (Wed) – Lions Bear Lake Camp Ice Cream Social (w/ Lake Orion Lions)
Aug. 1st (Thurs) – Blood Drive (9-3pm)
Aug 7th (Wed) – National Night Out (Sterling Heights Police Dept.)
Sept. 14th (Sat) – Golf Outing
Oct. 19th (Sat) – Arts & Crafts Event
Oct. 26th (Sat) – Evening with the Stars

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

July 28th (Sun) – Lions Bear Lake Camp Fundraiser (Jimmy Johns Field)



BIRTHDAYS

AUSTIN LEE (5/29)
JOSEPH CROKE (6/12)
JEANNOLA ROGERS (6/28)
MARY MALMBERG (7/8)
HAROLD MERTES (6/12)
ASHLEY WELSH (6/27)
JIM OAK (7/1)
TOM SMITH (7/11)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

RON PAPA (35 YRS.)
MARY MALMBERG (28 YRS.)
VERA LUCHENBACHER (22 YRS.)
JIM OAK (12 YRS.)
JASMINE ANDERSON (1 YR.)
DONNA MCFARLANE (1 YR.)
HANK CARROLL (29 YRS.)
FRANK SINGER (23 YRS.)
EILEEN MACIASZ (12 YRS.)
KARLEEN SINELLI (2 YRS.)
AUSTIN LEE (1 YR.)

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 LORIE PAPA
LL SANDRA WHITWORTH
KAREN (LION JOHN WALKER'S WIFE)

LIONESS LIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS......

June 18th (Tues) – Tea & Strumpets (Mt. Clemens Roses) ($15) (Noon)
June 19th (Wed) - Day Trip to the War Memorial

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
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:

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

-John F. Kennedy (Memorial Day)

"Being positive won't guarantee you'll succeed. But being negative will guarantee you won't."

-Jon Gordon

Lion Ken Kreuger shared this with me and I decided to add it to our newsletter for Mothers Day! To me, it was a reminder of my mother and Lion Jim Oak's sister, who left this earth, last year on Memorial Day.

Lion Dawn DeClark

YOUR MOTHER

Your Mother is always with you. She' the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street. She's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself. She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well. She's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning. Your mother lives inside your laughter. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you not time, not space…not even death.

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