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STERLING HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

MARCH/ APRIL

HELEN KELLER DAY

Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities.

In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared that June 1 would be remembered as Helen Keller Day. Lions around the world implement sight-related service projects on Helen Keller Day.

And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included **sight programs** aimed at preventable blindness.

100 YEARS OF UNSTOPPABLE SPIRIT

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

May 28th (Wed) – Club Membership Meeting (Leader Dogs for the Blind / Puppy Prison Program).
May 31st (Sat) – Diaper Giveaway (Lynn Karnes)
June 11th (Wed) – Membership Meeting
June 8th (Sun) –2nd Annual Paws for Service Event (Dawn DeClark)
June 13th (Fri) – Euchre (Doors open at 6 PM) (Doors open @ 6PM) ($15)
June 14th ((Sat) – Shopper's Bazaar (Elaine Ventura)
June 18th (Wed) – Board Meeting (Everyone Welcome)
June 25th, (Wed) – President's Appreciation Dinner (Elaine Ventura & Lori Papa)
July 16th (Wed) – Ice Cream Social (Lions Bear Lake Camp)
July 31st (Thurs) – Red Cross Blood Drive (Dr. Gary Ciolek)

*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******

June 8th (Sun) – Leader Dogs for the Blind Bark & Brew 5K (9 -12PM)
June 9th (Mon) – 20th Annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Golf Classic
July 19th (Sat) – District Picnic & Cabinet Installation (St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
(Doors Open @ !2PM – Lunch @ 1PM – Installation @ 2PM)
July 27th (Sun) – Lions Bear Lake Camp Fundraiser (Jimmy John's Field)
(See Lion Dawn for more info)

****** UPCOMING EVENTS******

Diaper Giveaway
May 31, 2025 10-1PM
This event provides diapers to children (ages Newborn-Size 6) and adult diapers for free, while supplies last. Thank You Lion Lynn Karnes for chairing this event.

2nd Annual Paws for Service

June 8, 2025 11- 3PM

This event will provide an opportunity to learn about the different types of service, therapy, and working animals that help people every day. We will also be collecting glasses/ hearing aids with Henry Ford Optim Eyes and providing free eye screenings with our District 11-A2 Kidsight trailer. There will be other organizations that cater to the blind and visually impaired.

Two local authors will be joining us for a book signing of their children's book, "Kevin Can."

WE still need help getting the word out, so please share flyers, post on social media, and invite family and friends. Any questions, text Dawn DeClark (248) 231-0246 or Email declarkd@yahoo.com

Channel 4 is being contacted to cover the event!

Shoppers Bazaar

June 14, 2025. 9-3PM

Calling all Bakers, Caterers, Crafters, Collectors, Resellers, Mom to Mom, Minutes Massages, Etc. to Participate. The More Variety the Better! $30 / Indoor & $25 / Outdoor (6 Ft. Table Included)

For information or to register, email Elaine at ahurongrad@yahoo.com.

Admission is $2 or Bring 3 Canned Goods.

Please help us get the word out. Flyer Below!

*******DID YOU KNOW********

Service Projects

"Panera Bread's Day-End Dough-Nation Program"

Through this program, Panera donates their unsold bread and bakery products to non-profit organizations, religious organizations, and public schools that are serving our neighbors in need.

Lions Basil and Judy Welsh have been committed to a Monday pickup, while coordinating with volunteers from Christ Lutheran Church, for Wednesday pickups. Lion Joe and Mary Welsh have been backups.

These items were donated to Joseph Coach Manor, a senior complex in Warren and several food banks in the Sterling Heights area.

The total contribution for this Service Project, in 2024, was 14,084 baked goods with a total value of $45,348. Thank You Lions for doing a great Service for the Community!

Meat Raffle

Our Meat Raffle event was a full house of Lions, Lioness Lions, and Community Members all looking forward to winning some free meat and filling their bellies with meatball subs and salad.

Lion Lynn Karnes did a fantastic job securing sponsors and organizing this event.

Charitable Funds (after expenses) raised were $3,189.11.

Easter Pancake Breakfast

Thanks go out to Lion Sue for committing to being silent for a few hours in the Easter Bunny Costume. Lions Sue McAllister, Kim Martin, Karen Corey, and Dawn DeClark worked together to make this Community Breakfast a success. **Charitable Funds raised were $530**

Day of Service

The Creative Society is a non-profit dedicated to educating the public on atmospheric changes and their impact on each of us. They also highlight other non-profits to expand the good vibes in our Community. In April, Dr Mary Welsh helped gather speakers to host a Day of Service, where upper leadership from the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, and the Central Macomb Optimist Club shared its mission, impact within the community, and openness to collaboration. It resulted in new and old friendships and opened dialogue and interest in each of their organizations.

3rd Annual Service Collaboration Event "Better Together

At the 2nd Sterling Heights Lions Collaboration event, a collaboration with the Clinton Valley Kiwanis Club, Dr Mary Welsh, and Cindy Greening hosted a packed room of non-profit partners and supporters, They utilized a speed-dating format to learn and engage with each other and learn how they can utilize their resources and collaborate together to help those in need. The event was a success spurring ongoing collaboration events.

A common theme is an appreciation for working together, collaborating, and accomplishing good things in our community as "We are Better Together". Encourage others to consider helping others through organizations like Susie Q's Kids helping kids in need and these amazing service agencies!

Scholarships

Congratulations goes out to our Scholarship recipient, Crie Cammons, a Sterling Heights High School senior, who is graduating at the top 15% of her class, and will be pursuing Public Health, but has not chosen her college of choice yet.

Awards / Recognition

Congratulations to Lion Mona Hamlett on being acknowledged for bringing in 5 new members to the club.

Sight / Hearing

Lion Frank Singer received **$252 From Starkey** Hearing for Hearing Aids turned in and then turned in **274 Hearing Aids in March. L**ion Jim Oak has sorted & boxed **over 19,570 Glasses** since July. 1^{s}, 2024.

Euchre

Our total profit was **$350 for March and $553 for April.** 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**: **May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, and Sept. 12th.**

Charity Poker

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up through our website in the volunteer section and pick your date and time through the SignUpGenius site. Please contact Lion Dr. Mary Welsh at mwelsh29@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Upcoming dates are as follows: June 23rd – June 26th, July 7th- July 19th, Aug. 18th- Aug. 21st, & Sept. 22-25

Canisters

Lion Joe Croke collected **$276 for March and $363 for April.**
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 members….
Lion Doris Hautekeete & Lion Gail Hawkins (both sponsored by Lion Beverly VanDamme)
We look forward to serving with you in the community.

Maintenance

If you see something that needs addressing, please let Lion Joe Croke know.
Thanks to Lion Joe Croke for picking up landscaping materials for CLUB CLEAN-UP DAY.Thanks to Lion Joe, Lion Louise, Lion Dr. Gary, and Lion Dawn for beautifying the outside of the club.

WEBSITE

Our Sterling Heights Lions Club Website is being updated, so please bear with us.
Check out the events and community resources and please encourage others to check out our website.
hQps://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.

HALL MANAGER JOB OPENING

We are searching for a new Hall Manager for the upcoming Lion year starting on July 1, 2025.

If you are interested to learn more, please contact Lioness Lion Pat Meadows @ (586)251-2886 or

Lion Dawn DeClark @ (248)231-0246 (text) or email declarkd@yahoo.com

THIS IS A PAID POSITION!

We will also be looking for Lions interested in working events, as attendants & bartenders in the coming year.

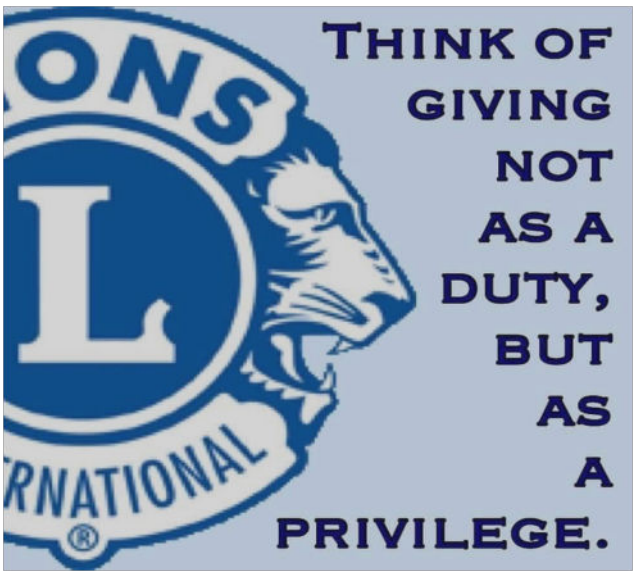
PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING LIONS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

LION FRANK SINGER
LION BARB MCALLISTER
LION JAN CUNNINGHAM
LION ROY CECI AND FAMILY
CORA (LION JIM HARTENS WIFE)
GARY LOOPER (LL PAT MEADOWS FRIEND
DEANNE (LION KEN KRUEGER'S WIFE)
KEVIN (LION LORI ROBERTS HUSBAND)
LL FRAN BLACK
LL NANCY FANTENE
LL DORCAS MERTES
LION KAREN KOEHN
MCALLISTER FAMILY
KAREN (LION JOHN WALKER'S WIFE)
LION BEVERLY VANDAMME

QUOTES FOR THE DAY:

"I believe that during uncertain and trying times, we must lean on LOVE to show us our clearest path forward." JOHN LEGEND

"We come with nothing, we go with nothing. But one great thing we can achieve in our beautiful life is a little remembrance in someone's mind and a small place in someone's heart." ANONYMOUS



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UPCOMING EVENTS.....

June 10th (Tues) – General Membership / Board Meeting
June 24th (Tues) – President's Appreciation Dinner / 44th Anniversary Party (5:30 - 8PM)
(Aspen Restaurant) ($28 / Plus $3) (Deadline To signup / pay is June 10th)

ONGOING COLLECTIONS....

Val Gach / Marilyn Winter- New/Used Greeting Cards
Val Gach– 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

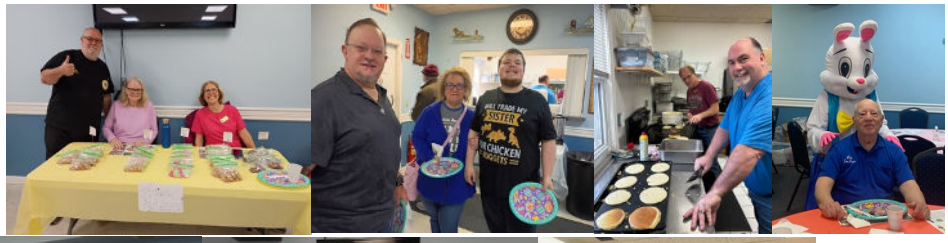
Men's size sweats (for older boys)
Eye makeup, mascara, nail polish, manicure sets, nail polish remover, lip gloss, fragrances, body wash items.

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).

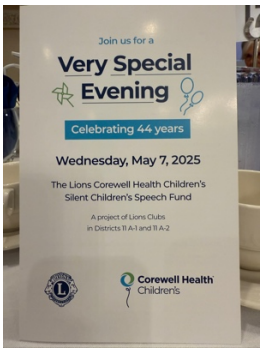
MEAT RAFFLE

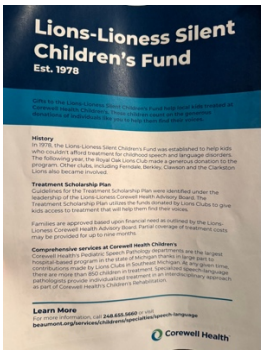
EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST



2025 LIONS 11A-2 DISTRICT CONVENTION (BAY CITY, MI)

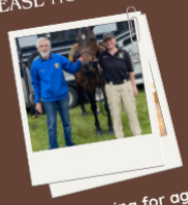
COREWELL HEALTH LIONS-LIONESS SILENT CHILDRENS FUND.





MADONNA UNIVERSITY 38TH ANNUAL DINNER

WE WILL BE COLLECTING
EYEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS
PLEASE NO SUNGLASSES



This free vision screening for ages 6 Months and up is fast, non-invasive, and has an accuracy rating of 98%

Project Kidsight
Lions District 11-A2

2ND ANNUAL PAWS FOR SERVICE

ADA SERVICE DOGS ONLY
NO FAMILY PETS

JUNE 8, 2025
11 - 3PM

Join us for this FREE Family Friendly Community Event that will allow everyone to meet & learn about the different types of Service, Therapy, and Working Animals that we see helping people everyday.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A BOUNCY HOUSE & A CARICATURIST FOR THE KIDS !

PLEASE BRING A CANNED/BOXED ITEM FOR A LOCAL FOOD BANK

COME CHECK OUT:

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND
PAWSITIVE CHANGES
THE FUR ANGELS
CAMP CASEY
STERLING HEIGHTS POLICE DEPT. K9'S
MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S MOUNTED DIVISION
LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP
STERLING HEIGHTS POLICE DEPT. COMFORT DOG
BLUE STAR SERVICE DOGS
MACOMB LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED
SZAJNA-CARR FOR THE PAWS
LIONS PROJECT FOR CANINE COMPANIONS
PAWS WITH A CAUSE
SEEDLINGS BRAILLE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN
MICHIGAN SERVICE DOGS
CANINE ADVOCATES
ALLIANCE OF THERAPY DOGS
& MUCH MORE

GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH FUTURE LEADER DOGS:
QUINCY (11-1pm) MAIZE (1-3pm)
RANGER (11-1pm) & EMMONS (1-3pm)

HOT DOG. CHIPS & DRINK $5

For Questions / Contact
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TICKET

RAFFLE ITEMS &
50/50 RAFFLE
*WINNER CHOOSES $$ TO GO TO ANY NONPROFIT ATTENDING

Shoppers Bazaar

JUNE 14
2025
9AM - 3 PM

SEEKING VENDORS, BAKERS, CATERERS, CRAFTERS, COLLECTORS, RESELLERS, MOM TO MOM, MINUTES MASSAGES, ETC. TO PARTICIPATE!
THE MORE VARIETY THE BETTER!
EMAIL ELAINE AT ahurongrad@yahoo.com
(For Information & to Register)
$30 Indoor / $25 Outdoor (6 Ft. Table Included)

$2 ADMISSION
OR
3 CANNED GOODS

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WE WILL HAVE FOOD TRUCKS