.

STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

"Serve to Live, Live to Serve"

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2025

PRIDE NEWS

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN 39TH ANNUAL SIGHT & HEARING SWEEPSTAKES.

Our Lions Club can earn money for our local projects and help the Lions of Michigan Foundation by selling tickets for the Sight and Hearing Sweepstakes. The more tickets we sell, the more money our club earns. And, you might even win the $5000 Grand Prize.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. They work in partnership with our member Lions Clubs and other organizations to provide disadvantaged individuals and families with access to affordable medical care and services designed to help improve their quality of life. While our programs encompass many areas, through screening, diagnosis, treatment, education and research, they primarily help underserved populations and financially struggling individuals who require assistance with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event. Their services are offered statewide with a focus on helping Michigan residents succeed academically, develop normally, maintain independence and prosper in life.

If you are interested in learning more or selling Raffle Tickets, which in turn helps our club, please see Lion Ron Papa or call Ron at (586) 226-9066.

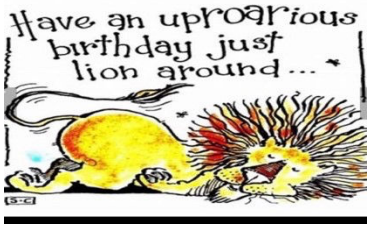
******MARK YOUR CALENDER******

Mar. 8th (Sat) – Car Seat Inspection and Installation (Robert Roscoe)
Mar.9th (Sun) – Meat Raffle Event (Lynn Karnes)
Mar.12th (Wed)- Dinner Meeting (**Guest Speaker – Suzette D'Andrea- Habitat for Humanity**)
April 6th (Sun) – Easter Pancake Breakfast (Kim, Lynn, Dawn, & Sue)
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 4th (Wed) - Presidents Appreciation Dinner
June 8th (Sun) – Paws for Service (Dawn DeClark)
June 14th (Sat) – Resellers Treasure Trove (Elaine Ventura)
June 25th (Wed) – Macomb Symphony Event (Robert Roscoe)

*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******

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!

Nominations / Elections

The Official Lions term for Board Members is July 1st to June 30th. We held nominations for club officers and the deadline was on Feb. 26th, 2025.

Club Officer elections will be held on March 26th, 2025. **THERE IS NO ABSENTEE BALLOT**! If you are not at the meeting, you will not be able to vote.

If you are interested in a position on the Board, please see Lion Ron Papa. Current Board Members Below.

Position	2024-2025	2025-2026
President	Rev. Robert Roscoe	_____
Immediate PP	Dr. Mary Welsh	_____
1st Vice President	Doug Wilson	_____
2nd Vice President	Joe Croke	_____
3rd Vice President	Dawn DeClark	_____
Treasurer	Ed Williams	_____
Secretary	Joe Welsh	_____
2 Yr. Director	Bob McAllister	_____
2 Yr. Director	Dr. Chineva Early	_____
1 Yr. Director	Dr. Gary Ciolek	_____
1 Yr. Director	Kim Martin	_____
Lioness Lion President	Pat Meadows	_____
Membership Chairperson	Elaine Ventura	_____

These are COMMITTEE MEMBERS appointed by the President (below)..

Tail Twister	Ben Martin	_____
Lion Tamer	Jeanette Springer	_____

Blood Drive
We had our annual Blood Drive in January. It was a revolving door of amazing people throughout the day. Thank you to Lion Dr. Gary Ciolek for your continued efforts to organize our Blood Drives.

Recycling Sight and Sound Event
Local 4 partnered with our Lions Club, for their "Go For It" series, on Jan. 14th to collect eyeglasses and hearing aids at the local Henry Ford OptimEyes Super Vision Center on Hall Rd. It was televised throughout the day from 6AM-6PM. It was a great way to encourage others to give the Gift of Sight & Hearing.
At the end of the day, we were happy to have received 10,000 Glasses and 305 Hearing Aids. Let's just say Lion Jim Oak had his work cut out for him sorting glasses at the club.
Thank you to all the Lions who volunteered at this event to interview with Channel 4, receive glasses/hearing aids, sort/box the items, transport to the club, and share what Lionism is.
This was an amazing opportunity with a huge turnout! We are Better Together!

Awards / Recognition
Congratulations to Lion Dr. Mary Welsh for receiving two Awards this month. One was the Melvin Jones Fellow, for dedicated and Humanitarian Services and the other was to recognize her leadership, dedication, and commitment to the Sterling Heights Lions Club as President from 2022-2024.

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 amfmsing1@wowway.com , if interested.
A Thank You to Lion Mike Pedrie (aka Santa) for continuously helping Lion Jim sort glasses these last few weeks.

Euchre
Our total profit was **$365 for January and $516 for February**. 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: **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 **$284 for January.**
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.

Membership
Let's give a warm welcome to our new member Mazan Massad (sponsored by Elaine Ventura).
We look forward to serving with you in the community.

MAINTENANCE

Let's give a pat on the back to Lion Joe Croke who has been diligent to get things done in the club. Lion Jim has a heater in the garage to keep his bones warm when sorting glasses and Joe has addressed the accumulation of ice by the front which was due to water dripping from the roof area.

If you see something that needs addressing, please let Lion Joe Croke know.

WEBSITE

Our Sterling Heights Lions Club Website is being updated, so please bear with us.

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,

January came in with a bang; at this time, we would like to welcome our newest members Ayana Wayne (Sponsored by Barb McAllister), Evette Szajna (Sponsored by Mary Welsh), and Mark Carr (also Sponsored by Mary Welsh). We look forward to serving with you in the community.

We had a great opportunity to partner With WDIV Channel 4 News by being one of the chosen nonprofits (Sterling Heights Lions Club) for the month of January and we had a great live event January 14, 2025, to team up with channel 4 on RECYLING SIGHT & SOUND event. The community donated 10,000 pairs of glasses for the event, as well as 300 pairs of hearing aids. The event started at 6am in the morning and ended at 6:15 PM where a lady brought in the last 11 pairs of glasses, which helped us reach our goal. The event was held at Henry Ford Optimize location in Sterling Heights. It was a great opportunity to see our vision come to life with the community and the lions club members working together to help so many people around the world in need. This goes alongside of our core values that (We Serve. Thank you to the Macomb County Symphony for the complementary ticket to their Feb 2, 2025, performance. Please keep in mind the up-and-coming event in March which include the Car Seat Check on March 8, 2025 where the Lions Club of Sterling Heights is one of the sponsors.

Sincerely,

Robert Roscoe

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 (LATE LION JIM HARTENS WIFE)
GARY LOOPER (LL PAT MEADOWS FRIEND
LION KAREN (PID JOHN WALKER'S WIFE)LATE
LION MILDRED BUTT'S FAMILY
DEANNE (LION KEN KRUEGER'S WIFE
LL LINDA BONI
LL PHILLIS WEXLER
LL DORCAS MERTES
LL GRACE SHALAWALO
LION PDG JOHN BINGHAM JR.
LION BEVERLY VANDAMME
LION KAREN KOEHN
LL LINDA MCCLEARY
CINDY (FORMER LION TOM KLINGENSMITH'S WIFE)

QUOTES FOR THE DAY:

IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY – FEBRUARY 15

"Challenges are what makes life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful"

-Anonymous

"Strength is a child or teen fighting cancer with a Smile on their face and Hope in their Heart"

"Train your mind to see the good in everything. Positivity is a choice. The Happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts."

Marcus Aurelius

LIONESS LIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

Mar. 18th (Tues) – Bunco ($10) (Doors open @ 6:30) (Games @ 7PM)
Mar. 22nd (Sat) – Pajama Day ($20) (Doors open at 12:30)
Mar. 25th (Tues) – General Membership Meeting
May 4th (Sun) – Boots & Bandanas Charity Luncheon (12 – 4PM)

ONGOING COLLECTIONS....

Marilyn Winter- New/Used Greeting Cards
Cheryl Neville & Nina Rath– New or Slightly Used Stuffed Animals
Grace Shalawylo – Used Stamps
Amy Casali – Crib/Twin Sheets, Kids Pajamas, & Toothpaste (Macomb Foster Closet)

BIG FAMILY DONATION REQUESTS

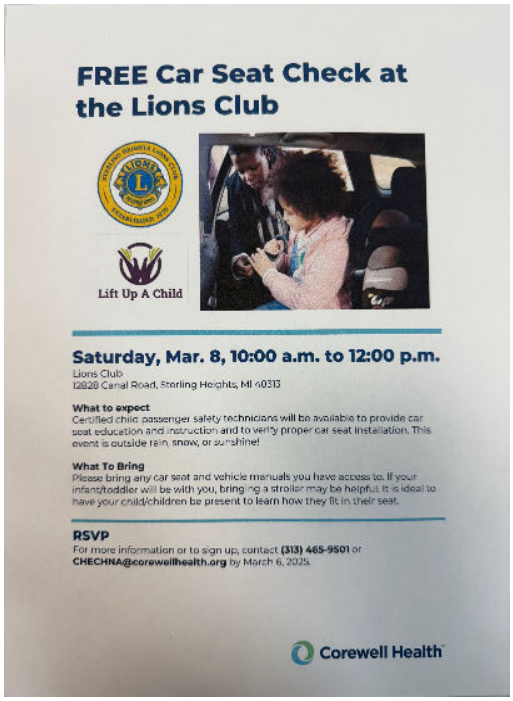
Men's size sweats (for older boys)
Eye makeup, mascara, nail polish, manicure sets, nail polish remover, lip gloss, fragrances, body wash items.

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, spiral notebooks, combs & brushes, and small toy (assembly).

“RECYCLING SIGHT & SOUND EVENT” (JAN. 14TH, 2025)

MARCH 8, 2025
MAKE YOUR CAR HAPPY
IS YOUR CHILD IN A SAFE CAR SEAT?
Car Seat Check Event
Distribution of Seats Based on proof of need with Documentation
Must have Child and Car present
Location:
Lions Club 12828 Canal Rd. Sterling Heights 48313
Event Time: 10am-1pm
For Information Contact:
Robert Roscoe 313-686-9845
Dr. Early 586-359-4363
Sponsored By:
Lift Up A Child


FREE Car Seat Check at the Lions Club
Lift Up A Child
Saturday, Mar. 8, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Lions Club
12828 Canal Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313
What to expect
Certified child passenger safety technicians will be available to provide car seat education and instruction and to verify proper car seat installation. This event is outside rain, snow, or sunshine!
What To Bring
Please bring any car seat and vehicle manuals you have access to. If your infant/toddler will be with you, bringing a stroller may be helpful. It is ideal to have your child/children be present to learn how they fit in their seat.
RSVP
For more information or to sign up, contact (313) 465-9501 or CHECHNA@corewellhealth.org by March 6, 2025.
Corewell Health

Sterling Heights Lions Club invites you to our Annual..
Come and meet the EASTER BUNNY
EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday
April 6th, 2025
9-12pm
Kidsight
Eye-testing will be performed for any kids attending
Adults $10
Children $7
(Pay at the Door)
Sterling Heights Lions Club
12828 Canal Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48313
PLEASE R.S.V.P.
Lynn Karnes
yrnbl@hotmail.com
Easter Egg Hunt
(by Age Groups)
Weather Permitting