

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD11

WHAT A FANTASTIC FORUM 2025 !!! THANKYOU EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED!



For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING Events:

- April 2025
Family & Friends Month
Environmental Awareness Month
Leo Club Awareness Month
 - May 15, 2025
Lions Pre-Convention Social
Dinner at Krzysiak's House Restaurant
Bay City
 - May 16, 2025
5th and final Council of Governors Meeting
DoubleTree Hotel Bay City
 - May 16-17 2025
MD 11 Lions Kick-Off Party
Carnival Midway Games
 - May 17
Business Session – Awards Banquet DoubleTree
Hotel, Bay City
 - June 22, 2025 -NEW!
Lions and Friends Event
Cornhole Tournament & Membership Mixer
Oakland Yard Athletics, Waterford
 - July 13-17 2025
LCI International Convention
Orlando, Florida
July 13-17 2025
 - August 1-2, 2025
1st Council of Governors Meeting
LMF Hall of Fame Dinner
 - September 18-20, 2025
USA/Canada Forum
September 18
Strides Walk
Atlantic City, NJ
 - October 3-4, 2025
2nd Council of Governors Meeting
 - November 6-9, 2025 – NEW!
Emerging Lions Institute
MacMullen Center, Roscommon
 - December 5-6, 2025
3rd Council of Governors Meeting
Lansing, MI
- Check our website for updates
& additional information
www.lionsofmi.com



**THANK YOU
LCI GUESTS
PIP BRIAN & LION LORI
SHEEHAN**

**EXHIBITORS
ATTENDEES &
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS!**

**SAVE THE DATE:
2.27-28.26**

MD11 LIONS CONVENTION DOUBLE TREE HOTEL, BAY CITY MI

MAY 15-17 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to Change)

Thursday May 15, 2025
6:00 p.m. Thursday "picnic" at Krzysiak's Polish
Restaurant
Sponsored by District D1

Friday, May 16, 2025

- 9:00 a.m Council of Governors Meeting
 - 10:30 a.m. Breakout Session- Chat GPT
 - 1:30 a.m. District Governor Elect Meeting
 - 2:00 p.m. Breakout Session -Club Treasurer Training
 - 2:00 p.m. Breakout Session -Club Secretary Training
 - 5:30 p.m.- Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
 - 6:30 p.m. FRIDAY BUFFET DINNER - CARNIVAL GAMES
- Open to all, no ticket required. Midway Games for all abilities and ages
9:00 p.m. HOSPITALITY ROOM
Renew old acquaintances and make new Lion friends!

Saturday, May 17, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Awards Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Business Session
- Lunch on your own – Enjoy Bay City
- 2:00 -4:00 p.m. Dandy Lion Service Event – Lions! Bring a table to set up and highlight your club's service projects and the many ways we serve! Bring you Lion Mascot and let's fill a park with Dandy Lions!
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. District D1 hosts New Voices event – open to all
- 5:45-6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour Performance by Lions of Michigan All State Band
- 6:45 p.m. Awards Banquet

> EXEC DIRECTOR - NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRIDE

BY LION WENDY BURNS



Spring Greetings, Fellow Lions!

We are at that point in our calendar year when we celebrate our victories as a service organization during our District and Multiple District conventions. This comes at a time when we are still focused on the challenges ahead – the work that still needs to be done, the people who still need our help, as well as accomplishing our service and membership goals. It's a busy season!

While this commitment to continuous improvement is essential, it is just as important to step back and acknowledge our victories. Celebrating our achievements is about marking our progress, honoring hard work, and inspiring future success. In other words, it's time to give ourselves a much-earned pat on the back and a handshake.

District Conventions and the Multiple District Convention give us the opportunity to reinforce the passion and commitment Lions have and work so tirelessly for our many causes. Did you host a foreign exchange student last year? Assist with funding an All State Band Student's trip to Australia? Participate in a Project KidSight Screening? Secure an LCIF or

LMF emergency grant? Organize a food drive? Maybe you served as a state committee chair or a district committee chair. We celebrate you!

You'll find all the tools necessary to register for the May 15-17 MD 11 Lions Convention in Bay City on the following pages. Help us reach our goal of just one

member from each club participating this year. While the work of the Lions of Michigan never truly ends, taking time to celebrate our victories together is essential. Join us as we reinforce our mission, strengthen our clubs, and prepare for the busy season ahead.

Now is the perfect time to celebrate together – and keep moving forward.

See you in Bay City!

Yours in Service,
Lion Wendy Burns



COUNCIL CHAIR'S CORNER

PDG TERRI HUFFMAN, MD 11 COUNCIL CHAIR



Lions of Michigan: Rise to the Three Member Challenge!

Fellow Lions, the time is now!

Is your club ready to take on the Three Member Challenge? Every new Lion brings fresh ideas, new energy, and a heart for service. Growing our membership strengthens

our ability to serve our communities, builds lifelong friendships, and ensures our legacy of service continues for generations to come.

Let's show Michigan the power of the Lions! Together, we can grow stronger, serve more, and build a brighter future for MD11. Plus, your club has a chance to earn a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for a dedicated member.

How Can Your Club Rise to the Challenge? Invite Friends and Family – Share the impact of being a Lion! Host a "Bring a Friend" Night – Make it fun and engaging! Showcase Your Service Projects – Highlight the difference you're making locally. Recognize Local Leaders – Celebrate those making a positive impact. Highlight Small Acts of Service – Every act counts!

Spring Into Service!

As the weather warms up, we encourage clubs to get involved with outdoor service projects and make a visible impact in their communities. The perfect place to showcase these efforts? The DANDYLION SERVICE ACTIVITY at the MD11 State Convention!

A Convention You Won't Want to Miss!

The MD11 Forum was just a preview of the excitement, fellowship, and inspiration that awaits us at the State Convention in Bay City! This is our opportunity to celebrate our service, learn from one another, and take our impact to new heights.

Get registered NOW and be part of something amazing!

Together, we serve more, grow more, and change more lives. Let's rise to the challenge and make this year one to remember!

#ThreeMemberChallenge
#LionsServe #MD11Lions #GrowingStrongerTogether



GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR

IPDG STEVE MURCH

What is your club's signature service event? Do you promote it before during and after the event? If so, good for you and your club. If not, why isn't it promoted?

We are not in a service organization to toot our own horns. However, if we don't advocate for ourselves and promote ourselves then how do we expect to

grow and reach our potential as a club?

It's a balancing act to do the work we do for all the reasons we are Lions, and still make sure people know that we are here. As a service organization, we are good at helping our communities and our fellow humans. But we also have some among us who don't want to let people know what we do for fear that it looks like we are bragging.

Time for another question: If people don't know what we do how and why should they support us? When we are in the community asking people to help us in our endeavors, why would they be inclined to support us if they don't know about us?

SPOTLIGHT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DG DENNIS GOCHA 11-E2



BRINGING WOMEN INTO ALL-MALE LIONS CLUBS

I noticed some Lions Clubs are still all-male clubs. I would like to encourage the all-male Lions clubs to bring women into their clubs. Women have been welcomed in the Lions Clubs since 1987, when

the Lions Club officially amended their constitution allowing women to join as full members. So we need to think about integrating women into the existing all-male clubs. Their participation will significantly grow and enrich the organization. Women play vital roles in Lions Clubs around the world, including serving as district governors and holding international leadership roles. Many women have risen to prominent leadership roles within Lions Clubs International, such as PID Jenny Ware and ID Patti Hall, and they have done praiseworthy things.

Allowing women to join the all-male clubs will open the door to more members, and bring in fresh ideas and approaches to community service and problem-solving. They can also fill your officer positions as club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, zone chairs, and district governors. Some of which you may have male members repetitiously serving in. Within my own club of East Jordan, we have had a female secretary, president, treasurer, membership chair, marketing chair, and LCIF coordinator. They all fulfilled these positions well.

The women started coming into our club when a couple of the male members brought in their wives as members. These women in turn brought in more women. You may have to advertise that your club now accepts women to get the word out. We now have a female attorney, bank manager, programmer analyst, accountant, florist and other women with commendable backgrounds. We are so grateful to have them, They all pitch in within their areas of expertise. They've helped to make a lighter work load for the rest of us.

So I urge you to bring in your wives, daughters, nieces, granddaughters, etc into your clubs. They will bring you a lot of joy and laughter and improve your community impact. They have worked beside us building docks, picking up highway trash, doing extensive yard work, etc. If women ask to join your meetings, by all means welcome them, and make them feel like they're making a difference by involving them right away in activities. I promise, it will give you a broader, stronger and more dynamic membership!

Despite being in a club that has been in my hometown for nearly 100 years, I still get asked what Lions do. I'm sure there are plenty of you who have been asked that as well. And I would imagine that for every person who asks who we are, there's another person who wonders the same thing but doesn't ask.

On top of needing to let people know who we are so we can get their support, we also need people to know who we are so we can find quality people to join our clubs and help us help our communities.

I've said it before and I'll again, our clubs are like a camera. We take photos of our communities and keep a collection of those photos. We love the bright, shiny, pleasing photos, but as Lions we are more concerned with the photos that don't look as nice. We are the Photoshop for our communities. We try to make the photos look better.

To do all that "photoshopping" to our communities, we need people's help. Our camera sits on a tripod of service, fundraising and membership, and those three legs need to be equal to get balanced photos. The higher all three legs sit the better view we get.

So get out there and say it loud and proud "We Serve" so we can get more support in all forms for our clubs. Use your voices and promote your clubs and your service. There is no need to hesitate in promoting your club. We can all do more and do better.

Thanks for all you do.

SPOTLIGHTS

2025-2026 LIONS OF MICHIGAN STATE COMMITTEES

There are many ways to serve the membership of MD 11. Participating as a State Chairperson or District Representative on one of our many State Committees is just one of several opportunities. Thank you to the many Lions who have volunteered to serve our membership in this capacity!

2025-2026 Lions of Michigan State Committees

- Lions All State Band -Chair, Duane Comeford
- Lions Bear Lake Camp-Chair, Chrissy Andre
- Childhood Cancer-Chair, Darlene Anderson
- Constitution and By-Laws-Chair, Dick DeLong
- Diabetes-Chair, Roger Blackwell
- District Editors Advisory-Chair, OPEN
- Global Leadership Team-Chair, Traci Tribley
- Global Membership Team-Chair, Ron Riebschleger
- Global Extension Team Chair, Brent Beracy
- Global Service Team-Chair, Steve Murch
- Hearing-Chair, Bev Bodem
- Hunger-Chair, Bill Bauder
- Information Technology-Chair, Ray Robins
- Lions Clubs International Convention-Chair, Wendy Burns
- Lions Clubs International Foundation-Chair, Harold Stephens/Justin Faber
- Leader Dogs for the Blind-Chair, Frank Cunningham
- Leo Clubs-Chair, Amy Thackston
- Lions Michigan Forum-Chair, Jim Leach, Jr.
- Lions Quest-Chair, Stan Masters
- MD 11 Lions Convention-Co Chairs, Brenda & Dave Hacker
- Michigan Eversight-Chair, Fran Grabowski
- Public Relations/Social Media-Chair, Doug Klein
- Reading Action Plan-Chair, Don Spinks
- Sight Conservation/White Cane-Chair, Lula Gardfrey
- Youth Exchange-Chair, Elvie Marfil

A portion of the state chair term positions will expire on 6-30-2025. Anyone interested in serving during the 2025-2026 Lions year is asked to submit a request in writing to: Executive Director Wendy Burns, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, 48911 or email your letter of interest to: wburns@lionsofmi.com or contact your Governor. Please submit no later than April 25, 2025 State Chairperson training will be held in July 2025.

CUB ZOXY THACKSTON TAKES CENTER STAGE WITH PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN AT THE LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM AS HE PRESENTS HER WITH AN HONORARY PENGUIN TO ADD TO HER GROWING COLLECTION.



GLOBAL ACTION TEAM APPLICATIONS

The MD 11 Global Action Team Applications now being accepted for the 2025-2026 Lions year

The Global Action Team is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

As a member of the GAT, your success is our success. Whether you're a part of the Global Service Team



(GST), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Extension Team (GET) or Global Leadership Team (GLT), you'll find helpful information and resources on LCI's website that will help you better understand your role and make a greater impact. You can also learn more about the GAT by taking the Global Action Team course available in the Lions Learning Center using your Lion Account login credentials.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team-roles-resources>

This is a one-year term and candidates selected by the Multiple District Governors. For a complete overview of each of the GAT positions, please refer to LCI's website. www.lionsclubs.org Applications now being accepted for the 2025-2026 year. Send your letter of interest along with your resume and Lion's history to the Lions State Office. Interview date is yet to be determined.



Dave's Corner! ID Dave Wineman

THE AH-HA MOMENT!

Make a video of your Ah-Ha moment (of when you felt you really became a Lion) and send it to me at my email below!! It's gaining momentum - People love to hear about this moment! Its precious!

NB

Make your Ah-Ha moment in Lions postable and you might just win a Lions Prize!

Send your 1 minute video to:

DW@Abadata.com
or...



UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO FROM YOUR PHONE TO:

www.uploads.lionsaha.com

From March 15th View your Video at www.lionsaha.com

> LBLC NEWS

DON'T USE PROJECT FUNDS TO PAY DUES

Financing the activities of a Lions Club requires careful planning. A Lions Club has two major budgets. One is for operating and administrative expenses. It is financed by club members. The other budget supports the service activities of the club. It is financed by fund-raising projects with a broad base of community support. 100% of the net income from public fund raisers must be allocated for community service projects.

Lions International's Articles of Incorporation state that all chartered clubs are nonpolitical, nonsectarian, and not for profit of the individual club or its members. They are expressly forbidden from using any part of the net earnings from a public fund raiser for administrative or non-public purposes.

Public support is sought, and given, with the mutual understanding that funds raised from the public must be used for public benefit and for the specific purpose for which the public was asked to contribute. Lions Clubs ask the public to patronize their fairs, raffles, shows, and dinners, and to purchase products from them to finance and fulfill their basic function of providing community service. Consequently, any diversion of such funds to other purposes is a breach of faith with the contributing public. Therefore, clubs may not use "service" funds to pay for convention trips, to finance political campaigns or candidates, pay administrative dues, or to purchase or maintain property that is used primarily for the benefit of the club or its members.

A Lions Club may not collect from the public for its administrative account, even if it advertises the fact or announces that the funds will be used for administrative purposes. No portion of the net income collected from the public may be used to defray the administrative expenses for the club. Therefore, setting aside a set percentage (i.e., 10%) of the funds for the administrative needs of the club is prohibited.

"Public" fund raisers are those where a Lions Club performs an activity or solicits funds from non-Lions, advertises a Lions' event, puts out signs saying it is Lions-sponsored, wears Lions apparel, or anything that would make the public think it is a Lions event. It makes no difference where the activity occurs.

Once your Lions Club understands that no income raised from the public may be used for administrative costs, it faces the question of how it will pay for its own administrative needs. Essentially, the Administrative Account is made up of dues or contributions from members, not from public contributions. While it is permissible to transfer funds from the Administrative Account to the Activities Account, it is NOT permissible to transfer funds (or any percentage) from the Activities Account to the Administrative Account.



Join us!

Join the Lions of Michigan All State Band for the 2025 Tour! The tour will include performances and sightseeing in Nashville, Tennessee and Orlando, Florida!

Auditions are open!



LMASB CHARITIES, INC.
LIONS ALL STATE BAND



Please visit lionsmiband.org for complete itinerary and tour costs!



Scan to apply!

NEWS FROM SD 10 ACROSS THE BRIDGE

DG SCOTT KWARCINY



Negaunee Lions Club Teal Lake Meltdown.

The Teal Lake Melt-Down is a contest to select the exact day and time the replica mine shaft head-frame structure drops through the ice of Teal Lake in Negaunee, Michigan, signaling the arrival of spring! The winning entry is worth 50% of the contest net proceeds or \$500, whichever is greater. Entries are \$5.00 each. Please contact 2VDG Gary Perala for tickets. ggpenergy@yahoo.com. Or call 906-399-6233.

District Round-Table Meetings Have Returned!



In an era in which it is difficult to find zone chairs, the district GLT, PDG Gretchen Preston, has brought back region/zone meetings to District 10. We have had 3 very successful meetings in the last few months with an average of 5-7 clubs attending each session. We have scheduled future sessions into the spring and summer. This is a great opportunity for the clubs in their regions to gather, share fellowship and collaborate on ideas to the benefit of each club. It also gives the opportunity for training club leaders in a relaxed setting with your Lions family. We are proud of the success that this program is bringing to the district.

UPHTTF Presents at Michigan Lions Forum

Chassell Lion Stephanie Graef of the UP Human Trafficking Task Force presented on behalf of Sacred Beginnings at the Lions of Michigan Forum on March 1st in Kalamazoo. Her presentation, along with Sacred Beginnings founder Leslie King's story, was an inspiring educational session recognizing the importance of the awareness of human trafficking in our communities. They have also been invited to present at the next USA/Canada Forum, to be held in Atlantic City in September of 2025. Well done, Stephanie! Thank you for working to raise awareness of this very important issue in District 10 and across the state of Michigan.





Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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LCIF is the only foundation to empower the compassionate service of Lions across the globe. With 100% of donations benefiting grants and programs, your continued support of LCIF magnifies hope for a world in need.

MAKE A DONATION TODAY by visiting lionsclubs.org



Melvin Jones Fellowship

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of our foundation. Presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, it's a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Contributions for the MJF can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum or in installments. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a special lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

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WHITE CANE WEEK MICHIGAN APRIL 25 - MAY 4, 2025



Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. The white cane is a symbol of the user's skills and talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired.

The white cane was initially developed and put into use as a measure of safety, especially in traffic situations. Sufficient training with an Orientation and Mobility specialist can aid in successful cane use, technique and safety. Several countries have traffic laws designed to protect the person using the white cane. The "VisionAware" section of the American Foundation for the Blind's website illustrates several types of white canes that are internationally recognized. Sometimes the white cane has a red band or strip for the purpose of contrast.

International White Cane Safety Day (October 15th) gives Lions an opportunity to increase awareness of the white cane traffic safety laws. According to the World Blind Union, which is a global organization representing the 285 million blind or partially sighted people worldwide, "White Cane Day is observed worldwide to recognize the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation

in society."

Suggested Activities for Lions

Mobilize your club to partner with local blindness experts, schools and organizations for the blind to plan your International White Cane Safety Day awareness activity.

- Arrange for a person who is blind to demonstrate the use of the white cane and its benefits, and share his or her accomplishments and aspirations with the community or your club.
- Invite a representative from a local school for the blind or a low vision clinic to speak about white cane, orientation and mobility and white cane laws in your community.
- Work with your local government officials to create a White Cane Safety Day Proclamation for your event.
- Work with local news media to convey your community's white cane laws to the public.

Don't forget to report your service.



YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Lions of Michigan - Youth Camps & Exchange Program

Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chairperson 2024-2025
818-800-1060 epmarfil5@gmail.com

Do you know a young person who would like to embark on a life-changing adventure?

The YCE program allows youths aged 15 to 21 the opportunity to travel to a foreign country where they will experience another culture up close and personal in a family environment.

*****Deadline to apply: March 30, 2025*****

Would you be willing to be a host family and open your home to a youth from another country?

Hosting Dates: July 26 – August 16, 2025; Camp Dates: August 3-9, 2025, at D-Bar-A Scouting Ranch
We are actively seeking host families for incoming youth exchange participants.

*****Deadline to apply: June 30, 2025*****

Join in on the adventure of a lifetime!



Please reach out to Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chair, for more information.

District Chairs

- 11 A1 - PDG Roshni Patel, 313-570-3371, Roshni7777@gmail.com
- 11 A2 - Vacant
- 11 B1 - Vacant
- 11 B2 - Lion Janet Wartman, 219-614-3282, jwartman55@gmail.com
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- 11 D2 - PDG Pat Bowerman, 818-724-0818, tandpbowerman@yahoo.com
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- 11 E2 - Vacant
- SD 10 - Lion Judy Goltz, 231.420.5144, dj5644@alphaacomm.net

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> LIONS NEWS



**2025 MD 11 Lions Convention
Michigan Lions-Make Your Mark!**

May 15-17, 2025 DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City, MI
Reservations: 989-891-6000 Room Rate: \$119 +tax/fees by 5.10.25
Booking Website: <https://book.passkey.com/go/2025LionsMD11>

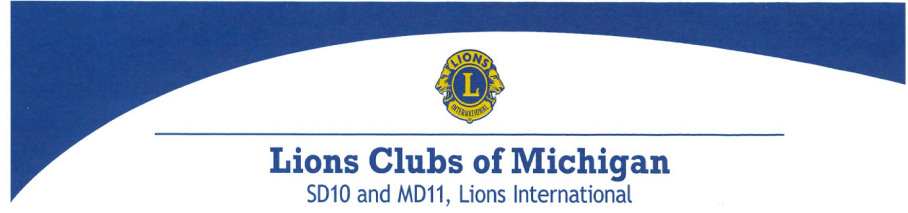
Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest
 Club Name _____ District _____
 Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member? _____

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday 5/15/25 Picnic @ \$15.00	\$ _____
_____ Thursday Bus Trip to Krzysiak's Polish Rest.	\$ _____ -0-
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion/Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Welcome Party@ \$25.00/person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast@ \$16.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$40.00 per person	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

Entrée: ___ Crispy Panko Chicken
 Entrée: ___ Honey Lacquered Salmon
 Gluten Sensitive ___ Honey Lacquered Salmon Vegetarian ___
 Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless the registration fee is paid. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is **May 8, 2025**. No refunds after **May 1, 2025**. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the DoubleTree Bay City. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.
 Mail to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
 or
 Register and pay online at: www.lionsofmi.com



Lions Clubs of Michigan
SD10 and MD11, Lions International

The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is please to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships for the 2025 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention May 15-17, 2025 DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City, Michigan

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000

Speaking opportunity during the Saturday Awards Banquet (up to 10 minutes); Advertisement in the Lion Pride publication; advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event; insert included in welcome packet

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Speaking opportunity at Friday's Welcome Reception/Dinner or Saturday Awards Breakfast (up to 5 minutes); advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event; insert included in welcome packet

Silver Sponsor - \$400

Full page advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display; insert included in welcome packet

Bronze Sponsor - \$300

Full page advertisement in proceedings booklet; banner on display throughout the event; insert included in welcome packet

Heart of a Lion - \$150 Club Special!

Breakout Session or Coffee Break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings booklet; banner on display

All sponsors who commit by April 1, 2025, will be listed on promotional materials, in the Lion Pride publication, on the Lions of Michigan website and Face Book page. Checks should be made out to Lions of Michigan and mailed to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911. Contact wburns@lionsofmi.com or call 517-887-6640 for further details.

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**MICHIGAN LIONS! MAKE YOUR MARK!
105TH MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION – MAY 15-17, 2025
DOUBLETREE HOTEL, BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
ADVERTISING OPTIONS**

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the MD 11 Lions Convention Proceedings Booklet.
 Placing an ad shows fellow Lions and Leos your support of the Lions of Michigan!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

Overall Booklet Size: 8" x 5 1/2"

- 1. 1/4 page ad: \$35.00
- 2. 1/2 page ad: \$40.00
- 3. Full page ad: \$45.00

Please note that all ads must be prepaid by **May 1, 2025**. Mail form to Lions of Michigan State Office, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911; email to wburns@lionsofmi.com or fax: 517-887-6642

Name:
Business Name:
Billing Address:
City, State, Zip
Home Phone: Business Phone:
Email address: Cell Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> Included is a print ready ad or message <input type="checkbox"/> Please design my personal or business ad to read (please attach detailed information for your ad)
CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
Ad Size: 1/4 page 1/2 page Full page
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$
Please bill my Credit Card: Card Number:
Card Expiration Date: Security Code:

Thank you for your continued support-See you in Bay City!
 Mail form and advertisement to:
 Lions of Michigan
 5730 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911
 Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 103



**MICHIGAN LIONS! Make Your Mark!
EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT – MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 16-17, 2025
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MAY 15 - MAY 17 2025 LIONS MD11 CONVENTION

EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 15

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May 16

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Council Chair Terri Huffman
and PCC Ron Gibson

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NEW MEMBER CHALLENGE!

Sunday June 22, 2025 1:00 p.m.
Lions Networking & Membership Event!



Lions of Michigan Cornhole Tournament at Oakland Yard

Calling all members and prospective members! Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon of friendly competition, great company, and an opportunity to introduce others to our amazing service organization – LIONS!

Come have some fun at Oakland Yard on Sunday June 22, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Participants will partake in this 1-day cornhole tournament for cash prizes. 50/50 raffle ticket sales, food and beverages available on site.

Oakland Yard has donated the facility and cornhole sets for our event, and we greatly appreciate their support. There will be a cash bar available so please support them in return!

Cost Per Person: \$25 Pre-Registration Required!
www.oaklandyard.com/fundraisers/lions

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Lions Clubs of Michigan SD10 and MD11, Lions International

"MD11 Lions of Michigan Membership Challenge: 3 for Growth!"

Lions of Michigan, it's time to grow stronger together! We're excited to announce the MD11 3 Member Challenge—an opportunity to expand your club and honor the incredible service of your members.

Here's how it works:

- Between now and May 16, 2025 (the date of our State Convention), each club in MD11 is challenged to achieve a net positive growth of 3 members.
- Clubs that reach this goal will be entered into a special drawing for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The winning club will have the honor of presenting this prestigious recognition to a deserving member in their club.

Simple Tools to Help Your Club Recruit:

INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Start by asking those closest to you—family, friends, and coworkers—to join your club. Share stories of the impact your club has made in the community to inspire them.

HOST A "BRING A FRIEND" NIGHT: Plan a casual meeting or event where members bring a guest. Include a brief introduction to Lions and highlight the fun and service your club provides.

SHOWCASE YOUR SERVICE PROJECTS LOCALLY: Set up a table or booth at community events like farmers' markets, parades, or festivals. Bring photos, a sign-up sheet, and a friendly smile to share what Lions are all about.

RECOGNIZE LOCAL LEADERS: Identify active community members—such as teachers, business owners, or volunteers—and invite them to join. They're already making a difference and may love the opportunity to expand their impact.

HIGHLIGHT SMALL ACTS OF SERVICE: Organize small, visible service activities like park clean-ups or food drives. Invite the community to join in and share how they can become a Lion to keep making a difference.

KEEP IT PERSONAL: People join people—not just organizations. Encourage club members to reach out personally and share why they became Lions and what it means to them.

Why This Challenge Matters:

Every new Lion brings new ideas, fresh energy, and a heart for service. Growing your club strengthens your ability to serve your community, builds lifelong friendships, and ensures our legacy of service continues.

Let's rise to the challenge and show Michigan what the Lions can do! Together, we can grow stronger, serve more, and build a brighter future for MD11.

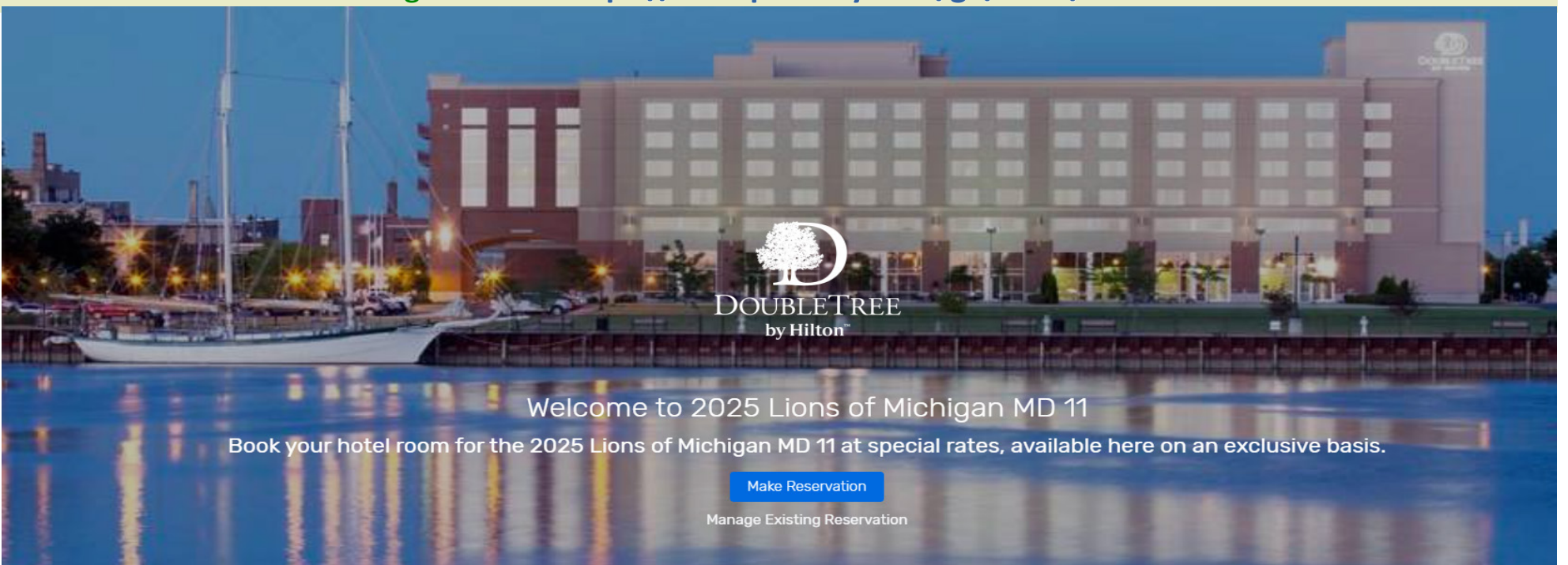
The world needs more Lions. Let's make it happen—3 members at a time!

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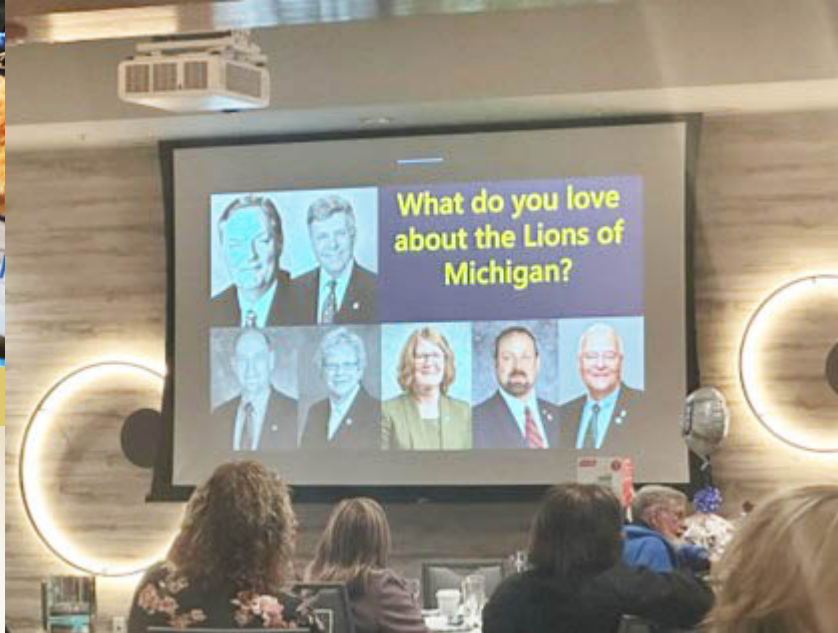
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> LMASB NEWS



Mattawan Dream Team executive members Allison Brewer and Hailey Neifert (who are also Mattawan LEO Club executive officers) gave an early morning presentation at the Forum, showcasing Cancer Families United and the importance of supporting our youngest cancer warriors.

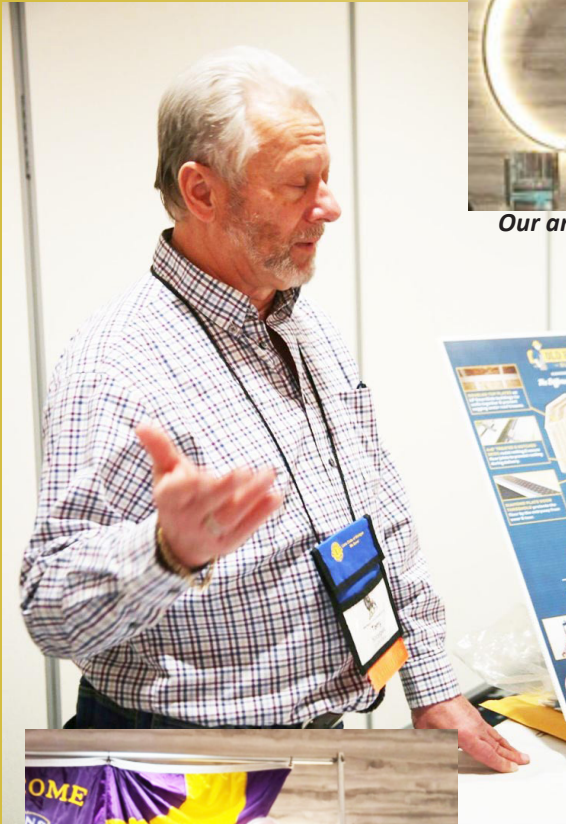


Our amazing Past and current International Directors were highlighted during PIP Sheehan's address.



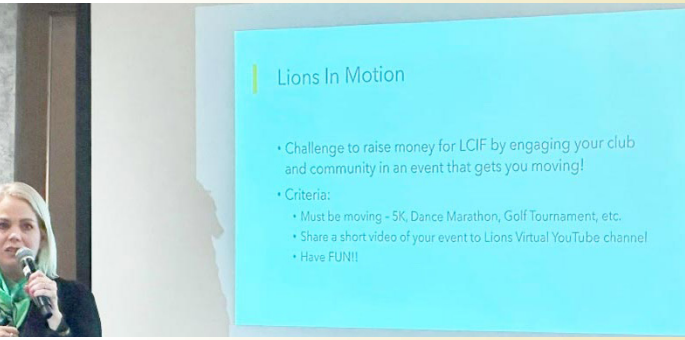
PIP Brian Sheehan energized and inspired...

Photo Credit: Lion Jim Lykins & various Face Book pages



Lion Linda Gocha hard at work during the service project





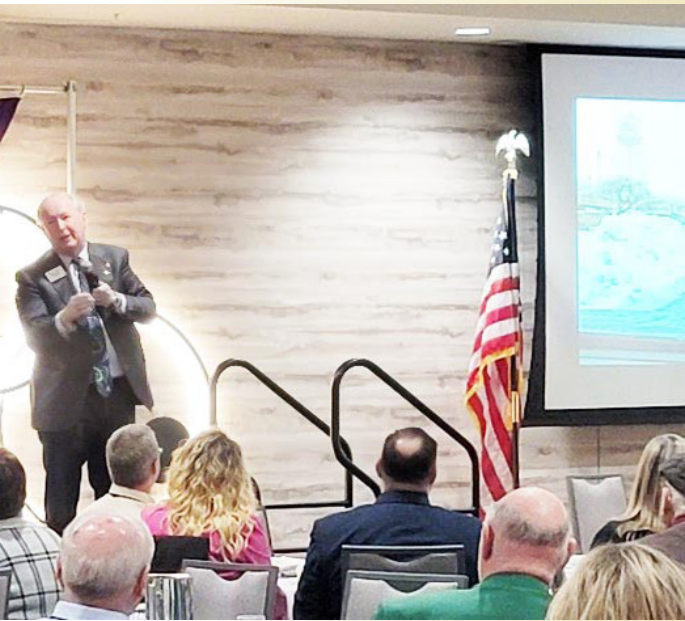
Lion Lori Sheehan participated as a speaker discussing Lions In Motion during the Forum



DG Scott Kwarciany, District 10, introduces Leslie King, Sacred Beginnings, and Lion Stephanie Graef at the Service Project to benefit Sacred Beginnings, and organization to combat human trafficking.



Lion Karen Wallace from Anchorage, Alaska, who read about the Forum in the Lion Pride and planned a trip around it. Here, she is joined by her mother, Lion Mary, and Forum Chair PDG Jim Leach.



...pired us on Saturday at the Forum!



DG Scott Kwarciany brings the laughter -with VDG Colleen Maki and Lion Rick DeClair



PDG Jack Becher



...e mother, like daughter. PDG Amy Thackston and Cub Zoey.



Lions get social after a long day!



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Plymouth Lions Club - ID Dave Wineman presented PDG Charlie Cone with the Lions International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation during a recent meeting of the Plymouth Lions Club. Lion Charlie is a licensed aircraft pilot and has flown for 81 years. He served our country as a pilot in WW II, the Korean War and Vietnam and has enjoyed years of flying for and volunteering for Christmas missions, dropping gifts to those in need.

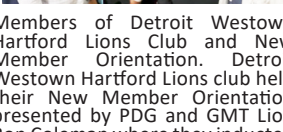
Lion Charlie Cone is a passionate and dedicated Lion who has held many offices and positions of leadership in our state. He is a treasure that we are proud to call our own, and very deserving of this recognition.



IPDG Lula Gardfrey, and Lion Marcus Latimer, Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Club pick up glasses from Denise Johnson, Labor Relations Assistant, at CLEVELAND CLIFFS, INC. Lions Elizabeth and Vincent Freeman, Lion Stanley Szczotka, FVDG Kim Hooper and PDG Matt Collins.



Members of Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Club and New Member Orientation. Detroit Westown Hartford Lions club held their New Member Orientation presented by PDG and GMT Lion Ron Coleman where they inducted 13 new members. The New Member Pledge led by District Governor La Wanna Lofton-Coleman as well as the new member pinning which was done by each sponsoring Lion made the night one for the memory books. Lion Michelle Turner presented each of the new member in attendance their certificates and kits as well as three sponsors certificates. Lion Michelle discussed the sponsor's certificates. Lion Michelle discussed the sponsor's responsibilities of continuing to guide our new members along the path of Lionism.



The club also sponsored a child from Penrickton Center for Christmas and enjoyed showering him with gifts this holiday.



The club was honored to have as a guest speaker Gail Perry Mason CEO of the Money Matters Youth Camp. After her presentation the Detroit Westown Hartford club made a donation to support this wonderful organization that empowers our youth!



Detroit Mid-City Lions Club adopted a child and shared the Christmas spirit with her and her family. Shown above: Darianna of Penrickton Center Adopt-a-Child, President Lion Emily Tipton and in the back Lion Fred Shorter, Lion Mary Woods, Lion Harriet Robinson, Lion Shirley Corley, and Lion Carloyn Dixon.



Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club, United Reach, DEAF CAN, Signing w/Khy, Just Jameen, and community partners at Bell Creek Community Church were able to sponsor an event and provide 15Deaf/HoH families with toys this year. Thank you everyone for your support, Brining Joy and Cheer this Holiday Season. Congratulations to Ms. Eboni Love-Peel, the recipient of the Continuing Education Scholarship. This award is a collaboration between The Association for the Advancement of Deaf/Hard ofHearing (AADHH) and Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club. Eboni is also a charter member of the Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club. Eboni will graduate in 2025 with a Bachelor's degree and is an amazing artist and wood worker, is a black belt in Taekwondo and was a national champion. She has also played rugby, basketball (was MVP), track and soccer and is an avid swimmer.



A sampling of Eboni's amazing art work, available for purchase through purchase at just jameen.com under silent art.



Wear it WEDNESDAY - IPDG Lula Gardfrey was sporting her Lions gear and spreading good cheer and information about Lions. Here are some of the spotted venues... Admiring the Christmas-toy display, AKA Select Seniors luncheon, stopping in at L George for breakfast - pancakes, obtaining assistance from a sales representative at Meijer Store, having fun with her dance partners at Hartford, and shopping for goodies to eat at Kroger/Costco Stores.



Newly inducted Lions from the Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Club were on site at Lion Pastor Fredrick Belk's Church Mount Charity Missionary Baptist this holiday making sure everyone can celebrate with a little bit in their belly.



Livonia Lions Club sincerely appreciates being chosen as a beneficiary of Joe's Produce Sip and Stroll on December 5th. Lions Club members had a wonderful time participating in the Sip and Stroll and have enjoyed working with Joe's Produce Gourmet Market for many years.



Livonia Lions Club was well represented at the 85th Leader Dogs for the Blind Kick-off Dinner. This world-class organization was founded by members of the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit in 1939 and has been supported by local Lions and LCI ever since. Lion Daniel Rathbun's little Lion Cub also attended the Leader Dog event.



Snowfall made for a festive 2024 Grosse Pointe Lions Jingle Bell Family Fun Run.



Detroit Westown Hartford Lions get ready to bowl!



Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Club members held a successful holiday bowling fundraiser filled with members, guests and friends.

Congratulations to the Garden City Lions Club as they inducted 3 new members into the club!



Newly inducted Lions from the Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Club were on site at Lion Pastor Fredrick Belk's Church Mount Charity Missionary Baptist this holiday making sure everyone can celebrate with a little bit in their belly.

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Richmond Lions Club was just a couple of votes short of 1st place... LIONS TAKE 2nd PLACE THIS YEAR! Special thanks to chili cooks Lions Derek and Mark! Great job benefiting Richmond Recreation Department!



Lion Eric Haack represents Richmond Lions and appreciates the ice sculpture!



Richmond Lions Rod Carol & Selby, Mark Delcourt and Mascot Haack at the Chili Cook-Off



The Super Bowl Chili Trophy



Troy Community Lion Deb Lines and her husband volunteered for the Troy Community Lions Environmental Project to support the Troy Nature Center and tap a Maple Tree.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: New Baltimore Holly Kelley sponsored by Scott Stroud Pontiac William Parker Jr. sponsored by Laurie Bishop Shelby Township Antonio Bugli sponsored by David Klida

Register now for the A2 District Convention March 28-30 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City.

Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club is hosting a Pajama Day fundraiser March 22. Brunch, mimosa's, raffle drawings and prizes for the best pajamas! This event will be held at the clubhouse.



Many A2 Lions from the district attended the Lions Michigan Forum in Kalamazoo. The event is chaired by PDG Jim Leach, and this year featured LCI guest speaker PIP Brian Sheehan.

Washington Lions Club will hold Fish Fry dinners every Friday through April 11.

Roseville Lions Club will host a car show on Sunday,

April 27, Community Bank Parking lot, Route 22 Maysville Pike, S. Zanesville, OH. Registration is just \$15 for this event featuring trucks, motorcycles, tractors and a '50's theme.



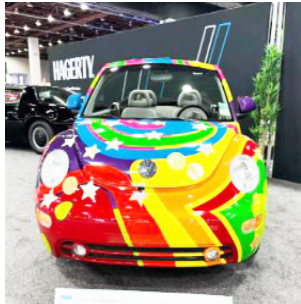
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VDG Teresa Gest demonstrates a soccer ball with bells inside which allow visually impaired kids an opportunity to enjoy a new exercise experience. The balls cost \$35 each, as orders of 100 or more can be made to display a club's logo or any other desired identification.



Lions Angela Cochrane, Robert Stoker II, Diane Golka, and DG Shack-Seals.

The Grass Lake Lions Club Welcomes Four New Members 11-B1 District Governor Louvenia Shack-Seals presents membership oath to four new Lions.



Lion Dorothy Bosse is with Salvation Army Captain Grace Roinila.

The Battle Creek Cereal City, Battle Creek Host and Pennfield Lions clubs collected \$2,333.89 for the Salvation Army



PDG "Penguin" Annette Hemeryck dresses warm to participate in LBLC Ice Plunge!

Homer Lions Club Donates Food Boxes for Christmas -This was the third year that club members donated boxes to a local senior assisted living center.



DGs Judy Keller & Cheryl Anderson with Council Chair Terri Huffman at the Detroit Auto Show.



PDG Ron Coleman managing the KidSight screenings The Lions of Michigan had free KidSight Vision Screening with volunteer Lions from across the state of Michigan. "I am so proud of the service the Lions of Michigan have done over the past two weeks," said Council Chair Terri Huffman. "So far, over 584 children's eyesight have been tested." This service project was a special tribute in memory of our Lions Clubs International founder Melvin Jones who was born on January 13. "Over 50 Lions worked in many capacities from setting up, to hauling the trailer into the arena" per Huffman. "The Lions of Michigan Foundation did a fantastic job with all the details."



Lions club President Stan Masters and Robotics team members. Blissfield Lions donated to support the Robotics Team for 2025 competition. The presentation was on November 22 at Blissfield High School, 630 S Lane St., Blissfield, Michigan.



Mike DeGregario, Alysia Masters, Ethan Masters, Madison Masters. Blissfield Lions Club- The downtown Blissfield December Wassail Fest was held in December. The Lions cooked and served a special brew at Do Art Here.

Clear Lake Lions Club Launches Overcoming Challenges - The Overcoming Challenges Campaign kicked off with a Zoom meeting in January. Clear Lake Lions Club members launched the "Overcoming Challenges Campaign" to empower our community to overcome obstacles together through acts of service and support, proving that when united, we can tackle any challenge. The campaign's momentum will continue, with weekly social media posts to engage new and existing members and reinforce the club's mission. Overcoming Challenges Campaign Goals:

1. Raise awareness about resilience and community service.
2. Boost engagement and attract new members.
3. Support local causes through donations and volunteer efforts.



Adrian Breakfast Lions Club Aids Library Literacy Program - Library Director Jennifer Wrzesinski, Assistant Director Chelsea Boss, Lions Robert Guy, Laura VanSickle, Charlene Dickerson, and Larry Atkin. Seated: Lion Paul Williams. Lions Club provides a Xoomax electronic magnifier to assist visually impaired patrons.



Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club Board of Directors approved \$1,000 to North Carolina Lions district MD31-L from their activities fund, with an additional \$70 in donations from club members, which was rounded up to \$1,100 to aid hurricane relief.



Cereal City Lions helping alleviate hunger in Battle Creek Lions provided Christmas Food Baskets to twenty-six families and Gift Cards for their kids.

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Cub Zoey takes over the mic for PIP Sheehan at the Forum!



District B2 Project KidSight - Last year the PKS Team managed to finish the year with 22,308 screened and found 2,415 referrals. With two screenings that happened on Wednesday 2/26/25 and on 2/27/25 we peaked last year screening by adding 860 students screened and finding 108 students with referrals. Our new total is now 23,116 students screened and 2,534 students that were referrals.



Buchanan-Galien Lions hosted Miss Buchanan and her court at their dinner meeting on 2/13/25. Miss Buchanan 2025 Chloe Aalfs and court Zoe Griggs 1st Runner Up, Ava Graham 2nd Runner Up, and Brooke Strefling Miss Congeniality, and Mr. Buchanan King Representatives Bodie Bryans, Coy Weinberg, and Landon Fankhauser will be representing Buchanan in the Blossomtime Pageant this year. We are truly honored to have all these outstanding young people representing Buchanan and Galien for 2025.



An outstanding group of representatives!



Lakeshore Lions Club -Exciting times ahead as we welcome new members to the Lakeshore Lions Club! We were able to induct 7 new members at our last meeting. Together, we'll make an even bigger impact on our community. Ready to serve, inspire, and grow!



Mattawan Lions hosted a Euchre tournament March 1st with lots of exciting rounds. Thank you to our table sponsors Hallgren Orthodontics and Mattawan Mechanical Services, LLC. and for door prizes from Murray Street Brewing Co., Subway Mattawan, and Happy Days Cafe.



St. Joseph Lions Club introduced a new business in town called "Yours Truly, Elizabeth" founded by Elizabeth Ross. The store opened on July 12th right next door to Thornton's Cafe. It is a stationery shop but includes so much more than just cards and paper products. The shop is tiny and mighty! It is as much about bringing people together as it is about beautiful products to connect you with someone in your life. The club looks forward to enjoying this local business.



Three Rivers Lions attended the TR Lady Cats JV & Varsity basketball games on January 21st to show their appreciation and support of these ladies for their assisting with our annual Christmas food and toy distribution. This is the 14th year that the teams have given time on a Saturday in December to help the Lions. This evening was also Homecoming and the Pep Band members, and their parents were honored and what better time for the Lions to present the Band with a \$2,000 donation towards their Band trailer fundraiser they are holding.



Members of the Mattawan Dream Team give a presentation at the Lions Michigan Forum

HUGE thank you to our amazing Mattawan Dream Team executive members Allison Brewer and Hailey Neifert (who are also Mattawan LEO Club executive officers) for presenting at the LIONS Michigan Forum early on a Saturday morning about the importance of supporting our youngest cancer warriors. Both Allison and Hailey made Cancer Families United proud! (<https://www.cancerfamiliesunited.org/contact>)



Hailey & Allison, Amanda Rounds and PDG Karol Chopp



"Leadership, Experience, Opportunity." That's what makes a LEO. Members of LEO clubs embody the best qualities of our incredible organization. They are devoted young people who realize the power of action. Together, LEOs and Lions form a powerful partnership — one of mutual respect where Lions learn from the innovative insights of LEOs, and where LEOs gain access to the proven strategies of those who've successfully served the world for decades. Visit the Start a LEO Club page for the steps to organize a new LEO club in your community.

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Welcome, 2nd VDG Brian Werschem from the Muskegon Northside Lions! VDG Brian is the convention chairman for Governor Cheryl's 2025 Convention which will be taking place in Mt. Pleasant, MI on March 21st and 22nd, 2025.



Grand Rapids Lions partner together with Kid's Food Basket



Fresh fruit and vegetables are always part of the meals provided to students



Grand Rapids Lions Club: 16 volunteers spent 8 hours putting together meals for Kid's Food Basket, located in Grand Rapids.

THORNAPPLE VALLEY LIONS Provided over 1,000 diapers to the local nonprofit known as "In the Image." For distribution to needy families.



ALTO The Alto Lions held their annual Children's Christmas Party for the community. Hot chocolate and cookies with Santa were on the sidewalk, while local businesses contributed space for crafting ornaments, building gingerbread houses, making magic reindeer food for Christmas Eve, and creating Christmas cards for the Veteran's Home. Each child also received small stuffed polar bears, wearing 'hoodies' with "Alto Lions Club" printed on them.

COOPERSVILLE LIONS collected and dropped off a box of used glasses for recycling. Also, mailed out 25 Christmas cards to the veterans.

DORR TOWNSHIP LIONS gathered turkeys and other food items for their annual Holiday Baskets. They distributed the Thanksgiving baskets to those in need on November 22 at the Dorr Township Hall. With over 102 volunteer hours, a generous turkey donation from Ottos turkey farm and a monetary donation from My Town Ace Hardware the Dorr Lions were able to serve 192 families and 725 people!



WYOMING and DORR LIONS Lion Louise Crothers with the Wyoming Lions club put her knitting talents to use! Making 50 scarves and 20 hats which she then dropped off to PDG Jim Maynard with the Dorr Lions Club for them to use at their Annual Community Christmas giveaway. What a thoughtful and great service project!

HASTINGS LIONS held their annual popcorn fundraiser. Popping and selling popcorn out of their popcorn wagon at the Hastings High School football games from August thru November, which helps raise funds for their community projects.

MARTIN LIONS have been busy with recycling boxes and paper goods along with their monthly summer box and Back pack program, serving over 520 people from July thru Nov. They also submitted an entry for the peace poster contest from a local Martin student.



Rockford Lions Club was involved in the Rockford Santa Claus parade pulling a float and handing out candy. They also helped in Shop with a Hero which provides underprivileged children to shop for their needs along for their family at no cost to them. And contributed holiday cards to those serving in the National Guard.



LAKEWOOD LIONS Held their annual Christmas party on December 11 with dinner and entertainment by Three husbands on the Loose!



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Laingsburg Lions donate a bench to the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers. Pictured are (left to right) Lion Dave Pursel, Terry Link & Beth Lange (GLR), and Lion Mike Foster.



St. Johns Lions Club had a productive and fun meeting at Main Street Cafe. Due to snowy roads, a small group of ten members were there to witness the induction of two new members. Lion Carrie Hartenburg, First Vice President, had the privilege of performing the ceremony. New Lion Kim Chapko has been an employee of Clinton County RESA for 10 years. She previously worked in the private sector legal field for 20 years. Kim is married to Mark, and they have four children and one grandchild. She is a graduate of Carson City High School and attended Davenport College of Business. She decided to join the Lions Club because she loves to give back to the community where she lives and works. Lion Pam Drury is a Human Resources Business Partner at University of Michigan Health Sparrow in St. Johns. Lion Pam previously served on the boards for her sons' sports teams and the St. Johns Athletic Boosters for many years. She joined because she said it's "time to be involved again."



Delta Dewitt Ledges Lionsess Club members are working the concession stand at the Delta Township Fit and Frosty a community event bringing people outside for fun activities. Pictured are Lionsess Ronda Ackerson and Vicki White, Delta Parks Special Events Coordinator Kathy Sobczyk and Lionsess Lion Wendy Mater.



Bath Township Lions Club presented a check to Helping Hands Food Pantry in Charlotte recently for the invaluable ways they support the community with their outreach of food and personal care items. Pictured are President Lion Wendy Mater and Amanda Thompson, Executive Director.

Laingsburg Lions Club held another spaghetti dinner this past month at the American Legion Clare Burt Post 248. 170 meals were served with help from Red Thunder Robotics teens. The Laingsburg Youth Baseball group was on hand to bus tables and take all the waste to dispensers manned by the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers. We had 50lbs of waste from the event go to a compost site instead of a landfill.

C2 Lions with partner with C1 Lions for the District Convention in Mt. Pleasant at the Comfort Inn March 21-22. They will be joined by LCI Guest ID Bert Nelson, from Minnesota.

PDG Kurt Stromlund managed the merchandise table at the Lions Michigan Forum



Ovid Lions Club has enjoyed some recent fun! We held our monthly meeting at Mary's Country Kitchen on February 10th with our zone chair in attendance. On February 15th we attended the Gratiot County Lions Club Tractor Fundraiser in Ithaca. We are currently selling foundation tickets. They are available at the Ovid Service Agency. Tickets are \$10 dollars each. 1st prize is \$5,000. The drawing will be held on May 17th. Our club goal is to sell 200 tickets. The Ovid Lions Club will receive \$5 dollars for every ticket sold. We recently donated 100 hats and mittens for the Celebration of Service R.I.S.E project. 100 totes were filled for the center which provides advocacy, counseling and support to survivors, their children, family and friends of R.I.S.E (Recovery, Independence, Safety and Empowerment).



Bath Township Lions On Thursday, February 6th our Club was presented with a Club Excellence Award for the 2023-2024 Lions Year and Brian Shepard was presented with his 35 year Membership Chevron by DG Carl Cozart and PDG Ted Hamilton.



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students. (Front to back) Peg Franck, Duke Love, Dan Templin, Mike Rademacher, Dave Peake, & Gary Franck (not pictured-Kim Spalsbury)



Eaton Rapids Lions Club recently collected 741 pairs of glasses, and 12 pairs of hearing aids. We have locations throughout the city where people can donate old glasses, including sunglasses, and hearing aids. Thank you Eaton Rapids!



St. Johns Lions Club Lion Kenny Kinsey who serves as District 11-C2's Zone Chair for Region 2 Zone 2, hosted a meeting on February 20 at Main Street Cafe to discuss the Recruiter's Passport that was attended by thirteen Lions from around the District. This new tool is designed to help clubs boost membership recruitment and retention efforts. The comprehensive guide offers a wealth of resources and strategies that can empower Lions to share their stories and inspire others to join our cause.



Zone 2 includes Lions clubs in Bath Township, Bretton Woods, DeWitt Breakfast, Grand Ledge, St. Johns, and Wacousta. Lion Kenny kicked off the meeting with an overview of the Recruiter's Passport tool and Lion Brent Beracy PDG shared his personal story about why he became a Lion. Four lucky attendees won door prizes that included two \$10 Subway gift cards, a patriotic shirt, and a unique gift from the Minty Mitten in St. Johns.

Mason Middle School Leo Club On February 20, 2025, there were five Leos at the meeting with members working on a 20-foot banner advocating kindness and promoting the Leo Club. Another worked with Mr. Piche on graphics to be used for placemats. During the meeting three other students dropped in and expressed an interest in joining. The club will meet March 13th and Leos will finish the banner and color the placemats. The placemats may be laminated, and they will be given to Meals on Wheels.

St. Johns Lions Club will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt at City Park, 1:00 pm on April 19. They will hold a Project KidSight Screening in conjunction with this event.

Owosso Lions Club recently held a fundraiser at Culver's for LMASB student who resides in Shiawassee County. Thank you for support of our State Project and band students!

Lion Doug Klein, State PR/Social Media Chair, and PR Consultant Carrie Rathbun presented a breakout session at the Lions Michigan Forum on the Localeyes Campaign.



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Thank you East Flint Lions Club for hosting a successful Winter Cabinet meeting.



HEMLOCK LIONS CLUB President Pat Hagerty and Nadia Khan of the Disability Network of Michigan are pictured. Nadia presented the services provided by the Disability Network in the Mid-Michigan area to our group during the February meeting.

Bay City Lions Club started the year with our first night meeting, where 97 members gathered for an insightful evening learning about wine education—a great mix of fun and learning!



Caro Lions Club group gathered to watch as Lion Jack Smith was awarded a Quilt of Valor, made by Lion Susan Sayers. A Quilt of Valor is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation." We Thank You Jack for your service!



Insightful speeches from Lions Nicole Arsenault & Elizabeth Pudvan about LEO

The club's impactful projects 22 talented student winners honored with awards, applause, and plenty of fist bumps and high-fives!



Flushing Lions Club-The Puppy Raisers have been busy giving various presentations to the Clubs as well as providing support for the Leader Dog School. January 16th a presentation was provided for the Freeland Club. Future scheduled events are Feb 5th a presentation is scheduled for the Carrollton Lions. On Feb 6th the Fenton Lions at their Winter Night Out event. 16th Puppies being raised for Leader Dong were taken for an outing.



District D1 Convention April 12-13, 2025 Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant, MI



FENTON LIONS held a fundraiser on Thursday 2/6 at Fenton Winery and Brewery. This event was spectacular. We had almost 120 people in attendance at dinner, open bar, and Dueling Pianos for our entertainment. We all had a fantastic time. We had 84 baskets of items donated for our Lucky Chance. This was a wonderful evening to support the Visually Impaired people in our area.



Bay City Lions Club celebrated the creativity and vision of young artists at our Annual PeacePoster Contest Luncheon at The Grand Banquet Center in Essexville.

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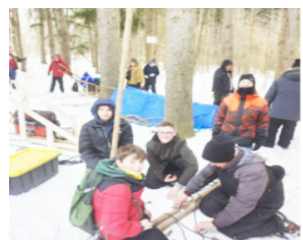


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ALMONT LIONS CLUB Blood Drive: The American Red Cross conducted a blood drive in the Almont Lions' Hall on February 10, 2025. 28 units of blood were collected, resulting in a total of 3,350 units collected and a total of 10,050 lives saved since 2005 at Almont Lions Hall.



Memphis Lions supported their Boys Scout troop with their Klondike Derby. The troop camped out on the Lions grounds. The boys held their derby with snow dog sleds for racing. There are several other meaningful events the boys competed in. How to respond to someone being disabled out in the wild. The Lions property was ideal for the scouts' activities. Richmond Lenox had EMTs demonstrated how to set broken bones and first aid. There was a lot of fellowship and comradery. The use of the Memphis Youth Center and Lion's Den was made available. The scouts had a great time and wanted to do it again.



Scouts participated in flag-folding during the event.

KidSight: Many Lions from several club (in different districts) participated in a KidSight project at the Detroit Auto show. Participants from D2 included DG Judy Keller and Lion Dave Keller, PID Justin Faber. 500 children were screened with 50 referrals.

PID Justin will participate in a mission trip with Lions to Morocco and is taking a district spot camera for screenings to help assist.

Emmett Lions will be having their "REVERSE RAFFLE DRAWING" drawing April 26 \$100 per ticket admits 2 people, Dinner & open Bar. For more information & tickets call Cory at 989-808-3094

Emmett Community Blood Drive sponsored by the Emmett Lions will be held at the OLMC Church Hall in Emmett on Thur. April 3rd. From 1 till 7. You MUST call the red cross at 800-733-2767 for an Appointment. Donate and receive a \$15 gift card by email.



Elkton Lions Club installed 2 new members, Lion Paula and Lion Dean - sponsored by Lion Brent with President Lion Dr. Bill Brady.

Euchre Night: The February Euchre night, held on Friday. The 14th was a big success with a total of 40 players. They enjoyed the night of Euchre and a very good meal. The next Euchre Night is Friday, March 14. Doors open at 5:30 and play begins at 6:30 PM. Price of admission is \$20.00. You get a complete meal and the night of Euchre for that price. You are invited to come and join us. Easter Candy Hunt: The annual Almont Lions Easter Candy Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19 in the Almont Community Park.



Marysville Lions Club have a longstanding tradition for Marysville 4th Graders is the "Bike Rodeo". Plans for the 2025 Bike Rodeo are underway between the Marysville Police Dept. and the Marysville Public Schools. Our Lions Club is excited to again support the students with a donation. We enjoyed learning more about the event from T.J. Williams and Dan LeVey.



Lion VP Andy with Downriver Goodfellows Rep. Firefighter Rob Shelton.

Algonac Lions does it again going above and beyond with their donations. Great job Lions. This was the best Charity Bowl donation of \$11,289.



District Governor Judy Keller and Elkton Lions President Devin Irion

Elkton Lions. District Governor Judy Keller visited our club to discuss some great topics as well as to present 3 members with the Lions Chevron Awards. The Chevron Awards are given to Lions members to commemorate their years of service and encourage them to continue to serve their community. Congratulations to the fellow Elkton Lions and thank you for your service. Brandon Herford ~ 15 years Jeff Zarnke ~ 25 years Marty Baket ~ 30 years



Lexington Lions give a huge thank you to Ms. Shanks and her Cros-Lex Junior National Honor Society members for their outstanding efforts, again this year, to restock the shelves at Project Blessing. Their food drive is greatly appreciated and proof of the giving spirit of these fine students at Cros-Lex Jr. High. During Lexington's Winterfest Activities on February 1st. The Lexington Lions Club hosted a free Children's Craft Day. Nearly 100 children made take home crafts, played on an obstacle course and enjoyed cocoa and cookies. The craft day event was sponsored by the Lions Club and local businesses.



Marlette Middle School is having a reading program in the early part of March. March is National Reading Month. Middle school needed \$400 to give a book to every child, preschool through 5th grade from the book vending machine that each student can have. Guess who stepped up to the plate? You got it, the Marlette Lions Club made donations to Marlette Middle School. In the picture are Principal Luke Reynolds, Reading Coach Jen Boyne and Lion Don Spinks

MINDEN CITY Lions Club Ticket sales begin for our 2024-25 52/52 firearm raffle. The tickets are \$50, which gives the buyer 52 chances to win. The winning numbers are based on the Monday evening daily 3 Michigan lottery drawings. The first winning number will be drawn on January 6, 2025, and will continue each week until the final draw on December 29, 2025. See any Minden City Lion for your ticket(s). Tickets are also available at Randy's Hunting Center in Bad Axe, The Minden Market on Main Street Minden City, and Natures Finest Taxidermy on Main Street Minden City.



Uby Lions Club has had three District Governors in the recent past. Also, one International Director. PID Justin Faber, PDG Sami Makhoul, and current District Governor Judy Keller. This is the only club that has this kind of representation in senior leadership in our district the past decade.



Welcoming our Official Track Prep and Maintenance Sponsor for the Berville Lions Powersports Weekend 2025: Cross Building and Excavating - C.B.X. Give CBX a jingle at 810-392-3635 if you are looking for: homesite services, basements, land clearing, driveways, septic fields, ponds, road grading and dust control, ditching & water drainage, mulching & brush hogging, material pickup & delivery and more.

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Lion Steve Glazier takes the plunge for Lions Bear Lake Camp at the Ice Plunge. Plungers raised money to support LBLC campers. \$20,000.00 was raised during this year's event. Thank you to those from our district that donated to the Ice Plunge. But a special mention and Thank You to three people who went above and beyond for support of the Ice Plunge: Janalee McClure from the White Cloud Club, and Pam Schroeder and Dan Gibbon from the Onekama Club.



Cedar Maple City Lions Club - Sandy Galla received her pin for serving 10 years as a Lion member. District Governor Tom McNaughton presented the award.



Greenville Lions Club: Thanks to King Lion Ed Milam & Lions Dan Eagles for helping to deliver sleds, hats & mittens to each to the Elementary schools in The Greenville Public Schools. The sleds, hats & mittens were donated by the Greenville Lions Club.

Luther Lions Club invites you to "jig" on down to the Luther Lions Club on Saturday, March 15th, for our ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT night. Doors open at 5pm with the coffee on! Dinner served at approximately 5:45 pm and Entertainment by the Northern Lights Dance Academy Irish Dancers will begin at 6:30pm. FREE Irish Dance Lesson offered after it's done. COST is: \$15.00. This includes coffee, punch, and Irish Dinner with the fixings, Dessert and Entertainment. Hope the Irish winds blow you over to the Luther Lions Club that night.

April 6 is our All You Can Eat Breakfast served from 8:30am-11:00am. Cost is just \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6-12 yrs. old and under 6 are FREE!

Our yearly Spring Craft Show will be on April 12th from 10:00am-4pm. A bake sale will also be held during the Craft Show. Get those early Spring and Mother's Day gifts now!

Upcoming events include May 4th Breakfast served from 8:30-11:00am and our May 17th BINGO NIGHT. Doors open at 5:00pm with Early Bird Specials at 5:30pm and Regular Bingo begins at 6:00pm. Food will be available for purchase that night.

Central Montcalm Lions made up 50 gift bags for the holidays and delivered them to folks in the area that were either alone or may have lost a loved one recently. The highlight of these bags each year are the homemade Christmas cards that the local fourth graders make for us to add to the bags. We were also happy to have District Governor Tom MacNaughton at our December meeting. DG Tom was able to present Larry Beardslee with his 20-year anniversary pin and Richard Langin with his 35-year anniversary pin. We appreciate the District Governor's efforts in coming to the meeting as the roads were poor at best.

Midland Lions Club: Thank you to all our Midland Lion bell ringers for standing out in the windy, cold weather this year for Salvation Army. We raised \$803.96 for both days.

E1 District Convention April 25-26 at the beautiful Doherty Hotel, Clare, MI. Registration now open! Special guest speaker Friday night featuring Dr. Pol, America's favorite Veterinarian. Dr. Pol stars in National Geographic's WILD hit TV series.



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Boyer Valley Lions welcomed speaker Captain Bob Goodenough from the Ironton Ferry The residents of Litzenburger Place were delighted with the holiday party hosted by Boyer Valley Lions Club in December. They were especially grateful that we persevered despite the snowstorm. Our thanks to all the volunteers who made the party so special, and a huge thank you to The Dragonfly Fund for their ongoing support. It was a privilege to again serve our extended Litzenburger family.



Lion Bethany Hedgepath with guest speaker Pat Little, Superintendent of the Boyne Public Schools.



Boyer Valley Lions Club welcomes new member Karen Wright.



Charlevoix Lions - East Jordan Lions: Leadership Charlevoix members visited the East Jordan Lions Club to promote Kiersten's Ride for Suicide Prevention. East Jordan voted to donate \$500 to this worthwhile cause.

Central Lake Lions Club has distributed \$16,100 to local charities and needs, \$1,000 to Leader Dogs for the Blind and \$1,000 to LCIF. In addition, we will soon award \$6,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors in the Central Lake, Bellaire and Ellsworth school districts. These figures are what we paid in the last month. More has been raised and approved. In 2023/2024 we distributed \$53,022.05 to International, State, District and local projects.



Central Lake Lions added two new members, Bevin Clayton and Kathryn Ring.

(L to R in pix: Mike Ring, husband and sponsor, Kathryn, Bevin, Kevin Clayton, brother and sponsor. King Lion Brian Graff inducting.



King Lion Denny Gocha inducted Kurt Tesnow and Barb Anderson as new members into the East Jordan Lions Club. We're glad to have her join us!



DG Gocha presents a Guiding Lion Training certificate to Kris Roberts from Central Lake at the District 11-E2 cabinet meeting.



PDG Barb Durlfing is presented with a certificate of accomplishment for outstanding efforts in collecting donations on behalf of LCIF.



East Jordan King Lion Dennis Gocha inducted Jim Cetnarowski as a new Lions Club member. Jim is a former HS Robotics instructor. We are proud and happy to have him join us!



King Lion Dennis Gocha presented Lion Paul Michael with a Membership Key Award for bringing in two new members. Congratulations Lion Paul!



East Jordan Lions Club held a Dinner in the Dark fundraiser which not only created awareness as to how live is for a visually impaired person, but raised \$3,342.00 for Leader Dogs for the Blind.



Oscoda Lions ramp builders Tony Priebe, Tony Bol, John Novak and Jason Vallier did it again. They braved the cold weather and built two 4x4 platforms then added a 8ft ramp from the existing deck then connected 12ft ramp to the two 4x4 platforms, next they put on a 16ft ramp to the ground. The ramp was built for the homeowner's wife who's been in and out of the hospital and rehab for over a year. She is getting closer to coming home. The materials were paid by the homeowner. Thanks Tony Bol, John Novak, Tony Priebe, and Jason Vallier for coming out in the cold to play.



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