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

SEPTEMBER 2023

PRIDE NEWS

What Do Lions Do?? We support our Fellow Lions with Service Projects / Events that help raise money to support our local charities and help those in need in our community. We have quite a few events scheduled from now until the end of the year, but I would like to ask for everyone to help with one particular Service Project hosted by our very own DG Lion Kelley Unruh which involves food scarcity. Lion Kelley is asking her fellow Lions and Lioness Lion's to help fill up her car before the end of Sept. with food donations that will be going to the Macomb County Food Pantry.
If you have any questions, please reach out to Lion Kelley Unruh @ (586) 216-1143

2nd ANNUAL TOM KLINGENSMITH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sept. 23rd Still looking for one more Foursome..⛳

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.

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.♠️♥️♣️♦️

A DAY OF HEALING

Would you like to learn how to heal naturally and traditionally from Grief/Loss, Illnesses, Mental Ailments, Daily Stressors. If so, join us for vendors, entertainment, food, and beverages.

Oct. 14th (2-6pm) Call Mona For Vendor opportunities (586)460-8981

EVENING WITH THE STARS "TWICE AS NICE"

Please join us on **Oct. 21st** for an evening filled with great music, entertainment, and dinner. We will listen to hits by different artists such as, "This Magic Moment", "I Will Always Love You", and "The Twist", and much more.
Doors open @ 5:30 - Dinner @ 6pm – Tickets are $25 – (Flyer to Come)

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MAMMOGRAMS?

We were happy to have Lion Bill Gelement, Lion Alexis Peake, and Lion Jo Nanni of the Troy Community Lions visit our club to share with us about the event that they are sponsoring at Sterling Height Lions. This event is an informative discussion about mammograms and all the questions you have about them.
All Men and Women Are Welcome!!
Dr. Julie J. Shultz, MD., Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology and Lion Mary Jo Nanni, ARRT(RT)(M), Registered Mammography Technologist will be leading this discussion on **Oct. 23rd** (Doors open 6:30pm) (Presentation from 7-8pm)
Mark your Calendars!!

ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

Please Join Us on **OCT. 28th** from 9-3pm and help support the Lions Club various Charities. Come enjoy Arts, Crafts, Raffles, Prizes, Cider, & Donuts..🍩
We still have openings for our outdoor area for Vendors ($20 Fee). If you are interested, please contact **Barb @ (586)242-7483 or Donna @ (586)907-2228**

PONTIAC LIONS 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Oct. 23rd - Lafayette Grande Ballroom $38/ per person
6pm – Social Hour & Hors d'oeuvres 7pm – Dinner Buffet
RSVP & Dinner Payment: Must be Received No Later Than September 19, 2023
Make Checks Payable to: Pontiac Lions Club
Send to: Lion Dick Wolff, 704 Kirkton Ct. Rochester Hills, MI 48307

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!
Lion Sheila Cooks (sponsored by Lion Mona Lizza)
Lion Henry Guthard (sponsored by Lion Dr. Mary Welsh)
Thank You to PDG Lion John Bingham for swearing in our new members.

GUEST SPEAKERS & OTHER NEWS

JASMYNN'S VOICE

We welcomed a young lady, named Jasmynn, and her parents, Melissa (PT Teacher) and David (retired Police Officer) to speak about their non-profit organization called Jasmynn's Voice. Jasmynn is their inspiration for starting this non-profit organization, and is living with Autism. Diagnosed at the age of 3, she needed a device to assist her with communication. The iPad has opened doors and given her a voice. They want to do the same for others in Southern Michigan.

The mission of Jasmynn's Voice is to give iPads as an AAC (Alternative Augmentative Communication) device to those who have autism and struggle with language deficits/delays. Since JV was started 12 yrs. ago, they have provided 700 IPads and Communication Apps to those in need. THE MISSION STATEMENT: "Provide a voice to those living with autism and together, create communities rich in awareness, understanding, and acceptance." If you would like to learn more or find out ways to donate, check out their website. https://jasmynnsvoice.org

BACKPACK DRIVE

Our Backpack Giveaway was filled with Face Painting, Games, Musical Chairs, Hot Dogs, Candy, & Music (Thanks to our very own Lion Ronald Young). Big Thanks to Lion Mona Lizza for creating & chairing this event. We appreciate our fellow Lions who showed up to cook hot dogs, help set up/ clean up, and participate, by donating backpacks with school supplies (you know who you are), despite the heat of the day. High Five to Troy Community Lions Club for donating Backpacks for the event. Our hope with this event was that our fellow community members are a little more prepared for the school year.

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 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!!

LANDSCAPING /OUTDOOR BEAUTIFICATION

Thanks to Lion Bob McAllister (and his brother Jimmy) for making sure the landscaping looks nice and hedges are trimmed.
Also, Thanks to Lion Jim Oak and Lion Mike Pedrie (and Grace Pedrie) for trimming trees on the property.

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,
It's hard to believe the summer is ending and the kids are back in school. We had our first annual backpack giveaway chaired by Lion Mona (assisted by her son), music by Lion Ron, Activities and Games by Lion Aaron, and volunteer Lions, April, elaine, Dawn, Ken, Chuck, Joe and Dr. Mary. The kids had fun playing games, getting their faces painted, good eats, and backpacks for a successful academic school year. Thanks to all our visitors and volunteers.

Lion Lore Quandt. Lore a Lion of 23 years will be missed. We held an honor line at her funeral service, thank you to all the Lions who showed up to pay their respect. Our sympathy goes out to Lion Barb and her family.

Adopt a Road program, a big shout out to Lion Joe for cleaning the roadway. The city has erected a sign of recognition on VanDyke, North of Utica Road.

Euchre Night, thank you to all our dedicated volunteers for showing up to give our Euchre players a great experience, the crowd says they really enjoy the atmosphere and volunteers. Good job!
Charity Gambling, thanks to our seasoned and new volunteers. Please consider signing up for a shift or two, these charity gambling events provide great funding opportunities to support our charitable projects. Charity!

Panera Bread End of Day Donation, this program chaired by Lions Basil and Judy Welsh is a hit at the senior center. Participants line up for their choice of bread & goodies. Thank you Lions Basil and Judy for your weekly dedication to pick up and bag the donations and to run the give-a-way program every week.

Henry Ford Sandcastles Grief program was held this month at Lions Bear Lake Camp. The kids had a great time exploring their feelings and having fun. The kids were very happy with the Susie Q's Kids

camp comfort bags provided on behalf of the Sterling Heights Lions Club through the Eagles for Children grant program. We received the following message of thanks:

> Thank you again for your support of our camp weekend! It was a success and healing hearts while having fun in Nature is divine intervention 🙏🙏🙏 The bags were appreciated and the Panda's were a hit! Many sweet stories of children with their pandas, it was special in so many ways ❤️❤️❤️
> Hugs and gratitude, **Lizanne Chisholm MA, LPC,** SandCastles Clinical Coordinator

Collaboration event. We held a follow up collaboration event in August. We had the Impact 100 Macomb group, Christian Networking Group, and BNI Networking group gather to create Susie Q's Kids comfort bags distributed to Turning Point, Ennis Center for Children, Grace Centers of Hope, and Jasmynn's Voice. Our newest member Lion Elaine was one of our visitors and she was excited to learn about the Lions, she has joined attending several meetings and volunteered at the Backpack giveaway. We are glad to have her on the team. Fox2News Amy's Angel visited and did a segment on Susie Q's Kids hosted on our premises. Here is the link to their story. https://www.fox2detroit.com/video/1265404

We have several events coming up highlighted throughout the newsletter, please reach out to see how you can volunteer or help with the upcoming golf outing (Chuck and Ken), day of healing (Mona), arts and craft show (Barb and Donna) evening with the stars (Ron and Barb), entrepreneur extravaganza (Mona), and Christmas Pancake breakfast. It takes more than a few to make these events a success, thanks for helping in any capacity.

We have several Lions collaborations at our club coming up, Royal Oak Lions will be making bags to distribute to a local foster group (10/9), Troy Community Lions will be providing a Mammography discussion (10/23), and Dr Mary is working on a consultive basis with Lake Orion Lions who will be hosting a collaboration event (11/16) at the Orion Center.

We have some interesting speakers coming up, Lion Dr Goldstein (9/13), Turning Point – Human Trafficking- "what we think we know and what we should know" (9/27), and Utica Lion Jim Diez on a local park initiative and the latest on the retinopathy program (10/11).

Ronald McDonald House. Lion Joe and Dr Mary presented Ronald McDonald House with Susie Q's Kids comfort bags. They toured the facility, and FYI, they have added a transportation service, thus families at any area hospital can take advantage of the facility. We will be providing the families with dinner one evening, let Dr Mary know if you are interested in doing so and touring their facility, it's amazing. They also collect can tabs to support their laundry facilities on site for the families staying on their premises.

BCBSM, we will host an interactive nonprofit meeting on 9/11 at the club. Through these collaboration efforts, we expose people to our club, the role of a Lion in our community, and learn more about the program offerings in our community. Lake Orion Lion Denise Zuke will be attending.

Thanks Lion Jim and Frank for continuing to address the hearing and sight assistance requests, you make a difference to these community members.

Lion Joe has been working with the sign company, permits are approved, materials ordered, and we have a commitment for installation this month. Very exciting.

The Pontiac Lions 100-year celebration is on (9/23), the day of our golf outing. We sent our best wishes and placed a full-page ad of congratulations and upcoming Sterling Heights Lions Club events.

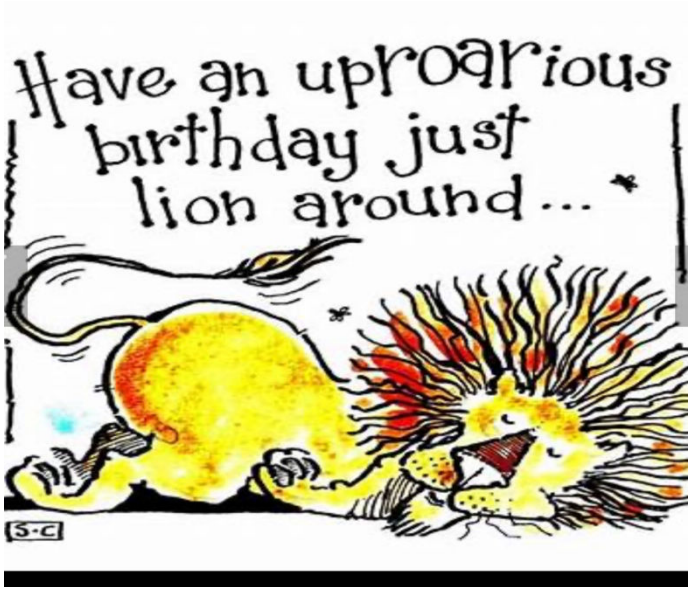
Here is to another productive month, Best Dr Mary

FUTURE EVENTS

Sept. 13th (Wed) – Dinner Meeting (Lion Dr. Goldstein speaking about Human Trafficking)
Sept. 14th -17th (Nights) - Charity Gambling
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)
Sept 29th-Oct 3rd (Nights) - Charity Gambling

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

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. 11th (Wed) – Dinner Meeting (speaker Lion Jim Diaz)
Oct. 13th (Fri) – Penrickton Kick–Off Dinner (@The Henry, Autograph Collection)
($40/person) (To order tickets call (734)946-7500 or email : sheila@penrickton.org)
Oct.14th (Sat) – Day of Healing (2-6pm) (Chair Lion Mona) (Tickets on Eventbrite.com)
Oct. 18 (Wed) – Board Meeting
Oct. 21ST (Sat) – Evening with the Stars (Doors open @ 5:30) ($25) (Chair Ron)
Oct. 23rd (Mon) - Mammography Seminar (Chair- Mary Jo from Troy Community Lions, a collaboration with Sterling Heights Lions (Doors open @ 6:30) (Presentation @ 7pm)
Oct 25th (Wed) – Dinner Meeting
Oct. 28th (Sat) – Arts & Craft Show (9-3pm) (Chairs Barb & Donna)
Nov. 2nd- 5th – Lions of Michigan Leadership Training, Higgins Lake
Nov. 11t (Sat) – Entrepreneur Extravaganza (2-6pm) (Chair Lion Mona) (Tickets on Eventbrite.com)
Dec. 2nd ((Sat) – Christmas Pancake Breakfast / Toy Drive (more info to come)
Dec. 9th (Sat) - Lions Christmas Party (more info to come)
Dec. 27-30th – Charity Gambling



BIRTHDAYS

BEN MARTIN 9/9	BOB MCALLISTER 9/14
BASIL WELSH 9/14	LORIE PAPA 9/22
DR.RON PAPA JR. 9/26	EILEEN MACIASZ 9/29
FRANK SINGER 10/1	VERA LUCKENBACHER 10/3

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

ADELINE MARTIN (8yrs) DALE SOLITRO (5yrs)
KAREN COREY (1yr)

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

LION RON PAPA	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 JOE WUNCHEL

GARY LOOPER (GOOD FRIEND OF LL PAT MEADOWS)
SHELLY (DAUGHTER OF LION MILDRED BUTTS)
NATALIE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF VERALUCKENBACHER)
ROSEANNE MARCY (FORMER LIONESS LION)

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

TO THE FAMILY of Lioness Lion Anne O'Neil/Vivian, a Charter Member of the original Sterling Heights Lioness Club since 1981 passed away on August 17 at the young age of 88.

TO THE FAMILY of Lion Lore Quandt who passed last week. She was a dedicated member for 23 yrs. and she will be sorely missed at our club activities as her constant smile warmed the room.

LIONESS LIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

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)
Oct. 11th-13th - Mystery Trip

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.
LL Val Gach will now be in charge of collecting items that will be donated to Big Family!

The 2022-2023 Lions International Peace Essay Winner

"Lead With Compassion"

Grand Prize Winner Keaton Hamilton, 11 years old ***Sponsored by the Newmarket Lions Club***

Right now, wherever you are at this moment, I would like you to imagine that you are a new student in grade 5. You are 5 feet tall, like video games, play sports, and you're just like an ordinary kid. But there's a wall between you and the rest of the students, in this class (not literally of course). You can't see that well. Not the writing on a white page, but the objects around you. Not the colours of anybody's eyes, but the colour of desks, chairs and markers. Now, a short kid with black hair looks at your white cane, hanging on a hook by the door. "Uh, what is that like a spear or something?" he says with the intent of making others feel sad. "No, it's ... my cane," you say in a small voice. "Don't they tell you no weapons at school?" "It's not a weapon it's my white cane." "Do you know it's white or..."
"Stop being rude," says a strong voice coming from another student. "It is what they use to know what's around them, no need to think they can't do anything when they are blind! Don't bully them about something they can't control."

That student who stood up for you. That was completely their choice. They could have said nothing or ignore you all they wanted. But, they went out of their way and stood up for you. This is just one example of "leading with compassion", and even without this example you could probably think of a time in your life where someone looked out for you, assisted you with something, gave you a general hint, etc. When you were in school, maybe your teachers lead with compassion by giving you work in a form that was best for you, whether that be on a computer, on paper with pencil, or upside down. Your friends lead with compassion. After all, somebody who does not is bossy and only thinks about themself.

We all know the feeling of being looked out for, and having friends to fall back on. Knowing that someone has your back while accomplishing any difficult task and achieving goals is one of those shiny diamonds in life.

We all play a role in ensuring that our peers feel welcome and safe in learning environments, groups and while alone. While being a best friend is not required, at least look out for people and make sure to help if they ask for it. Everybody in a community is responsible, should feel like they belong, and should try and assist any one in need of a helping hand. Even if it's just another local citizen that seems troubled, you can at least smile or offer guidance. That's how new friends are formed. And remember, there's no harm in reaching out for help. A good person would respond and you can look out for each other. That is what friends would do, and that's what leading with compassion is all about.

The 2022-2023 Lions International Peace Poster Winner

Emma Andreea Paveliuc, 13 years old *Sponsored by IASI D Lions Club*

Go to lionsclub.org if you like to check out the other Peace Poster Winners.
If any Lions are interested in being a sponsor for this upcoming years Peace Poster or Peace essay contest, PLEASE see Lion Dr, Mary!

QUOTE FOR THE DAY:

The Most Powerful Force In The World That Can Change The Lives Of Millions Is: COMPASSION

STEVEN AITCHISON