STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

International President, Fabricio Oliveira - "Make Your Mark"
District 11-A2 Governor, Rhonda Furby
"Serve to Live, Live to Serve"

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER 2024

PRIDE NEWS

Every October, since 2008, **Evening with the Stars** has provided us with entertainment to music from the 50's to the 70's (& a little country music), in an effort to raise money for the club thanks to Lion Ron Papa and Lion Barb Quandt. This fun and entertaining evening, full of skits and hilarity, was later joined by Lion Jim Oak, Lion Eileen Maciasz, Lion Christopher Papa, Colleen Papa, and Chelsea Mead.
This year, we paid tribute to Lion Christopher Papa, who passed suddenly, with clips of past performances of Evening with the Stars.

As this year's show came to end, we were all a little emotional because this was the last one. It is bittersweet knowing that Lion Ron is hanging up his Elvis costume & Lion Eileen is packing away the Lion suit.

There were other members and participants throughout the years that have made this show a success. They are...
Lion Bob Varto (Original & Founder), Lion Ben Hoste (Original), Lion Barb Swenson (Original), Lion Jan Cunningham, Lion Chris Papa, PCC Bob Jenkins, PRC Mike Dalecke, Mike Quandt, Dan Hogan, and Cloe Mead.

Thank You to the Lioness Lions who have been strong supporters of this event since it began in 2008 and all those who have attended throughout the years.

In Remembrance
Please keep these Lions / Lioness Lions and their families in your hearts this holiday & New Year!
Lion Christopher Papa – Member for 13 yrs.
Lion Mildred Butts – Member for 36 yrs.
Lioness Lion Judy Kukuk – Member for 44 years
Lioness Lion Valerie Gach

Arts & Craft Show
Lion Barb McAllister and Lion Donna McFarlane coordinated our 2nd Annual Arts & Craft show, which was a great success, with approximately 50 vendors, participating both indoors and outdoors. A portion of those vendors returned from the previous year, and we received numerous compliments about how organized, friendly, and helpful the event was. The perfect weather added to the positive atmosphere, and the raffles, brought in significant revenue for the Lions Club. Thank you, bzLion Donna for donating 9 beautiful baskets.
Special thanks go to the dedicated volunteers, who helped with setup the night before and continued to assist throughout the day. It was truly a wonderful community event.

Candy Cane Drive
We raised over **$10,000** for our Candy Cane Drive, largely, in part, to the **$5000 Grant** that Chuck McAllister applied for and received from Meijer.
Let's give a big ROAR to Doug Wilson, Eileen Maciasz, Jim Oak, Gerry Kieliszewski, and Sam Palazzolo for braving the cold.
We will look forward to more volunteers for White Cane in a few months.

Membership
Let's give a warm welcome to our newest members.....
Ayana Wayne (sponsored by Lion Barb McAllister).
Evette Szajna (sponsored by Dr. Mary Welsh)
Mark Carr (sponsored by Dr. Mary Welsh)
We look forward to serving with you in the community.

Sight / Hearing
Lion Jim Oak and Lion Frank Singer are still actively collecting glasses and hearing aids. Please get the word out that Lion Frank has hearing aid batteries sizes 13, 10, and 312, for those in need. Contact Frank Singer at amfmsingl@wowway.com , if interested.
A Thank You to Lion Bob McAllister for helping Lion Jim with the sorting of incoming glasses to the club!
Lion Frank recently turned **152 Hearing Aids** into Starkey for $$.

Service Projects
If any Lions do a service project at the club or in the community, please share with Lion Dawn DeClark, so we can add it to the newsletter and inspire others.

Euchre
Our total profit was **$483 in October, $621 in November, & $365 in January.** We are still looking for volunteers to learn how to participate for backup coverage. Please see Lion Eileen, if you are interested.
Upcoming Euchre dates are as follows: **Feb. 14th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, and June 13th.**

Charity Poker
We have finished Charity Poker for 2024 and will resume in 2025. Upcoming dates will be announced in the coming months. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Lion Dr. Mary Welsh at mwelsh29@gmail.com.

Canisters
Lion Joe Croke collected **$271**/ October, **$189**/ November, and **$260 /**December. 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.

OTHER NEWS

MAINTENANCE
Let's give a pat on the back to Lion Joe Croke who has been diligent to get things done In the club. The fridge is no longer leaking and Lion Jim has a heater in the garage to keep his bones warm when sorting glasses.

WEBSITE
Our Sterling Heights Lions Club Website is constantly being updated thanks to Lion Dr. Mary Welsh and Lion Austin Lee.
We are working to improve Hall Rental availability part of the website.
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. If you are interested in helping, contact Joe Croke or Joe Welsh.

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. Please encourage others to like our page, so they can also see how we support our community.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello fellow Lions and Lioness,

It's been truly a great few months of building relationships and sound collaborations. Your executive team has been very busy. I would like to thank Pastor Robert Brandon of Good Fellows, Jim Smock of Detroit Agency for the Blind and Sue Giallombardo City of Sterling Heights community affairs Department, for all the great information that they brought to the club at our last membership meeting. I want to let this membership know that we are stronger together.

I would like to talk to the community about our wonderful Lions Club and all its history and how they could become members of our club. We must be bold as our mission is. Don't be afraid to invite people to join our club. Some will say not now but don't be discouraged. No, it doesn't necessarily mean never. Remember we are committed to Mission 1.5. I would like you to take time to think about how all the Lions and Lioness Lions who are sick and out and keep them in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Robert Roscoe

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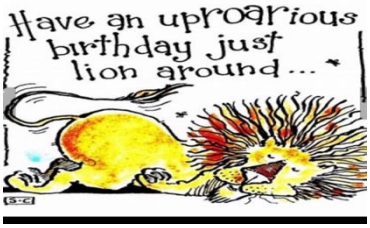
******MARK YOUR CALENDER******

Jan 14th (Tues)- Sight & Sound Event (6AM-6PM) (Henry Ford Optim Eyes)
Mar. 8th (Sat) – Car Seat Inspection and Installation (Rev. Robert Roscoe)
Mar.9th (Sun) – Meat Raffle Event (Lynn Karnes)
April 6th (Sun) – Easter Pancake Breakfast (Kim, Lynn, & Dawn)
April 12th (Sat) – Foster Summit (Rev. Robert Roscoe)
April 25th – May 4th – White Cane Drive (Doug Wilson)
May 5th (Mon) – Collaboration Event (Dr. Mary Welsh)
June 8th (Sun) – Paws for Service (Dawn DeClark)
June 14th ((Sat) – Resellers Treasure Trove (Elaine Ventura)
June 25th (Wed) – Macomb Symphony Event (Rev. Robert Roscoe)
July 2nd (Wed) – Presidents Appreciation Dinner (Doug Wilson)

*If you want to chair a new or existing function, event, project, etc., please check with LL Pat Meadows to check hall data availability and put a hold on the requested date. Then submit your request to the Board for approval of your idea.

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

Feb. 1st (Sat) – Lions Bear Lake Camp 3rd Annual Ice Plunge and Dinner
2PM Check-In / 3PM Ice Plunge / Followed by Dinner
Feb. 23rd (Sun) – District 11-A2 Euchre Tournament (Fraser Lions Banquet Hall)
Registration Starts @ 12PM / Games Start @ 1PM ($15)
Mar. 8th (Sat) – Beverly Hills Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast to benefit Penrickton Center
(St. Stephens Episcopal Church) (9-11AM)
Mar. 28th- 30th – Lions District 11-A2 Convention (Bay City, MI)
Convention Theme – Renaissance



BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE ONE YEAR OLDER AND WISER!

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING LIONS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

LION FRANK SINGER
LION HANK CARROLL
LION JAN CUNNINGHAM
LION ROY CECI AND FAMILY
CORA (LION JIM HARTENS WIFE)
DEANNE (LION KEN KRUEGER'S WIFE)
GARY LOOPER (LL PAT MEADOWS FRIEND).
SHELLY (LION MILDRED BUTTS DAUGHTER)
CINDY (FORMER LION TOM KLINGENSMITH'S WIFE)
LL LINDA BONI
LL PHILLIS WEXLER
LL DORCAS MERTES
LL GRACE SHALAWALO
LION JOHN BINGHAM JR.
KAREN (LION JOHN WALKER'S WIFE)
LION KAREN KOEHN
LL LINDA MCCLEARY
MCALLISTER FAMILY

QUOTES FOR THE DAY:

"You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle 3 things:

a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights."

Maya Angelou

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn

routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings"

William Arthur Ward

"Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card, and

the way you make others feel is your trademark"

Jay Danzie

LIONESS LIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Jan. 14th – Board Meeting
Jan. 21st – Bunco ($25)
Jan. 28th – General Membership Meeting

ONGOING COLLECTIONS....

Marilyn Winter- New/Used Greeting Cards
Cheryl Neville & Nina Rath– 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.

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).

2024 CHRISTMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST