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UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE 21-25, 2024
LCI CONVENTION
Melbourne Australia

AUGUST 2 - 3, 2024
1st Council of Governors Meeting
/VDG Training,
Sheraton Airport Hotel Grand Rapids

AUGUST 3, 2024
Lions of Michigan Foundation
Hall of Fame Dinner
Sheraton Airport Hotel Grand Rapids

OCTOBER 4-5, 2024
2nd Council of Governors Meeting
/VDG Training,
Treetops Resort, Gaylord

DECEMBER 6-7, 2024
3rd Council of Governors Meeting
/VDG Training
Hilton Garden Inn, Lansing

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2025
Lions Michigan Forum
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2025
4th Council of Governors Meeting
/VDG Training
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo

MAY 16, 2025
5th and Final Council of Governors
Meeting
Double Tree Hotel Bay City

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& additional information



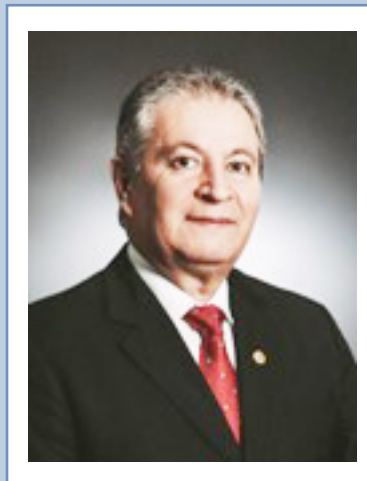
Friday Luncheon Keynote
Speaker – Randy Pierce



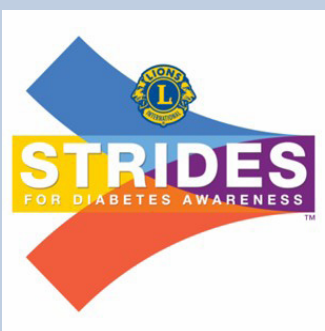
Thursday Night Keynote
Speaker- Sam Glenn



Saturday Evening Keynote
Speaker – Trish Wilson



Saturday Luncheon Keynote
Speaker –
President Fabricio Oliveira



**SEPT. 5-7,
2024
LOUISVILLE,
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> GREETINGS FROM OUR CC - NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF CC JOHN DAOUD MD11

Greetings Fellow Lions!

Another Lion's Year is behind us, and another Lions year is beginning. I am very proud to have had the honor of serving The Lions of Michigan as MD11 Council Chair. This year's Council has been phenomenal to work with as you all probably already know, and I'd like to thank them for the best year I could have ever imagined. I would also like to wish next year's Council of Governors and Council Chair Elect Terri Huffman all the success in the new year.

Lions, as you assess your goals for the upcoming year, I urge the clubs across Michigan to ensure that you plan to have representation at all the state and local projects; perhaps even replace a regular club meeting with a field trip to each of the projects throughout the year. It is important to expose newer members to our projects through these types of visits and by sending them to the annual fundraiser dinners and events. It is equally important for the club officers to attend the training sessions and cabinet meetings, especially the newer ones so that the clubs and district can support each other and exchange information on club, district, state and international levels. Lastly all Lions should look at budgeting in attendance to attend the Michigan Forum, the Leadership Institute

and the MD11 Convention. These manual functions provide learning experience as well as a platform for your voices to be heard regarding needs, opinions, community involvement, and idea sharing.

Our mission "To Serve" can be time consuming and hard work, but it is also fun, enlightening, and emotionally rewarding. As Lions we serve the community because there is a need not for the accolades; sometimes we don't even see the faces of those that we are helping but when tornados and floods hit here in Michigan like the one that hit the city of Portage pretty bad, or a kid needs a new pair of glasses, or a parent will only be able to see with a corneal transplant, It can't help but fill our hearts with a warm glow as we hand out blankets and food, place glasses on a child's face, and provide that badly needed corneal transplant and enable a parent to see their kids again. That's where the real reward comes in.

Have you ever met a camper at Bear Lake, or gone on an eyeglasses mission? The need is endless but so are the rewards. Invite someone - a friend or relative - to join and let them experience what it means to serve.

Lions Changing the World!

Council Chair John

CC JOHN DAOUD AND CCE TERRI HUFFMAN AT THE MJF CELEBRATION



Passing along knowledge gleaned from his year as Council Chair, Lion John Daoud shares tips with incoming Council Chair Terri Huffman. CC Daoud and CCE Huffman both attended the MJF Celebration held in Port Sanilac.

Spotlight GST MD11 CHAIR PDG Terri Huffman - CC ELECT



2023-2024 Global Service Team Success! WE SERVE.

We serve in our communities, we serve with other communities, we serve for the betterment of humanity worldwide.

This past year as a Multiple District the Lions of Michigan have made a difference for so many. At the MD Forum we tied blankets for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace groups. The blankets went to agencies throughout Michigan. We presented the Hope To Walk organization a donation of over \$14,000 to assist with prosthetic legs in Guatemala and other countries in need.

During the recent MD State Convention in Grand Rapids we packaged over 10,000 meals for the Kids Coalition Against Hunger. The meals were distributed throughout our Districts and to countries supported by the KCAH.

Our final project was a STRIDES Walk for diabetes awareness at the LCIF Melvin Jones Fellow Celebration held in Port Sanilac, District D2. This event was attended by PIP Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan and raised \$1,000 and brought awareness to the need for on-going diabetes prevention, knowledge and resources in our communities.

The Lions of Michigan supported the projects in so many ways. Through financial support and personal time, we have had an AMAZING year of service together.

LIONS KING AND QUEEN DAN AND KAROL CHOPP

Lions King and Queen Dan and Karol Chopp - Friday night's Prom at the convention was a fun and memorable night! Congratulations to all our who made it to the King and Queen's court and to our reigning royalty, PDG Karol and Lion Dan Chopp. Lion's Karol and Dan are members of the Mattawan Lions Club, District 11 B2. Their district raised \$12,000.00 to pay for artificial skylights for the Bronson Pediatric Hematology Oncology Clinic. It is located in the hospital basement without natural lighting for patients getting treatment. What a difference this will make for hospital patients and staff. Congratulations District 11 B2!



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Thank you to our many speakers, exhibitors and committee members for making this year's MD 11 Lions Convention a success! Congratulations to this year's Award Recipients

S.A. Dodge Recipients

PDG Wes Wagester 11 D2
PDG Pam Schroeder 11 E1

Presidential Award

Lion Terri Huffman 11B1
Lion Donald Spinks 11D2
Lion Daniel Rathbun 11A1
Lion Tamala Grabowski 11B2
Lion Ann Roeseler 11E1
Lion Frank Ivy 11B1

Leadership Award

Lion David Keller 11D2
Lion Tanda Stiffler 11B2
Lion Theodore Robinson 11A1
Lion Jamie Lucero 11A2
Lion Teresa Gest 11B1
Lion Kenny Kinsey 11C2
Lion Jack Kriete 11D2
Lion Jodi Sivyver 11C2
Lion Scott Brady 11C1

Global Action Team Presidential Certificate of Appreciation

MEMBERSHIP
Lion Cheryl Bradshaw
Lion Steve Adsmoed
Lion LaWonna Lofton-Coleman

SERVICE

Lion Shawne Lige
Lion Anne Roeseler
Lion Deb Davis

LEADERSHIP

Lion Brent Beracy
Lion Mark Scicluna
Lion Dr. Ron Riebschleger

Presidential Certificate of Appreciation

Lion Brenda Hacker, Lion David Hacker
Roger LaMothe Award for Outstanding District Editor
Lion Robert Tetzlaff

BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTERS

Lion Sandy Pease
PDG David Wineman
PDG Paul Hodge
PCC David Hill
DG Jim Patterson
PDG Ron Riebschleger
PIP Sid Scruggs,
PDs Gary Anderson, Esther LaMothe, Justin Faber & Jenny Ware

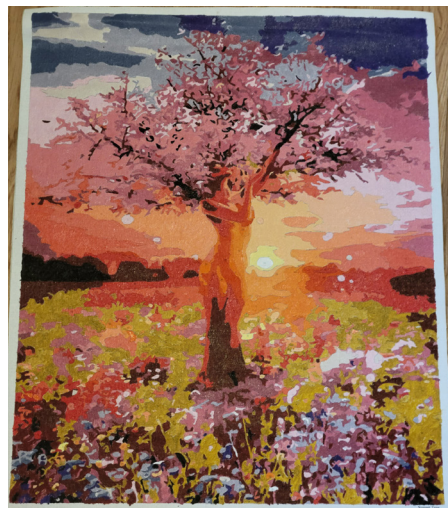
Spotlight

District Governor
DG Annette Hemeryck 11B1



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

Take a moment, if you will, and think of the changes we have seen over the last Centennial. People with ideas for



television, cars, communication, and even healthcare started and no one thought was possible. These pioneers have paved the way for where we are today. Imagine if none of them took the dive and moved forward to build their ideas. If doctors didn't keep researching, many diseases would still be incurable. All these individuals are amazing and are written in history books for all times to see. Bravery to fail is what makes the greatest changes. We have to be more than just ourselves to make the change we want to see.

I love to garden in my flower beds. I have finally made it to my weeding this year. I had to be careful to only pull the tall weeds and not the plants. While weeding, I am making a positive change to my yard, and it becomes more beautiful with each struggling pull.

Frequently, I would come across a black walnut that had been left behind from the fall. I had choices I had to make for this little nut. I could pluck it up and throw it in with the weeds and end its journey there, it could be food for some little red squirrel, or I can leave it and let it grow. My choice is going to impact this little walnut, myself, my neighbors, and the environment. Just like the journey of this walnut, we make changes to our communities the same way.

Each and everyone of us is a catalyst to change. We make decisions for ourselves and others every day, from a smile to someone, a hello, or even helping by holding a door. It doesn't cost a thing to be kind, yet the impact you can leave with these kind gestures could be enormous for the person on the receiving end. What if that person is having a bad day, or received some not-so-great news? These little steps show that someone cares. And let's be honest, it feels good to do! As Lions, we have a responsibility to make this world a better place for all. I know each and every Lion gives their best. We have so many projects that we support daily. Without supporting them, our communities wouldn't be what they are today.

Change may not be easy, for some it is very uncomfortable. Change though is very necessary. We want to reach our communities in the very best way we can and meet their needs. Change takes bravery. Change requires all of us to stretch just a little further, to get out of the comfort zone and into the courageous zone. Try the project that people said "no it can't be done" or "we tried that." Maybe now is the time the community really needs it.

As for the walnut? He was already food for a squirrel. It served its purpose as it was planned. The squirrel was fed, and was able to survive to see summer. One little walnut changed the squirrel. I want to encourage all of you to be the walnut that grows. Invest in other walnuts to help. "The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn." Ralph Waldo Emerson. We can be the change we want to see. It all starts with Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services.

-DG Annette Hemeryck, MD 11 B1

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11 ANNOUNCES 2024-25 GLOBAL ACTION TEAM LEADERS



Global Leadership Team - PDG Traci Tribley



Global Service Team - PDG Steve Murch.



Global Membership Team - PDG Ron Riebschleger



Global Extension Team - PDG Brent Beracy

2024-2025 Council of Governors and District GAT leaders continue to build MD 11 into a thriving, service oriented, successful group of Lions. Thank you to the GAT leaders for stepping up for these important roles!

U.P. LIONS SERVE! CONGRATULATIONS



Upper Peninsula Lions SERVE!

Congratulations to District 10 Governor and Vice-District Governors DG Scott Kwarciany, 1st VDG Colleen Maki and 2nd VDG Gary Perala.

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MD11 READING ACTION PROGRAM

by Donald Spinks State Chair



Summertime is fast approaching and it's so good to see the sunshine and warmer weather. With that said, as an adult, do you have a reading program for the summer?

Recently I searched Google for an adult reading program and found a program called Beanstack Stacker.

When utilizing Beanstack Staker you can track the number of books and hours that you read. What a great idea to keep a log on what one has read. I joined the group for free and have started logging my books and hours. As a bonus, you are entered into a free drawing to win a gift basket.

Let's start a program and log the hours and books that you read. Here is a challenge to all: Let's see if you can beat me in hours and books by the end of this June. In July, we will start over for a full year. Come on, Lions! Let's lead by example and READ.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11 DUES PROPOSAL PASSES \$4 INCREASE OVER NEXT 2 YEARS

> USA CANADA FORUM NEWS

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INSPIRATIONAL
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during meals



THURSDAY EVENING
SAM GLENN. For nearly three decades, Sam Glenn's inspirational and artistic speeches have impacted audiences of all sizes - some audiences as large as 75,000 people at stadium events. Sam has spoken for just about every industry you can imagine. When it comes to attitude - nobody is excluded. Organizations get better when their people get better and it all starts with attitude.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON

RANDY PIERCE. During two short but significant weeks in 1989, a devastating neurological disease transformed Randy Pierce from a healthy and ordinary young man to a blind man completely uncertain of his future. Randy's passion for experience encouraged him to use adversity as a positive catalyst for growth and opportunity, resulting in amazing adventures, honors, and accomplishments.



SATURDAY LUNCHEON
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
FABRICIO OLIVEIRA. 2024-2025 Lions Clubs International President Fabricio Oliveira will share his vision as the leader of the greatest service organization in the world. Every Lion can have an impact!

SATURDAY EVENING

TRISH WILSON. Life is more than just doing life. It is about experiencing it, enjoying it and seeing how one life intersects another and makes a difference in both lives. Trish Wilson's motto is "You have one more day, to do one more thing, to change one more life, so don't miss the opportunity." What would happen if you start looking at every day as different, special, impactful, adventurous, challenging and life-changing?



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LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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MICHIGAN YOUTH EXCHANGE/LEO CAMP

* at Lions Bear Lake Camp *



AUG 11-17, 2024

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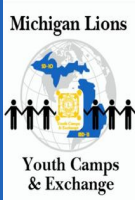
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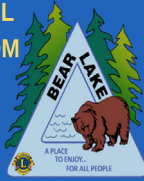
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Michigan Youth Exchange/LEO Camp 2024

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Additional Forms: Once registered, a health history form will be sent that will need to be filled out prior to camp. A Climbing Tower/Zipline Consent form will also need to be filled out for child to participate in those activities.

Payment: Please send the registration form along with a check payable to **Lions of Michigan, Memo: Youth Camps & Exchange, 5730 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911**

Signature _____ Date _____



Dave's Corner!
PDG Dave Wineman

MICHIGAN SERVICE CHALLENGE

Most of us have noticed one very important aspect of grass roots Lions. Regardless of the task, the difficulty, the effort, the you name it... Our Lions love and emerge to meet a challenge. Over the years so many of us

have witnessed this blessing. We also witnessed the results of the spirit of Michigan when they are challenged. We can and do move mountains.

Take the recent challenge put out to the Michigan Lions by clubs supporting the huge increase in campers at Lions Bear Lake Camp. When the need arose there were Lions eager to meet that need. Blind, hearing impaired and juvenile diabetic campers were the direct recipient. The real difference was, instead of backing off on helping kids, the Camp and it's supporters chose to make a go of it. Consequences could have caused difficulties, but the Camp and the faithful Lions that back it knew what has to be done. They are doing it as you read this. With any luck they will achieve their goal and not incur any long or short term debt by investing in people. This is just one recent example of how grass roots Lions work to make a difference. In Bear Lakes' case there is a way to go yet, but we can be confident that Lions will come through.

Here is a simpler challenge, but one of major importance. Call it the Michigan Service Challenge. What is the Michigan Service Challenge? Very simple it is 1 reported service activity for each club in the state. How tough of a service project? Doesn't matter! How many service projects? At least one. Yup, that is correct – just one will do. (More would be great, but we have to start somewhere and that is with the number ONE!) While you are doing this service project(s) make it a habit to invite someone you know and respect for their grass roots attitude and desire to meet a challenge. How is that done? See them in the street, text them, phone them, whatever and say, "You've always liked to make a difference in our community. How would you like to" If they cannot that is fine. Still meet the service challenge. Why? Because you are a Lion and that is what we do. We make a difference.

Then what? Report it online. Don't know how. Ask for help from the District Governor, the Global Service chair or your district administrator. The big thing is to get it reported. Why? It shows other Lions that WE get the job done. It gives confidence. We make a difference. We care. It shows the whole world that as well. Our motto is "We Serve". Who do we serve? We serve PEOPLE. We are the gold standard of service. Time to let others know. When they see it, they just might develop the confidence to be a Lion too!

Cheers!

PDG Dave Wineman
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PS.. Get this done by September and you will no doubt beat the Buckeyes. They have met the challenge 3 years in a row!



> THANKYOU'S AND MORE



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IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam
PDG Barbara Penny
1946 – 2024



Our Lion family the loss of Barbara Ellen Penny of Three Rivers, Michigan who passed away from heart failure on May 14, 2024, at the age of 77. PDG Barb has been a proud member of the Lions Club since 2005 where she served as District Governor in 2016 and 2017.

A resident of Three Rivers since 1969, Barb was known for her honesty, care, strength, independence, and vigor for life. She was a vocal advocate of those who faced adversity and a true woman of service. A Celebration of Life for Barb will be held at the Three Rivers Lion Club. This event will take place on July 13th at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a nonprofit organization that aligns with Barb's values.

PDG Ron Quada,
Marshall Lions Club



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ron Quada. Past District Governor, Ron Quada, was a very special lion and a special friend. Both Ron and his wife Char were members of Marshall Lions Club. PDG Ron served District 11 B1 as Governor from 1991-1992.

Lions also lost PDG David Prosak, 11 A2, this month. Lion David served as District Governor from 1996-1997.

IN MEMORIAM

MELVIN JONES CELEBRATION



The Lions of Michigan were pleased to welcome LCIF Chairperson Brian, IPIP, and Lion Lori Sheehan to the 1st Annual Progressive and Melvin Jones Fellowship Event. They flew in from Paris via Chicago.

Our guests first visited Penrickton Center for Blind Children. They were amazed at the facility and all that they do to aid visually impaired children. They also enriched themselves with local culture and made a quick stop at the Motown Museum where Lion Lori was envisioning herself as a new backup artist after she learned how to do "The Temptation Walk" along with the new vocals she acquired. Friday, we joined "The Morning Fury" with Lion Eddie on WMIC 660 AM which broadcasts past the limits of the thumb and could be heard online across the globe. Chairperson Brian and Lion Lori intrigued the listeners with their passion for Lions and LCIF.

Next stop - Lions Bear Lake Camp where our guests were left in awe at the great things our camp does. They mentioned it was one of the best camps that they had seen. Hats off to Lion Traci Tribley and her team. We also inducted one new member at the camp. Welcome Lion Ken! What's a trip to the thumb without a stop to get some famous chicken at Bavarian Inn? We also allowed Lion Lori to leave some of her hard-earned money at Bronner's as she collects Christmas Tree ornaments. Friday evening, we hosted the Presidential Sponsors for an evening in Lexington on the lake.

Saturday we started with delivering a Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque to a member who could not attend as he was recovering in a local rehabilitation home. Then we headed to Port Sanilac for the Strides Walk. Council Chair-Elect GST Chair Terri Huffman and her committee did a marvelous job at organizing the walk. Lions and future Lions joined us on what was a beautiful day and setting on the lake. The main celebration was then held at the Sanilac County Historical Village and Museum. We laughed, we recognized, and paid tribute to our fellows and donors. The atmosphere, music, and food were great. Overall, nearly 200 Lions from Michigan attended over the weekend and almost 50 individuals were recognized as Progressive and Melvin Jones Fellows.

While funds are still accumulating, we have raised in donations and pledges to date nearly \$75,000! In the words of Chairperson Brian, "THAT IS AWESOME"!

An event like this does not happen with one person. Thank you to all that made it possible, it takes a pride! Also, thank you to all that made the commitment, especially our state projects: Lions of Michigan Service Foundation, Lions Bear Lake Camp, and Eversight who joined our districts, clubs, and members to support our international foundation.

PID Justin Faber



> MD11 CONVENTION NEWS

MD 11 104TH CONVENTION

Lions Convention Kick-off Picnic – Outstanding food prepared by Sparta Lions Club! Not only did the chicken fall off the bone, it fell over the plate! Thank you, Sparta Lions Club and Rockford Lions Club for coordinating this popular event! Approximately 100 satisfied Lions were served.

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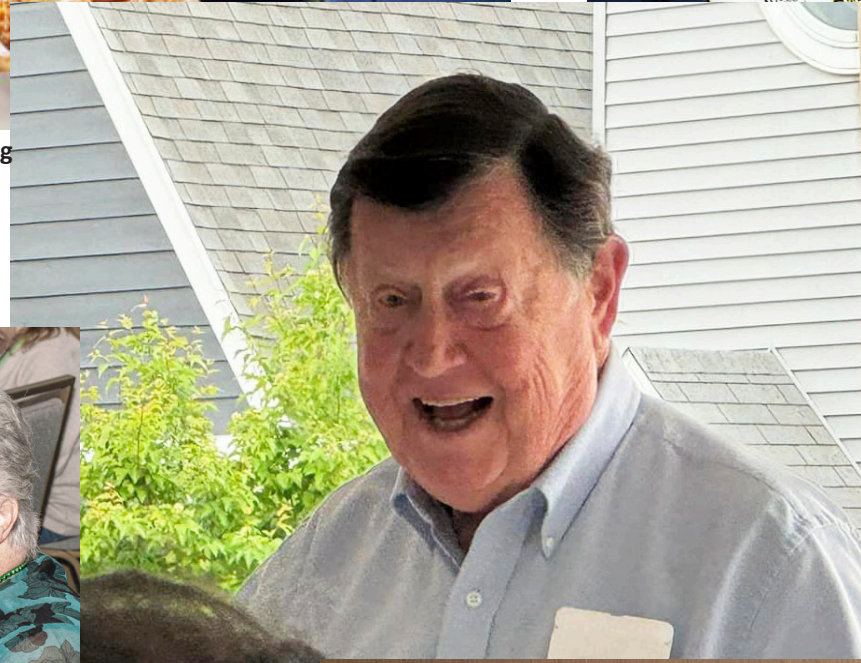
MD 11 Convention Committee Member Andrea Scott-Williams supports the local Rockford economy.



PIP Sid Scruggs enjoys meeting Michigan Lions



Keeping a level head, Lion Kathy and PDG Wes Wagester, S.A. Dodge recipient.



Cub Zoey Thackston shows off her dance moves! Prom 2034??



Forever Young Prom dates and contestants on the King and Queen's Court, Lion Traci Tribley and Lion Brent Beracy



Australia is better with good footwear!



Prom dates DGE Denny and Lion Linda Gocha

MD11 MAY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Chair John Daoud and Council Chair Elect Terri Huffman



DGE La Wanna Lofton-Coleman and PDG Roshni Patel share a moment together



Picnicker's enjoyed great comradery with LCI guests PIP Sid and Lion Judy Scruggs, shopped around downtown Rockford and took advantage of Lion-sized discounts at the Rockford Footwear Depot.



ID-Candidate Dave Wineman and Lion Lindy bring style to the party!

Lions Senior Prom attendees, former First Lady Lion Judy Scruggs and PID Justin Faber.



MD 11 Global Action Team winning shot! DG Steve Murch, PDG Ron Riebschleger, Council Chair-Elect Terri Huffman, PDGs Traci Tribley and Brent Beracy



Lions get in the spirit of Prom 2024!



Lions of Michigan All State Band played for the members during the Saturday Awards Reception

> LIONS HALL OF FAME NEWS

Lions of Michigan



HALL OF FAME

The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the **LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME** on July 25, 2009 to begin celebrating the rich history that Michigan Lions have at all levels of our association - local, state, district and international. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to keep alive the memory of our great leaders and to document their service so that Lions in the present and future can share a sense of the service that our great state has given to our association. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than March 1 of each year.

The 2024 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 15th Annual, will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lodging is \$150.00 plus tax per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net.

CONGRATULATIONS 2024 INDUCTEES

PDG TITUS McCLARY – 11-A1
PDG RON COLEMAN – 11-A1
PCC BARRY ALLEN – 11-B1
PCC RON GIBSON – 11-B2
PDG RAY ROBINS – 11-C2
PCC JEFF HUNT – 11-D1
PDG STAN PRESHAW – 11-E1

2024 Hall of Fame - Registration Form

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DEADLINE: July 10, 2024

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Dr. Gary Anderson, PID
 Harold "Hop" Anderson, PCC
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Lions in the district recently got together for the Karaoke and Game Night festivities!



Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club held their club service project at the Dave Bing Park located across from Hartford Church followed by a shared meal and meeting. Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful event.



Livonia High Nooners Lions Club was well represented last night at the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Redford Interfaith Relief. RIR has provided critically needed groceries, clothing, referrals, and personal and household supplies, free of charge, to those in need in Redford for 25 years. The Lions have been a proud sponsor for many of those years. Here's to the next 25, Angela Wolf, and Redford Interfaith Relief!

The Annual Wild Game Dinner was another big success! The proceeds will benefit Lions Bear Lake Camp.



Awards were presented in appreciation by Beaumont Silent Children's Fund Livonia High Nooners proudly supports Penrickton Center! The club was one of the first supporters and helped to build the first facility, which has expanded over the years. Perickton is a phenomenal resource, and we were impressed seeing the amazing work they do firsthand. Many thanks to Patty Obrzut, the staff, and the wonderful children of Penrickton Center!



LIVONIA LIONS PRESIDENT DAVE ZAREK PRESENTS PATTY OBRZUT WITH A CHECK. THE LIVONIA LIONS HAVE PROUDLY SUPPORTED PENRICKTON SINCE THE 1950's.



IPIP LCIF Chair Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori Sheehan, along with PID Justin Faber, visited Penrickton and the accessible park made possible in part by LCIF donations.

LCI District 11 A1 has been out diligently collecting beautiful recycled furniture to be given to those in need on Saturday, June 15. Bring your donations or schedule a furniture pick up... 248-238-4863. Wwww.metrodetroitlions.org District A1 will partner with Kid's Coalition Against Hunger for another district-wide meal packaging event. Our goal is to package 25,000 meals and will take place at Madonna University.



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A2 Convention awards breakfast had amazing entertainment by "Just Joe" followed by a great business meeting hearing from various charities we support. 600 water filtration kits were assembled in 50 minutes. These kits will be going to remote areas of Guatemala where they don't have access to clean water. In the evening the annual banquet was held, ending with the hospitality room. A2 LCI Guests, PID Tom Gordon and Lion Gillian



Service Project assembly line



A2 Members having fun at the convention!



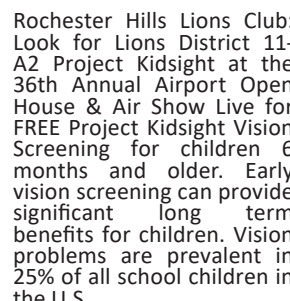
IPDG Shawn Blaszczyk all dressed up with somewhere to go!



Who has more fun than a Pride of Lions from District A2?



It's 80's night and the New Baltimore Lions Club crew is ready to party like it's 1983 at the District Convention



Rochester Hills Lions Club: Look for Lions District 11-A2 Project Kidsight at the 36th Annual Airport Open House & Air Show Live for FREE Project Kidsight Vision Screening for children 6 months and older. Early vision screening can provide significant long term benefits for children. Vision problems are prevalent in 25% of all school children in the U.S.

Utica Lions Club – CONGRATULATIONS on celebrating 100 years of service to the community, state, and world! A celebration will be held on Saturday, April 20.



New Baltimore Lions Club were Gold Sponsors for the 127th Wing Ball with Lions Brittany and Michelle representing the club in style.

Join the District at the Spring Clean-Up event at Lions Bear Lake Camp on Saturday, May 11!



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Council Chair Elect Terri Huffman, GST Chair, received a Presidential Medal During the recent MD 11 Convention



Bear Lake Vice President Dave Hill, Esther LaMothe, and Executive Director Traci Tribley presented PID Esther LaMothe with the first annual Esther LaMothe Fellowship.



State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck presented his daughter DG Annette Hemeryck with a banner to commemorate her service year as district governor.



Convention guest speaker ID Marie Cunningham.

ANN ARBOR HOST LIONS CLUB

The club recently donated 100 Scholastic books to the Family Learning Institute, 1954 S Industrial Dr., Ste D, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This organization helps students who are not reading at grade level to improve their reading skills. The Family Learning Institute is one of the club's benchmark projects.



Family Learning Institute Executive Director Sharine Buddin, Carol and David Downton.

DG Annette Hemeryck presented North Jackson Lions Club President Gary Beck with the Model Club Plaque.



Nathan Rodgers, Connor Bacon, and Allison Morris, LMASB Students. District B1 All State Band members will travel to Melbourne, Australia for the 2024 Lions International Conference. They each provided a brief overview of their experiences and accomplishments in music.

There was a joint 11-B1/11-C2 officer training held at Vandercook Lake High School, 1000 E Golf Ave., Jackson, Michigan, on Thursday, 25 April 2024. Session One included a Membership Round Table led by PDG Brent Beracy and GMT Cheryl Bradshaw; MYLion/Service Reporting by PCC Dave Hill; Tail Twister by Lion Chris Lake, and Treasurer training conducted by PCC Barry Allen. The Session Two schedule had an exciting Service Beyond Your Club by CCE Terri Huffman; Secretary instruction from Lion Dorothy Bosse; President/VP by CS Nancy Hill; and Time Management by instructor IPDG Kelly Lubbe. GLT Roger Bosse encourages district Lions to complete online training at their convenience as well. The Jackson Cascades Lions Club had five members attending.



Jackson Cascades Lions Club members at training with DG Annette Hemeryck included Roger Yoder, Dave Robinson, Ron Meagher, David Shaffer, and Art Turner.

The Quest South East Jackson Lions Club proudly hosted its inaugural Teresa Delph Memorial Oratorical Contest at the Middle School at Parkside. This significant event aimed to honor the memory of Teresa Delph, a cherished former teacher at Jackson Public Schools and member of the Jackson Human Relations Commission. Centered around the theme "Why my voice matters," each speech was evaluated based on criteria such as poise, content, delivery, effectiveness, appeal, and attitude.

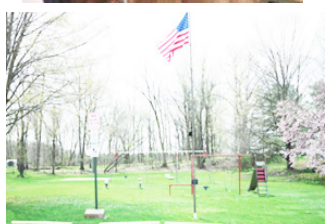
Earning the first-place trophy was Payton Brown, whose impassioned speech underscored the significance of utilizing one's voice to advocate for fairness, instigate change, and amplify the voices of the marginalized. Congratulations, Payton Brown!

The Jackson Diabetes Service Club was host for a second Taste and Talk event named Spring Training for Healthy Eating held at the Vandercook Lake Lions Clubhouse, 4628 Francis St., Jackson, Michigan, on Tuesday, 16 April 2024. Hamburger salad was the featured meal with a presentation on fat grams. The club partnered with Jackson College and other agencies for an overall Health Fair, as members conducted glucose and eyesight testing at the Jackson Interfaith Shelter, 414 S Blackstone St., Jackson, Michigan, on Monday, 22 April 2024.

Taste and Talk event with valuable fat grams information provided.



Health Fair held at the Jackson Interfaith Shelter.



Members of the North Adams Lions Club conducted a spring clean-up of the James E. Williams Park on E ast Main St., North Adams, Michigan, on Saturday, 20 April 2024. Region 3, Zone 2 Chairperson Anita Hoyt, Judi Glei, Al Rounds, Roger Yoder and his daughter Caroline Yoder, a senior at Addison High School, braved the cold and windy weather to clean the park for the community.

Bangor Lions presented 3 - \$500 scholarships to Bangor High School students on May 15. 1 person was a 4th time recipient of the scholarship, as it is open to all residents who either reside in Bangor or have graduated from Bangor Public Schools.

Buchanan-Galien Lions Club awarded four Buchanan seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship for each at the BHS Honors Convocation on May 19th. Receiving scholarships were Nicholas Finn, Riley Capron, Lucy Thomas and Madison Cornelius. Lions also heard from Janet Cooper from the Best Friends 4H Club regarding their Therapy Dog program.



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B2 Members attend the MD 11 Lions Convention in Grand Rapids



Prom Fun at the Lions Convention!



DGE Cory Knuth with PDG Karol & Lion Dan Chopp on Prom Night

The Chopp's were declared the Lions Prom King and Queen for leading the state in funds raised for a service project. The district raised \$12,000 toward the skylights at Bronson's Hematology and Oncology clinic



Buchanan-Galien Lions Jerry Flenar, Mark Nixon and Alice Kring presented a club check for \$500 to Police Chief Harvey Burnett for new body cameras.

Cub Zoey has collected a total of \$2,000 for the Skylight Challenge. She had her recycled crayon projects up for donations along with other items she made at District and State Convention. She even spoke at the Council of Governors Meeting. She got a special Donation from the Council Chair John Daoud because he just can't seem to hold on to his Bell. She will continue her fundraising efforts as a South Haven Lion Cub supporting other service projects in our District.



Participating in the group service project, packaging 10,000 soup starter for Kid's Coalition Against Hunger



Vicksburg Lions Club invited Project KidSight Coordinators Tanda and David Stiffler to come to their meeting recently, and the Vicksburg Club voted to purchase Project KidSight a "new SPOT camera!" Thank you for your generous support! The PKS Teams have done amazing work at the schools. Our final tally is 22,308 screened



Portage Lions Lead the Way In Tornado Disaster Relief Tornadoes touched down in Portage, Centreville, Colon, Dowagiac and Kalamazoo. A state of emergency was declared by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for Cass, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph Counties, which fall within District 11-B2. A total of 280 structures were impacted, 80 homes are uninhabitable, and more than 100 families have been displaced, which is approximately 239 individuals. Portage Lions Club applied for and received an International Lions grant for \$10,000 and a \$10,000 grant from the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Clean up is a continuous effort on the part of many Lions and volunteers



2024 recipients of Edwardsburg Herbert L. Stiffler \$500 Scholarships



The Edwardsburg Lions Club participated White Cane sales and had a float in the Annual Memorial Day Parade again this year. Always fun and this year our float even made it on the 6:00 news!

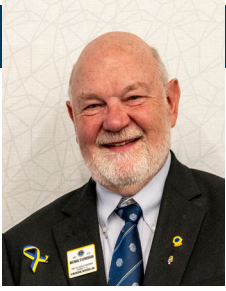


St. Joseph Lions Club Commemorated the Memorial Day holiday by placing flags onto the graves of over 250 veterans in River View Cemetery on Thursday May 16th. This annual event was attended by over 30 Lions and many of their spouses as well. Flags will remain on the graves through Labor Day at which time our local Boy Scouts assist in removing them for the winter months. The group photo was taken by the gravesite of veteran and Lion Jimmy Lee Butt and gathering here is an annual tradition after the flags are all in place.

Thirteen Buchanan Senior LEO's received white cords in recognition of their years of service to the community. Most of them have participated in LEO's since the 8th grade and have been very active in serving.



Mattawan LEOS elect new officers: Meet Vice President - Selena Chan, President - Claire Thompson, Secretary - Allison Brewer, and Treasurer - Hailey Neifert.



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11C1 Lions participated in building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that ensures no child sleeps on the floor. The group of ten Lions helped to build 25 beds, complete with staining the finished products. There is a waiting list for 300 beds in the greater Grand Rapids area – arrange for your club to volunteer today!



Muskegon North Side Lions Club hosted Lion Elvie Marfil, State Chair for the Lions Youth Exchange Program. Lion Elvie updated members on the status of incoming and outgoing students, host families, and the Youth Exchange Camp to be held this summer at Lions Bear Lake Camp.



Sparta Lions Club grilled chicken dinners are in demand! They will be back grilling chicken on Wednesday, July 10th at the Concert in the Park at Rogers's Park with dinner served out of the Civic Center from 4:30 to 7:30. The band that night will be The Accidentals. Come join the fun and grab a delicious dinner.

Ravenna Lions Club will host the 13th Annual Dog Daze Cruise Car Cruise-In, Kid-Sight vision screening, Kids Raffles, FREE 30ft Climbing Wall, FREE Kids Archery, FREE Balloon animals, FREE Kids Face Painting, Arts & Crafts, amazing food, music, Lions 50/50 Raffle, Swag Items, and much more! Check out RavennaLionsMI.org for the schedule of events!



PDG Paul Hodge gave a presentation at the MD 11 Convention in May on the role of Region Chair, and how to become the best. He teamed up with PCC Dave Hill who focused on the position of Club President. PDG Paul's presentation detailed this highly important position in a district, and his Power Point presentation is available by contacting the Lions State office: lions@lionsofmi.com

District Governor-Elect Cheryl Anderson, along with PID Gary Anderson, participated in the Melvin Jones Fellowship Celebration held in Port Sanilac with guests, IPIP Brian and Lori Sheehan. In addition to the celebration activities, DGE Cheryl took part in the Strides Walk fundraiser. DGE Anderson also took part in the service project at the MD 11 Convention to benefit Kid's Coalition Against Hunger.



LAKESIDE LIONS-Their final results for the Pancake Supper were amazing! Serving 245 meals brought in a net profit of \$1622, almost double their historical profit level. This will benefit their budgeted amount to donate to Eversight in support of Cornea Transplants. The club also hosted their 10th Annual "Night of Sight" program. The evening celebrated people who gave or received the life-changing and sometimes lifesaving gift of organ donations. Alex Teska, with Eversight, was one of the guest speakers. Sharing the history of Eversight along with the number of recipients that received transplants in the 2023 year; in Michigan alone, it was 1463.

Ravenna Lions Club held their 32nd Annual Gold Fest Fundraiser. This is a large event that benefits the Clubs programs for the blind, hearing, and sight impaired, Ravenna Parks, Summer recreation, Community youth programs, scholarships, The Love Connection and Senior Citizen Programs.



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Aubrie Roth and Lion Jeff Fisher - Vermontville Lion Jeff Fisher congratulates Maple Valley student Aubrie Roth, their Vermontville Lions March Student of the Month



Eaton Rapids Lions Collected Ramen Noodles and Pasta for the local Hearts and Hands Food pantry at their April 20th meeting. Eaton Rapids Lions learn about the Lions Eyeglass Recycling project and expanded their collection to almost 20 locations at their March 6th meeting.



PDG Tracy Temple stands next to a storage shed the Durand Lions recently acquired for the Durand Senior Center to use for their recycling efforts.



DG Ted Hamilton, new Elsie Lions Member Lion John Shipley and Elsie Lions President Lion Rick Jones. Presenting Lion John his new membership.



The Celebration of Service Committee was hard at work preparing for the March 8-9 convention in Owosso. Friday night was the Service Project for Safe Center, a refuge for folks in abused relationships. We stuffed over 50 bags with clothing and necessities, delivered a pickup truck load of diapers, and handed a check for over \$800 to Safe Center representatives. I.D. Lee Vrieze and wife Lion Mary from Jim Falls, Wisconsin, were our guests and speaker.



The Mason Lions Club welcomed their newest member at their March 13, 2024 meeting. Lion Mike Kollin was inducted by PDG Lion Lorraine Sparks with the support of sponsor Lion Rod Hunt.



Lions Darryl and Brandy Urquhart received their information packets and were officially welcomed into the club.



Lion George Walter introduced Lion Jeff Routson from the Mason Lions Club and Braille Transcribing Board member. Lion Jeff told the den of the history of Braille started by a 17 year old French boy Louis Braille, who was blinded at the age of three, invented the system in 1824 while a student. He covered the development progression and how it started in the Michigan prison system in Jackson thanks to a member of the Lansing Host Lions Club. There are currently 40 men and 15 women in two prisons that make braille materials used worldwide.



Melvin Jones Fellowship Award Winner: Our Star Lioness Lion Kay Olson with DG Ted Hamilton.



Grand Ledge High School student Aadhitya Sudhakar was honored at the October 24 meeting of the Grand Ledge Lions Club. Aadhitya was selected to be the Club's Student of the Month for October 2023.



The Owosso Lions Club celebrated 5 years in March!

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The Bay City Lions Club invites you to a fun night of Loon's baseball at the Northern Lights Pavillion on Wednesday August 22 for a game against the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers. The cost is \$30.00 and includes a buffet meal (choice of hamburgers, brats, or hot dogs, potato salad, beans, and all the cookies and soft drinks you want) If you are interested you can contact me at (gwizdala1354@outlook.com) Payment can be cash or check made out to the Bay City Lions Club.

Bay City Lions Old Timer's Day is a tradition that honors those Lions with 25+ years of service. Our club has 50 members who've served 25 years or more. Thanks to one of our newest Old Timers, Earl Bovia, for a great presentation.



Buena Vista Lions Club supported and participated in the annual cornhole competition. This fundraiser is hosted by the Carrollton Lions Club to benefit families in need every year. Our club also attended the annual sickle cell benefit concert hosted by Health4mation, an organization committed to providing scholarships to Sickle Cell individuals pursuing higher education. We have also been able to form new partnerships with several entities, including the proud sorority of Delta Sigma Theta, Versiti Blood and Molina Healthcare.



Fenton Lions Club had a couple great events this month. Fenton Winery and Brewery hosted a fundraising event and donated a check to the Fenton Lions Club as well as a donation to Bear Lake Camp.



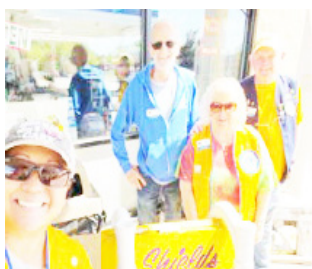
Pictured is new Frankenmuth Lions member, Jason Visiosky, and his daughter, Madelynn, a Frankenmuth Leo member.

Frankenmuth Lions Club recently collected donations for the annual Lions White Cane Project at three businesses in Frankenmuth. Lions Club volunteers collected more than \$2,255 during one weekend in May. All of the proceeds are donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind.



Mayville Lions have provided flower barrels and this flower bed for the village and planted flowers in them for more than 25 years. Pictured are five members at work. The Lion with his back to you is PDG Lion Ron Johnson.

Shields Lions Club - Lion Janet presented Swan Valley Senior Jordan Sherur with the club's annual scholarship check for 2024. Jordan plans on attending Delta College, majoring in Music. Members of Shields Lions Club greeted patrons in Thomas Township for our semiannual White Cane Sale. Participation from the Community was well received.



Auburn Williams Lions Club will hold their 12th Annual Golf Scramble June 29 at Sandy Ridge Golf Course in Midland. Interested golfers - register your team today!

The district newsletters are only being sent to those members who have signed up to receive the newsletter via email from the district web site. The signup page can be found on our website www.lions11d1.com. Have you signed up for the newsletter and feel you are not receiving the email? Check your trash and or spam folder. Also, add district11d1@gmail.com to your email contact list. Presidents and secretaries please sign up for the newsletter. Then ask your members if they are receiving the district newsletter from the district email. Please share this signup information. Please encourage your club members to get the information direct.



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Lions Club of Marysville had a great week. Our annual White Cane fundraiser, 4th grade Bike Rodeo, and participating in the Marysville Memorial Day Parade. Marysville members are making an impact! The Marysville Lions continue to serve others by volunteering at Mid-City Nutrition. If you have an interest in helping others, please contact us to talk.



Emmett Lions Club will be celebrating our 75th year as a Lions Club on Saturday June 22nd. Our celebration will be held at the O.L.M.C. Church Hall in Emmett, with dinner. There will be an open bar and a DJ for your entertainment. Memphis Lions was the sponsor 75 years ago.



Applegate Lions Club - Thank you just doesn't feel like enough, yet those words are strong! The Applegate community came together during a recent fundraiser and showed support to a local girl that is well loved. This young girl has a rally of fierce supporters behind her. Thank you again to all the people that helped make this a huge success. Without your help, hard work, donations, and showing up this would not have happened. All of you are a blessing!



Elkton Lions members Marty Baker, Rich Ignatowski, Janet Devroye, Lucas Swartzendruber, missing Tina Edler, Jessica Leslie and Fred Reynolds participated in Adopt-A-Highway today. They picked up 15 bags of garbage in the two mile stretch.



Almont Lions Club - In observance of Arbor Day 2024 (Friday, April 26) and Earth Day 2024 (Monday, April 22) the Almont Lions Club distributed 175 White Pine seedlings to the fourth-grade classes at Almont Middle School and Dryden Elementary School. This is consistent with the Lions Clubs International's effort to protect and to create healthier communities. Lions Clubs International estimates that Lions have served 65.8 million people.



DECKERVILLE LIONS CLUB Despite strong wind whipping our trash bags, lots of ground hog holes to avoid, and water in the ditches we collected over 20 bags and other large items of roadside trash! You have to wonder...who is throwing all this trash out. And why so many groundhogs. Deckerville Lions Roarrrrr. (Missing from photos Lions Paul and Marsha) Servicing the community and the environment.



Hadley Lions Club celebrated their longest member's birthday with a celebration cake. Lion Lloyd Broecker is the founding member and father of the club, as well as an outstanding man. Happy Birthday!



District 11 D2 hosted the 1st Melvin Jones Fellowship Celebration on May 31st and June 1st, 2024. They had the distinct honor of being joined by LCIF Chair and Past International President Lion Brian and his wife, Lion Lori Sheehan, in Port Sanilac. A fundraising reception with IPIP Brian and Lion Lori was held on Friday evening, a Strides Walk took place on Saturday morning, and a luncheon to recognize and award new Melvin Jones Fellow's.



NORTH BRANCH LIONS Club The members of Burlington Township Fire Department would like to thank the North Branch Lions for the donation that was made in memory of Chief Mark Schank. We are very grateful for the continued support from the area communities.

Almont Lions Club - Get into the swing of summer and join Almont Lions on Sunday July 28 for their golf outing. Just \$100/team. Contact Club President Eric Glosser to sign up: eric83@gmail.com



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DG Jim presents Lions Mike & Tina Hoy, each, with a "Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award" at the recent District Convention. After serving for five years as the District Editors, Lions Mike and Tina will pass the baton to Lion Paula Rigling from the Arcadia Lions Club. Thank you Lions Mike and Tina for your excellent newsletters, and welcome Lion Paula Rigling!



District E1 held their first club officer training in Region 1 (Kaleva - Traverse City area). The Kaleva Lions Club hosted the event where we had 18 Lions in attendance representing 7 clubs. The team covered various topics to include Lions' Awards, Fellowships, State and District projects, LCI portal access, and sessions on President/VP, Secretary, and Treasurer's responsibilities



Empire Lions Dave Taghon, Tom Pykosz, Nancy Pykosz, and Margaret Bacon help out at the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the club.

LUTHER LIONS had very active month of May for our members and ended with a Memorial Day Parade sponsored by our Lions Club, followed by a 2-day Community Flea Market. We were honored by our DG Jim Patterson attending our meeting and announcing our President, Linda Wellman, was elected to be the next Second Vice District Governor.



The Arcadia Lions Club donated \$10,000 toward the first phase of the tree replanting project using funds raised through their annual Arcadia Daze Festival.



Last Spring during the Arcadia Daze 5K race, one of the runners had a heart attack at the finish line. Luckily, there were three physicians who had also just finished the race, and they performed CPR and used an AED to save his life and he's now fully recovered. This incident raised the need for more members of the community to be trained in CPR. Arcadia Lions used funds raised through Arcadia Daze to conduct two Red Cross CPR training classes that were held this past month. What an incredible gift to give to the community.



STANWOOD LIONS CLUB- Sienna Ososki was presented the Stanwood Lions Club \$1000.00 Education Scholarship at the awards presentation at Morley Stanwood High School.



Onekama Lion Richard Lenz receives the Helen Keller Award



The Onekama Lions Club celebrated their Charter Night and celebrated 57 years since the Club started. Congratulations to Mike Haske for "Lion of the Year" and Richard Lenz for "Helen Keller Award". We also had several Lions with years of service awards! New members were also inducted into the club, making this a memorable night for all.



Onekama Lion of the Year, Mike Haske

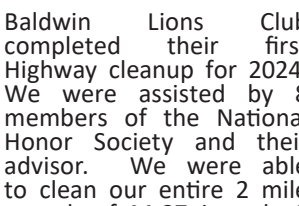


It was another great turnout for the Onekama Lions Club Quarter Paddle Auction. 250 paddles were sold, and over \$10,000 was raised.

Two members of the Coleman Lions Club (PDG Sheryl and PCC Jeff Schafer) attended the Lions of Michigan (MD-11) State Convention that was held in Grand Rapids. They participated in the Thursday night picnic hosted by the Rockford and Sparta Lions Club; business meeting, attended training sessions, met Past International President (PIP) Sid Scruggs, and visited many of the vendors that participated in the convention. Members of the Coleman Lions Club held their annual White Cane Day on Saturday, May 4. Their White Cane collection locations were scattered throughout Coleman and Sanford where they collected over \$900. The club also gave scholarships to two members of the Coleman High School graduating class of 2024.



Baldwin Lions Club completed their first Highway cleanup for 2024. We were assisted by 8 members of the National Honor Society and their advisor. We were able to clean our entire 2 mile stretch of M-37 in only 2 hours! We picked up 22 bags of trash and broken car parts! In exchange for their help, our club makes a generous donation towards the Honor Society trip.



PDG Pete Conarty, Midland Lions Club, received the Heart of a Lion award and Lion Sandy House received a Certificate of Appreciation for 20 years of service. These were just a few of the awards presented to many at the Midland Lions Awards night.



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Alpena Lions Club performed their annual spring cleanup at Sytek Park last Thursday, May 9th. Every spring the Alpena Lions clean up the winter debris along the river pathway and into the cemetery.



Boyer Valley Lions were out cleaning up the 2 mile section of M75 today (May 4). The winner of the best find for the clean up was Kecia Freed who found a morel mushroom! Hopefully it is not the last morel in Boyne City!



Cheboygan Lions Club volunteers assist with bartending at the NRA banquet.



East Jordan Lions Bill Thompson and Bill Chase splitting and bundling wood for Tourist Park campers. The club also assists with maintenance, inside and out, at the Boys Chippewa Cabin at Camp Daggett.



Lion Kim Forester operates the wood splitter with perfection.



Oscoda Lions Club continues to build ramps for those in need surrounding the community. Without their services, many would be homebound or even unable to leave a facility without the access a ramp is able to provide. The best part of the job? Receiving payment in the form of homemade chocolate chip cookies!



Oscoda Lions Club and the US Forest Service partnered together for the second Oscoda Kids Fishing Day. Thirty-six kids and their families showed up to participate. Every kid received a fishing pole to take home and was treated to hot dogs, chips, cookies, and water. Smokey Bear showed up to greet the kids and give each a bag of fire prevention information. Almost every participant caught at least one fish and quite a few caught several. Top 3 participants to catch the largest fish each received fishing related prizes provided by Wellman's Party and Bait. The first-place winner was Emerson, second place was Corbin, and third was Kristen. DNR Conservation officers showed up to help with this popular and FUN event.



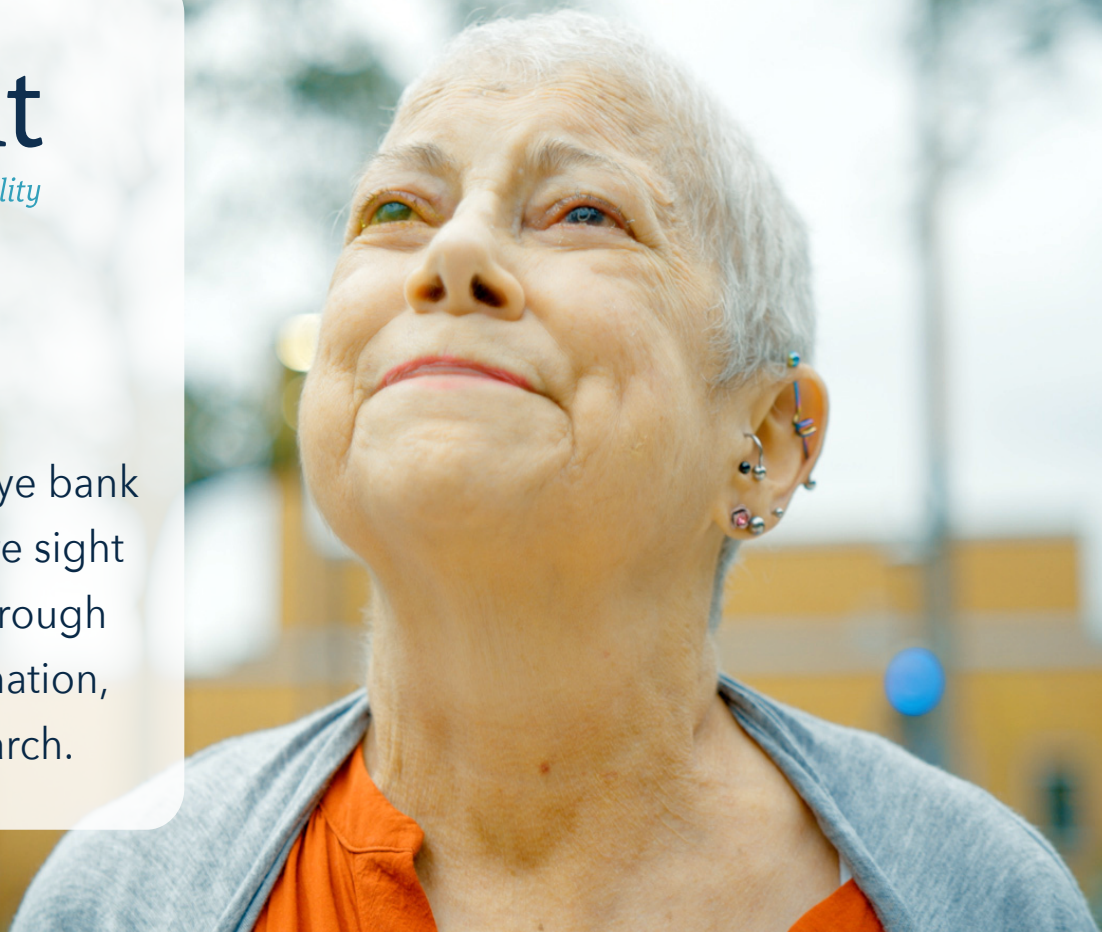
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Boyer Valley Lions joined together to serve the first graders at the Elementary School Field Days at Veteran's. Pictured above are Lion Peter Moss and Rotarian Jim Howell.



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