STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

District 11-A2 Governor Kelley Unruh

"Mentor for Change"

NOVEMBER 2023

PRIDE NEWS

As we move through the month of November, I hope we will acknowledge our fellow Lions and their family members who proudly served in all branches of the military. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE!

What do you feel Thankful for this year?

Quality time with loved ones, celebrating family traditions, home cooked meals (for me, its my Aunt's Homemade Stuffing), or for helping others in our community in many different ways through Lionism. No matter what you are thankful for, please be mindful that some of our friends and family may be celebrating this Thanksgiving without a loved one for the first time! Let's lift those people up with warm thoughts, kind hugs, and maybe even reach out with a phone call. We are all better together! HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!

CANDY CANE FUNDRAISER

We will be collecting in the streets of Sterling Heights as well as at Walmart at Hall road and Moundand The Pantry at 15 & Van Dyke. We can collect on the streets of Sterling Heights on Nov 24th – 26th and Dec. 1st - 3rd.

There is a sign up sheet for collecting at Walmart on Sunday only Nov. 26th and Dec 3rd.

Any question Email Doug Wilson @ dsw196281@gmail.com

CHARITY POKER

Thanks to all Lions who volunteered to work our Charity Gambling events last month.
Upcoming Dates: *December 28-31 (nights).
Any Questions: Please contact Eileen Maciasz at ejmm8@comcast.net to volunteer or acquire more information. ♠️❤️♣️♦️

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Eversight Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship....
Congratulations to Lion Ron Papa receiving this award in recognition of donating $500 or more in one fiscal year to Eversight Michigan or for people for whom a donation was made by others!

Membership Key Award
Congratulations to Lion Bob McAllister on receiving this key award for successfully opening the door of Lionism to at least two individuals.

2023 Best of MichBusiness Nonprofit Beacon Award
Sterling Heights Lions Club received this award which celebrates the programs and companies that make our state a great place to live. This year's awards program will honor the companies that make a difference and show outstanding leadership. Thanks to Lions Chuck McAllister, Joe Welsh, and Dr. Mary Welsh for representing our club.

Michigan NonProfit Relief Fund
Sterling Heights Lions Club was awarded $25,000 from the state towards our operating budget after Dr. Mary Welsh and various other nonprofits in attendance at our March Collaboration Event learned of this program. WooHoo!

Adopt a Road
Lion Sam Palazzolo did some cleanup for the adopt a road project from Garfield Rd. to Grosebeck Rd. last month. Thanks Lion Sam for your time and dedication.

Club Maintenance
Thank you goes out to Lions Joe Welsh and Chuck McAllister for the purchase and installation of our new refrigerator and the removal of both the old fridge and the beer cooler.

GUEST SPEAKERS & OTHER NEWS

FOOD DRIVE

We collected can goods at multiple collaboration events in the last few weeks, which were given to DG Kelley Unruh to contribute to her food drive. Thank You Lion Kelley!

A DAY OF HEALING

Lion Mona Lizza created this event focused on natural healing from Grief/Loss, Illnesses, Mental Ailments, and Daily Stressors. This was a collaboration of small business owners. ThankYou to Lions and vendors who attended and participated in this event. A Big Thank You to the volunteers and raffle donations provided to make this a successful event.

EVENING WITH THE STARS "TWICE AS NICE"

Lion Ron, Lion Barb, Lion Jim, Lion Eileen and others led another entertaining evening filled with music, skits, costumes, and hilarity!
Even other members participated in the dancing!
Thank You to everyone who participated and attended. Until next year!

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MAMMOGRAMS?

The Troy Community Lions Club held an event hosted by the Sterling Heights Lions Club led by Dr. Julie J. Shultz, MD., Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology and Lion Mary Jo Nanni, ARRT(RT)(M), Registered Mammography Technologist and a member of the Troy Community Lions for taking the time to have an informative discussion about mammograms and questions surrounding them on Oct. 23rd.

ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

Lion Donna McFarlane and Lion Barb McAllister hosted our First Annual Arts and Crafts Show and secured over 30 vendors with various types of arts and crafts. Donuts and water were donated by longtime Sterling Heights business, Millers Orchard.
Lion Donna donated 10 beautiful baskets, along with various gifts cards from local businesses for the raffle! Entrance fee to the show was $2 or 2 canned goods and two bins of food was collected, which was given to DG Kelley Unruh for her Food Drive.
Positive feedback was given by many who attended A big "Thank you" to all the volunteers! We could not have made this happen without them! Great job From Donna & Barb!

ENTREPRENUER EXTRAVAGANZA

Lion Mona Lizza created an event that centered around small business owners sharing their expertise with others who aspire to start a new career. Thank You to Lions and Vendors who attended and participated in this event. A big thank you to all the volunteers and raffle donations provided to make this a successful event.

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/

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 Facebook Page.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Dr. Mary Welsh

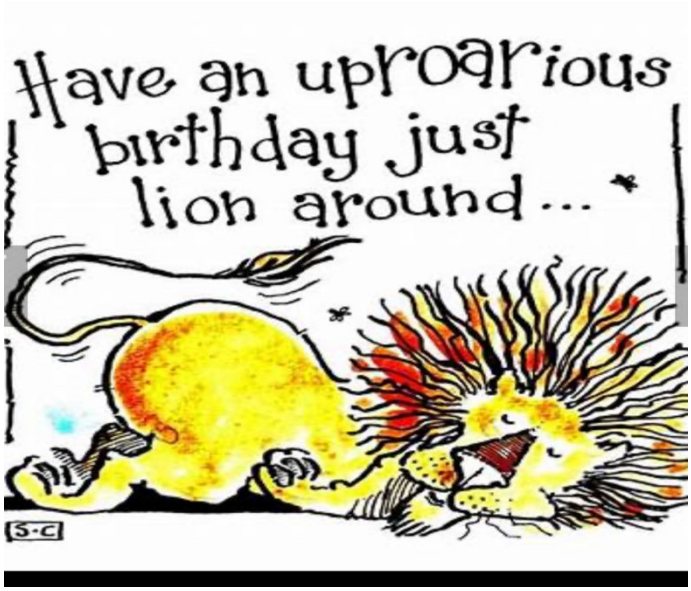
Hello everyone,
What a great a great month, so many activities in the club and in our community. The Detroit Lions continue to have success along with our college teams. Enjoy the fall weather, winter is coming fast.
We had several events at the club that brought us recognition in the public and surrounding community. Our Day of Healing Event brought interested parties together to learn more about our health and offerings in the community.
Our Evening with the Stars had people swooning over Elvis, singing along with the tunes, and crushing the dance floor with the Twist and Monster Mash. A great time was had by all.
We hosted our fellow Troy Community Lions Club who gave us an enlightening discussion of the need for mammography and answered our questions. The information they shared may just save a life.
Patti Barr gave us an enlightening discussion on Eversight allowing us to see a little more in depth into their program. Thank you Patti.
The Arts and Craft show was a delight, many showed their handmade crafts and inspired us all to dabble a little in the arts or spend some money to support the arts. Great job by everyone involved.
Dr Mary gave an enlightening discussion on the background of our Lions awards and how we distributed our funds last year to the many nonprofits we support. Thank you for your time and generosity throughout the Lion year July 1 – June 30th, we donated $52,000 dollars to our designated charities and shared our goal to raise enough to provide $55,000 this Lion year.
Membership continues to increase with approximately 25 new members, who do you know that could provide new ideas, work our events, and enrich the diversity, equity, inclusion, and belongingness of our group? We are better together. Take the time to learn what makes each other tick, it's interesting.
November hosts our Entrepreneur Fair on 11/11 and our Candy Cane drive starts. Interested in supporting the Candy Cane drive, see Lion Doug Wilson who is chairing this event and could use your support, it is a major fundraiser for our Lions Clubs. Your help is appreciated.
December will have our Easter Pancake breakfast with Santa 12/3 and adult Christmas Party on 12/9. We will be sharing more information on how to help with these events and will be collecting toys for the families we will support this Holiday season. Watch for email updates!
There will be no Euchre in December. Let's chat, we need to train more subs in the event our regulars are busy or simply want a night off. It is a great crowd, and the work is easy. Let Eileen know if interested.
Charity Poker is Dec 28, 29, 30, and 31st. Be sure to help with covering these dates, this brings much money into the club for us to generously help our community in need. Please volunteer.
Much more coming in the new year, I am proud to say I am a Sterling Heights Lion working with the best, Congrats to everyone for your commitment, support, and generosity.
Do you have an idea, a suggestion for a speaker or an event, let's chat. Here is to another productive month. **Best Dr Mary**

FUTURE EVENTS

Nov. 20th (Mon) – Region ll Meeting (Doors open at 6pm) (Meeting starts at 6:45pm) ($20)
Nov. 22nd (Wed) – Dinner Meeting
Nov. 24th-26th – Candy Cane Fundraiser / Any Questions-
Email Lion Doug at dsw196281@gmail.com
Nov 30th (Thur) – Leader Dogs for the Blind Kick-Off Dinner

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

Dec. 1st-3rd – Candy Cane Fundraiser
Dec. 3rd (Sun) – Christmas Pancake Breakfast / Toy Drive (Looking for Volunteers & Toys)
Dec. 9th (Sat) - Lions Christmas Party
Dec. 11th (Mon) – Service Night filling Susie Q's Comfort Bags (hosted by SHLC)
Dec. 28th - 31st – Charity Gambling



BIRTHDAYS

CHUCK MCALLISTER (11/5)
APRIL L'ECUYER (11/5)
KAREN KOEHN (11/7)
GINNIE NIZOL (11/9)
JAN CUNNINGHAM (11/10)
KEN NELSON (11/17)
DR. GARY CIOLEK (11/18)
JIM HARTEN (11/19)
RON PAPA (11/19)
MARLENE VARTO (12/3)
MICHAEL DIGREGORIO (12/6)
ALENA KOURKOULIOTIS (12/20)
GERALD KIELISZEWSKI (12/24)
JOHN BINGHAM JR. (12/30)
CHRISTOPHER PAPA (12/31)
ADELINE MARTIN (12/31)
LARRY CARSON (12/31)
SHELIA COOKS (12/31)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JOE WUNCHEL (53 YRS.)
MILDRED BUTTS (35 YRS.)
KELLEY UNRUH (26 YRS.)
BILL GOLDSTEIN (15 YRS.)
JACQUES HADDAD (10 YRS.)
MICHEAL DIGREGORIO (10 YRS.)
DEAN SMITH (6 YRS.)
SUSAN JOYE (2 YRS.)
JOANN JERMANUS (2 YRS.)
BOB MCALLISTER (2 YRS.)
BASIL WELSH (2 YRS.)
KAREN KOEHN (2 YRS.)

Please keep the following Lions in your thoughts and Prayers

LION LORIE PAPA
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 BARB GILL
LL CATHY RIGGS.
LION MIKE DIGREGORIO
TODD KRUEGER (BROTHER OF LION KEN KRUEGER)
GARY LOOPER (GOOD FRIEND OF LL PAT MEADOWS)
SHELLY (DAUGHTER OF LION MILDRED BUTTS)
NATALIE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF VERA LUCKENBACHER)
ROSEANNE MARCY (FORMER LIONESS LION)
CINDY (WIFE OF FORMER LION TOM KLINGENSMITH)

LIONESS LIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS......
Nov.21st (Tues) – Bunco (Doors open at 6:30pm / Games start at 7pm)
Dec. 1st (Fri) – Christmas Party/ Luncheon (!2PM)($35)(Deadline Today)
Dec. 19th (Tues) - Tea & Strumpets (Christmas Theme)

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:

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it"

William Arthur Ward

"We must find the time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives"

John F. Kennedy