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DG Denny Gocha presents PDG Barb Durflinger, MD 11 E2, with the S. A. Dodge Distinguished Award at the MD 11 Lions Convention in Bay City.

> PID Shea Nickell, Kentucky, is welcomed to the MD 11 Lions Convention by Council Chair Huffman





PDG Jim Leach, Jr., accepts the S.A. Dodge Distinguished Award from DG Rhonda Furby, District 11 A2. On this same day in May 2015, PDG Jim's dad, PDG James Leach, Sr., was also awarded the S.A. Dodge. What an honor!



The 2024-25 District Governors of MD 11 and District 10 along with Council Chair Terri Huffman welcomed attendees to the 2025 MD 11 Lions Convention. The weekend kicked off with a dinner at Kryzsiak's Polish Restaurant on Thursday, followed by the Welcome Party Carnival complete with midway games on Friday evening. A spirit of fellowship and clowning around was felt throughout the convention weekend. Thanks to all who were a part of it!

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statement.

Events:

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 Mount Pleasant, MI

> February 27-28, 2026 Lions Michigan Form Kalamzoo Delta Hotel

May 14-16, 2026 MDII Lions Convention, Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire

> July 3-7, 2026 LCI Convention Hong Kong China

> > September 3 - 5, 2026 USA/Canada forum Memphis, TN

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EXEC DIRECTOR - NEWS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRIDE BY LION WENDY BURNS Reflecting on a Year of Growth and Anticipation for the Future





As we close the chapter on another remarkable Lion year, it's time to reflect on our achievements and set our sights on the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. This past year has been a testament to the dedication and passion of our members and our Lion leaders, and we find ourselves in a strong position to launch into the next Lion year with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

Member Retention: The Heartbeat of Our Organization

Our members are the lifeblood of the Lions Clubs of Michigan and Lions International, and this year, we have made a strong commitment to member retention, recruiting, and building new clubs which will continue into 2025-2026. By focusing on engagement and satisfaction, we've ensured that our members feel valued and connected. Involving new members is key to maintaining a vibrant and active membership base. The saying "busy members are happy members" is not just a saying – it's what keeps us alive and thriving in our communities.

New Club Growth: Expanding Our Reach

This year, we've worked on the formation of several new clubs, each bringing fresh energy and perspectives to our organization. Here is a perfect example of this: District 10's newest club, Marquette Arts & Music Wellness Lions Club. This new Specialty Club brings a creative spark to District 10, blending the healing power of the arts with the Lions' service model. Read more about it on page 4. What a gift to the community this club will be!

These new additions not only strengthen our network but also enhance our ability to serve communities worldwide. As we look to the future, we are excited to continue this momentum and welcome even more Lions into our family.

Leadership and Learning: Empowering Our Members

Leadership development has been a cornerstone of our success this year. Through resources like Lions Leadership Institute, Lions USA/Canada Forum, Lions Michigan Forum, District 10 Convention, MD 11 Lion Convention and the LCI Convention, we've provided our members with the tools and training needed to excel in their roles. From club officer training to specialized courses, our members have embraced opportunities to grow and lead with confidence. Encourage your club members to attend at least one new learning opportunity in 2025-2026.

Looking Ahead: A Bright Future

As we stand on the threshold of a new Lion year, we are filled with optimism and excitement. Our achievements in member retention, new club growth, and leadership development have laid a solid foundation for continued success. We are poised to make an even greater impact on the communities we serve, guided by our mission to serve a world in need. Thank you for being a Lion and for your unwavering commitment to making a difference. Together, we will continue to embody the spirit of service and create a brighter future for ALL.

Yours in Service, Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director



COUNCIL CHAIR'S CORNER PDG TERRI HUFFMAN, MD 11 COUNCIL CHAIR

As the 2024–2025 Lions year comes to a close, I want to thank each of you for the incredible opportunity to serve as your Council Chair. It has been a year marked by purpose, pride, and partnership — and I couldn't be more grateful.

This year, all 11 districts across Michigan worked together as one, building stronger connections, growing our membership, and deepening our commitment to service. The results were inspiring — from new projects and specialty clubs to meaningful leadership development at every level.

A true highlight was the Lions of Michigan Forum in Kalamazoo, where Lions from every corner of the state came together to learn, share, and grow. The energy, collaboration, and ideas exchanged during that event showcased the best of who we are and what we can accomplish when we work as one.

That momentum carried into our MD 11 Lions Convention in Bay City, where Lions gathered in celebration and service. With a vibrant carnival theme, dynamic breakout sessions, and meaningful fellowship, the event captured the heart of our mission. Special thanks to Lions Dave and Brenda Hacker, Executive Director Wendy Burns, and the entire planning team for creating a truly memorable experience.

Throughout the year, I was proud to stand beside an extraordinary Council of 11 Governors and GAT members. Their leadership, creativity, and commitment made all the difference.

To every Lion who served, led, encouraged, or simply showed up — thank you. The mark we made this year was bold, lasting, and made together.

In service and gratitude, Council Chair Terri Huffman Lions of Michigan, MD 11

SPOTLICHT DISTRICT GOVERNOR LOUVENIA SHACK-SEALS 11 B1

The Lion represents courage and boldness. To say to someone that they have the heart of a lion, you are telling them that they represent these features by their conduct. The "heart of a lion" are kind words for people who show commendable actions by assisting others.



We are in a place where more of our fellow human beings need assistance. The elderly and sick need help walking, bathing, preparing for themselves every day. There are our young people who need guidance away from drugs and alcohol, away from all kinds of dangers. There are children who just need love because they are not receiving love.

"The haves and the have nots" can be referred to people in diverse ways. The "haves" have more money, more love, more patience and kindness, even the ability to see, to speak, to hear. And then there are the "have nots;" have not the things that the haves take for granted, such as sight, hearing and even feeling.

SPOTLICHT **DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUDY KELLER 11 D2**



As Lions, service is not just something we do — it is who we are. This is my message as I visit the clubs of

11 D2. Service is one of the main reasons I became a Lion. Every hour spent volunteering, every project completed, and every life touched is a reflection of our shared belief that where there's a need, there's a Lion. Service is the heartbeat of our organization and the bridge between our mission and the communities we cherish.

In a world that needs hope more than ever, our service reminds people that kindness, generosity, and compassion still lead the way. When we unite through service, we inspire others, strengthen our clubs, and build a future where no need goes unmet.

I encourage each of you to continue leading with purpose and serving with passion. Every project, no matter the size, creates ripples of positive change. When we serve together, our impact multiplies — and we show the world what it truly means to be a Lion.

Let us stay committed to making a difference — one act of service at a time. Together in service,

11 D2 District Governor Judy Keller

This is where the Lions are THE MOST. We help those who cannot see to navigate their way through the day and then we show them love through camaraderie with the camps and reading services. We support the children by assisting with childhood cancer, Kidsight, Homelessness, and encourage families with events to bring the communities together like Family Fun Day. There is assistance with our diabetic community, and hearing and speech support. The Peace Poster contest gives the young people a sense of what could

Lions Clubs International is a powerful group of caring, kind, and loving individuals. Our hearts receive the purpose of sharing whatever we have, giving of our time, wealth, and wherewithal to assist those who are less fortunate, sometimes despite our own circumstances.

As the holidays are upon us, let us continue to remember those less fortunate in whatever way we can. Continue to show love and kindness. Continue to respect one another. Continue to encourage peace at home and internationally.

So, with that, I say to all Lions: "You are wonderful, great, fantastic, loved, blessed, highly favored and beautiful! Wear your invisible Lion King or Lion Queen crown proudly!"

CONTINUE TO HAVE THE HEART OF THE LION! Governor Louvenia Shack-Seals, 11 B1





MEET THE MD 11 2025-2026 GLOBAL ACTION TEAM AND LCIF COORDINATOR!

LCI MEMBERSHIP TYPES



PDG Roshni Patel MD 11 Global Membership Chairperson, 2025-2026

District Governor Cheryl Anderson MD 11 Global Service Chairperson, 2025-2026



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PDG Traci Tribley MD 11 Global Leadership Chairperson 2025-2026

PDG Brent Beracy MD 11 Global Extension Chairperson 2025-2026



PDG Terri Huffman MD 11 LCIF Coordinator 2025-2028



PDG Dr. Ron Riebschleger Area Global Membership Leader



REGULAR

As our most common membership type, members work to strengthen their communities and serve Lions International's global causes — or any other cause important to them.

FAMILY

Family membership allows relatives living in the same house to volunteer together. Families are able to spend quality time together and grow their passion for service — all at a reduced dues rate. Children cannot become members, but can participate in the Cub Program, which gives children the opportunity to build a lifelong dedication to helping others.

STUDENT

The ideal membership for students who are enrolled in an educational institution. Members between their country's legal age of majority and under 30 are eligible to receive a discount on international dues.

LEO

Leo membership is designed for young people ages 12-30 who are interested in serving their communities. This membership type features many benefits for young people, including no membership fee, educational opportunities, networking and much more.

LCI MEMBERSHIP TYPES

TRADITIONAL

Traditional clubs bring together a group of service-minded individuals who want to improve their community and meet locally on a regular basis.

SPECIALTY

Specialty clubs bring together a group of individuals who share a common interest in addition to a commitment to service. A specialty club may be centered around a specific hobby, culture, profession or another common interest.

VIRTUAL

Virtual clubs conduct some or all club meetings remotely, over the phone or via the internet. This club type allows a more widely distributed group of club members to plan and implement service projects with ease, and it's a great fit for those with busy schedules.

CAMPUS

Campus clubs offer students the opportunity to build leadership skills and create a common bond of service with fellow students. Members of campus clubs may also be eligible for student membership.

LEO

Leo clubs provide an opportunity for youth and young adults to serve in their communities, develop leadership skills and grow as individuals. There are two kinds of Leo clubs — Alpha Leos (ages 12-18) and Omega Leos (ages 18-30).

www.lionsofmi.com/images/membership/Membership Application.pdf

> LIONS USA NEWS

LIONS USA



LionsUSA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering a vibrant and inclusive network of Lions Clubs across Constitutional Area 1 (United States and our Affiliates). Our mission is centered on sustaining and growing membership, empowering leadership, and enabling impactful humanitarian services.

Inspiring Lions to serve and lead with integrity, conviction and compassion.

Encourage fun, camaraderie, fellowship and family as we grow and serve.

Every Lion member in the U.S. and affiliates is a LionsUSA member at no cost.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Legal structure: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Short-Term Goals (1-3 Years):

- 1. Increase membership by 10% annually across all clubs in Constitutional Area 1.
- 2. Launch three new leadership development programs targeting emerging leaders.
- 3. Facilitate at least 100 new humanitarian service projects within the next three years.
- 4. Establish robust communication channels to enhance member engagement and collaboration.

Long-Term Goals (5-10 Years):

- 1. Double the membership base across all clubs.
- 2. Develop a comprehensive LionsUSA service framework to address key community needs.
- 3. Secure sustainable funding streams to support long-term projects and initiatives.
- 4. Foster a culture of innovation and adaptability among Lions leaders.

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NEWS FROM SD 10 ACROSS THE BRIDGE

DO SCOUT KAVARCIANNY



Welcoming the Marquette Arts & Music Wellness Lions Club (MAMWLC): Serving with Creative Compassion

In May 2025, the Marquette Arts & Music Wellness Lions Club (MAMWLC) was officially chartered with Lions Clubs International (LCI). This new Specialty Club brings a creative spark to District 10, blending

the healing power of the arts with the Lions' service model. Rooted in the rich artistic spirit of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, our club is committed to lifting up those in need—veterans, seniors, folks in recovery, children facing hardship, and others—through music and the arts.

Our mission is simple: Creativity Heals. Whether it's a musician performing at a memory care center, an artist hosting a workshop for local youth, or a poet sharing words at a local shelter, our members are committed to using their talents to connect, inspire, and heal. Backed by LCI and sponsored by the Marquette Lions Club, we're proud to serve as a model for how creativity and compassion can walk hand-in-hand in service to our communities.







Gwinn Lions showed up to serve at the established greenhouse to start the seedlings. Gwinn Lions alongside some wonderful community members planted over 2000 starts. With their new 20 x 60 high tunnel hoop house, they plan to continue growing MORE food to feed our community! Hunger is a silent condition. People don't want to admit their need. In cooperating with the Gwinn Food System, the Gwinn Lions will be donating 2000 pounds of produce into the hands of people throughout the Forsyth Township and more!



Northwoods Air LifeLine

Iron Mountain Lions Club members were able to inspect the newly painted plane Pilots are very pleased with the upgrades made, especially the headsets that Lions have donated toward. Lions can continue to donate toward the cost of the painting.

Northwoods AirLifeline is a non-

profit organization of volunteer pilots from Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northeast Wisconsin who donate their time And aircraft to help patients and their families with urgent medical needs for services not found locally.



Governor Scott Kwarciany and PID Jenny Ware attended the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Central Lake Lions Club, District 11 E2. Special guest speaker for the event was LCI Past International President Brian Sheehan.

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 2025 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 16th Annual, will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Lodging is \$115.00 per night, including tax, for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Comfort Inn (989-572-0473) or Lions of Michigan State Office (517-887-6640 or info@lmsf.net).

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> LCI CONVENTION NEWS



The international convention happens once a year, and in 2025, we'll celebrate together in the theme park capital of the world. Get ready to be entertained, find inspiration and meet new friends. We'll see you in Orlando, where we will truly make unforgettable memories together!

https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org

Convention calendar

Convention will be held Sunday through Thursday with the Parade of Nations kicking off festivities on Monday, July 14. On Thursday, July 17, the presidential inauguration will bring our time in Orlando to a close.

Program of events

In Orlando, you will find all of the great programming Lions have come to expect at international convention. From uplifting keynote speakers and a rockin' International Show to innovative seminars and the Parade of Nations, you can be part of it all!

Michigan Lions

Michigan Lions will march with USALions and Affiliates in the Parade of Nations, and you can be part of it all! Parade uniform consists of the official Lions of Michigan parade shirt, navy slacks/skirt, dark shoes, optional white Lions of Michigan ball cap. Watch for future announcements of Michigan Night in Orlando!



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2025-2026



DATES TO REMEMBER

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November 6-9, 2025 MacMullen Center Roscommon
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July 3-7, 2026, LCI Convention, Hong Kong, China September 3-5, 2026, USA/Canada Forum, Memphis TN

LCI CONVENTION JULY 14-17 2025 ORLANDO

MD11 CONVENTION THANKS <

Sunday June 22, 2025 1:00 p.m. Lions and Friends Mixer Membership Mixer!



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

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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Your continued partnership elevates the entire convention experience for all!

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Thank you for allowing Unclaimed Property to participate in the Lions Club Conference on May 16th. It was a pleasure to meet with Lions! There were quite a few people who were surprised and excited about finding their lost funds. As promised, I've put together some statistics for you:

Bottom Line: 80 claims were created totaling \$27,700

Here is the breakdown:

Prior to the conference, I established 41 claims for assorted Lions Clubs and a couple of the vendors who were going to be on-site which totaled \$19,650.

There are still Lions Club funds on our system – many of the clubs are no longer active. The best way to proceed with claiming those is to provide the Charter or By-Laws of the Michigan Lions Club, either each District or the Headquarters, along with a list of all closed Lions Clubs (and their addresses) that are now closed. Typically, we see that non-profits will have specific language in their Charter or ByLaws that address how any residual funds from inactive clubs will be distributed. (If you don't see it in the Michigan Lions Club Charter, then alternatively, you may need to provide the Bylaws from each of the closed clubs. Hopefully, those have been retained by your historian.) If you want to just forward all of that information to me, I am happy to continue to work on these Lions Club claims until we get it all sorted out. sorted out.

At the conference, I established 39 additional claims totaling \$8,050 for individuals and entities

Out of those 39 claims established on-site, 33 were for individuals.

I had conducted searches for 66 individuals that day, so that's an exact 50% "hit rate" (much higher than our usual 1-in-3)

Laura Herrin Departmental Manager Unclaimed Property Michigan Department of Treasury Phone: 517-636-5314

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> USA/CANADA FORUM NEWS

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LCI 1ST VP SINGH IS THE INVITED GUEST SPEAKER THE 2026 MD 11 CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SHANTY CREEK RESORT, BELLAIRE, MAY 14-16, 2026.

REGION NEWS <



11 A1



Renaissance Lions Club and MI Cyber Club will host a cruise

fundraiser June 15 aboard the

Diamond Jack Cruise boat.

Lunch, Soft drinks, coffee, tea and cash bar are available.

SAVE THE DATE! 2025 is the

year for the Deaf Celebration

September 27, 2025, 10 am to

5 pm. Southfield Civic Center

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'Passing of The Gavel' from DG LaWonna Lofton-Coleman onto DGE, Kim Hooper of the Bedford Lions



LaWonna with Douglas Alexandar at the A1 Convention in Detroit. A very special thank you to all who attended.









Meet the District A1 Information Technology Team!



Lion Deborah Love



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11 A2



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Memories were made at the A2 District Convention! DG Rhonda Furby poses with DG Carl and VDG Aleta Cozart,



Lake Camp Lions Bear Executive Director Traci Tribley and Food Service Director Chrissy Andre get into the Medieval spirit at the convention



DG Rhonda Furby leads a session during the A2 Convention.

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 appreciates the ice sculpture!



& Selby, Mark Delcourt and Mascot Haack at the Chili Cook-Off



The Super Bowl Chili Trophy



Richmond Lions Club awarded six (6) \$1,500.00 scholarships to Richmond High School Seniors. Pictured here, Brian Walmsley and Carol Selby with 5 of these outstanding students.

Richmond Lions Club 30th Annual Golf Outing is set to take place on August 10. This highly popular event will be held at Golden Hawk Golf Course with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start.



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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Vandercook Lake Lions meeting ZC/ District Newsletter editor Roger Yoder was our guest speaker. He spoke about Veterans, the District Newsletter and mainly the Detroit Tigers and the book he wrote about the Tigers. Several members purchased the book from him which will autograph for them. Some of the proceeds from his book will be donated to LCIF.



Jackson Cascades Lions made a \$2,000.00 donation to the Jackson Interfaith Shelter to help support the valuable work they do for others in the Jackson community.

A district-wide drive is planned for June 14 at Jackson Crossing Mall. They will hold a food drive, offer KidSight screenings and accept donations of eyeglasses, making a visible impact on the community while offering information on what Lions are all about and how to join. District B1 will also be hosting the annual picnic at Cascades Pavillion on June 28. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided and you are asked to bring a dish to pass if possible. Stop in for great food, games, fun and Lions fellowship!





recent В1 meeting was held at Eversight Headquarters in Ann Arbor.



Lion Nancy Hill receives the Charles Weir Fellowship Award from Eversight's Alex Teska. DG Louvenia Shack-Seals and Lion Wendy Burns present Lion Roger Yoder with the Roger LaMothe Outstanding District Editor Award during the Multiple District 11 Convention.



Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club Club members put together this blanket while at Eversight.



Cereal City Project 5000 Update. Demolition included ripping out old shower and bathrooms. The Project 5000 Committee presented checks to S.A.F.E.



Cereal City Lions Club held a successful Spaghetti Dinner at Barista Blues in March and will



Ann Arbor Lions Club held a KidSight vision screening at the Community Day Care Center. Club members included ZC Roger Yoder (Hanover Horton), Cathy Koning (Ann Arbor Evening President), and ZC Rich Westbury (Ann Arbor Host Vice President).

Clarklake Lions Club 45th Annual Drawdown Event Fundraiser drew another big crowd of Lions and friends!









Clinton Lions Club awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to recent Clinton HS grad, Kaylee Kranz.



Grass Lake Lions Club held a bowling fundraiser.



Lion Gary Titler is sighted guide for Lion Harry Owsley IV in frame five.

11 B2



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St. Joseph Lions Club presents the Mergenthaler Scholarship Braden Miesse, Elena Figueroa, and Sahiti Midithuri. The club has gifted over \$300,000 to some of the brightest students from our St. Joseph community since



St. Joseph Lions Club placed 1,300 flags to mark headstones at Riverview cemetery.



Garry Lange was a recent guest speaker at the Buchanan-Gailen Lions Club meeting.

Buchanan-Galien Lions held their monthly club meeting in May and heard a presentation by Garry Lange who gave a very interesting presentation on the "Biggest Little Baseball Museum" located in Three



Buchanan-Galien awarded \$1,000.00 four scholarships to Buchanan HS students. The 4 winners were selected based on being both at the top of their class and like the Lions Club motto "We Serve" these students excelled in community service. The recipients were Alaina Hickok, Jenna Franklin, Geneva Tabor and Kaitlin Ferrell.



Paw Paw Lions and HS Leos at Kids Paradise playground and park provided a spring cleanup at Kid's Paradise Playground. Many weeds were pulled and loads of sand was added to the bulldozer sandbox. Thank you, Paw Paw Rentals, for helping us out with the concrete buggy and to Lounsbury Excavating for the donation of sand.



Kal-Haven Lions Club: Katy Cole, Coordinator of Animal-Assisted Services, Paw Paw Public Schools visited with 2 of her Therapy Dogs, Loki, and Trixie. Katy is a professional Dog Trainer and Animal-Assisted Services Consultant.



Kal-Haven Lions held a successful White Cane drive. Patsy Richardson and Bill Gingas, Bob & Kathy Richardson at Gobles Village Market. Kal Haven President Jonn Stassek

worked overtime double selling raffle tickets and taking White Cane donations at Bloomingdale Amish Store.



Mattawan Club Lions sponsored a Senior Veteran Expo, held Monday, May 5, at the Antwerp Activity Center, with nearly 60 vendors taking part in the event, providing free giveaways. Also, a mobile Secretary of State was available. The club also enjoyed a great night at "The Backyard", a local establishment on Stadium Drive. Such a wonderful addition to our Mattawan community.



Mattawan Lions supporting a new local establishment, The Backyard.



Kal-Haven Lions participated in the Memorial Day Parade in two communities, Gobles and Bloomingdale. Great exposure to show how WE SERVE!



Mattawan Lions Club for sponsored a recent event for students with and without disabilities came together and became unified through sports (basketball)! No Limits Basketball is in its 3rd year and has quadrupled in the number of participants!



Portage Lions Club conducted a memorial tree dedication ceremony at Markin Glen Park in honor of Portage Lion, PDG Bill Phillips. A red oak tree was donated by the Club and planted by Kalamazoo County in Bill's memory in the fall of 2024. PDG Bill was a dedicated Lion of more than 50 years actively committed to serving at the club and district levels.

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The Lyons-Muir Lions Club members have been busy reading books at their local Elementary Schools. The students and staff both love them. The books they are reading, focus on gratitude, managing anger and Leader dogs. After the readings, each school is given the books to add to their school libraries.





On February 1st, Muskegon Northside Lions celebrated their 46th anniversary. Pictured are their 4 remaining founding members. From left to right: Lions Ed Weessies, Larry Holstrom, Dennis Loughridge, and Paul Hoppa Congratulations, Muskegon Northside Lions Club!



ALLEGAN LIONS
In honor of their founder's birthday, the Allegan Lions held a vision screening on January 16th at Little Tigers Learning Center and the Tiny Tigers. Dr Dale Wittkop, Lee Wittkop and George Mohr were the dedicated Lions for this project which screened 99 children.



Rockford Lions Club offered free vision screening to the community at the Annual Summer Celebration. We screened 137 kids and 13 referrals. The club hosts the beer tent every year which includes a Bloody Mary bar.



Enjoy a snack with your Bloody Mary at the Lions Summer Festival Beer Tent!



Rockford Lions Club members SERVE!



Lining up for beverages at the Rockford Summer Festival





11 C2



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Lions from around the district were out in force at the MD 11 Lions Convention in Bay



Grand Ledge Lions Club was proud to support the Farewell Fundraiser — a heartfelt community event dedicated to honoring and uplifting our own. A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers who continue to serve with compassion and generosity. Your time and effort help make days like this one truly special.



raffle tickets 5/10 at Owosso Speedway. The big winner took home \$849.50! Thanks go to Owosso Speedway and race fans for their generosity!



Mason Lions Club President Jenni Jordan presented three Mason High School seniors with college scholarships. The scholarships are named in honor of Lions Bud Swinehart, Ray Collar, and Stan Jordan.

Gabriella Hanover, daughter of Pete and Amy Hanover, intends to go to Hope College and major in Business. Jackson Cargill, son of Erik and Jennifer Cargill, will attend Saginaw Valley State University to major in Chemistry. Skyler Prosser, daughter of Stephanie and Mitchell Prosser, will be going to Brigham Young University and major in Psychology.



Mason Lions Club members plant flowers on the State Street Bridge every year. Thanks to Lions Lynne and Cyndi Mark for chairing the effort once again and helping beautify an important gateway into the "fair city."



Maple Valley Lions Club presented scholarships to two graduating students at Fulton High School. Lion Dan lones



Lions Club of Ovid Thank you so much to the extremely hardworking spring spruce-up crew at Gumaer Park! They were able to complete the painting and staining of picnic tables, painting of teeter totter and sand tire, and nraking of the play area and around the pavilion. They also were able to move a picnic table to a grill area so families can enjoy a place to sit with their cook-out. Next project for the Ovid Lions Club is to finish the playhouse at the ball field.



Grand Ledge Lions Club Win a John Deere Tractor—Support a Great Cause!

a Great Cause!
Reach out to the GL club and get your raffle ticketsnow for a chance to take home a brand new John Deere tractor!
Whether you're a farmer, landowner, or just love the iconic green and yellow, this is your chance to win big and do some good. Drawing is on August 24, 2025.

Eaton Rapids Lions Club will host a booth at the first Community Market of the year. They are accepting donations of dog and cat food, toys and litter for their pet pantry.



Durand Lions Club The winners of the annual RR Days raffle are Art Andres of New Lothrop (first prize \$600 Riverside Market gift cards), and Mark & Blair Pancheck of Durand (2nd prize hand carved wood owl), and Dale Pfeifer of Durand (third prize \$200 Riverside Market gift cards). The Durand Lions sincerely thank the folks that purchased raffle tickets. 100% of the funds go back to the community needs in Durand and the surrounding area. Pictured are Mark and Blair Pancheck of Durand (and



Lions Club President Dean Hartenburg accepts the back-flow preventer from Don Kebler, owner of Chasco Plumbing & Heating. St. Johns Lions Club would like to give a big "THANK YOU" totheir friends at Chasco Plumbing and Heating, LLC for generously donating a freshwater back-flow preventer for their new Lions food trailer. This device is required by the Public Health Department to protect the public water system.



Hartenburg, president of the St. Johns Club, Lions presented community service scholarship awards to two very deserving high school seniors: Aubrey Beltran and Tyler Riedel. Both students had outstanding applications with an impressive list of community service work, including volunteering in the Lions food trailer during the concerts in the park. Congratulations Aubrey and Tyler, and best wishes for the future.



Lions Club of Wacousta once again served hot dogs, chips, pop to the crowd after the Memorial ceremony in Wacousta. This is their umpteenth year of doing this... a way of giving back to those who support the club!



Lions President Jason Barclay presented the Lions Club of Wacousta 2025 Scholarship certificate to this year's award winner, Vivian Tuckey. Vivian, a graduate of Grand Ledge High School plans to attend Michigan State University and major in Neurological Science. She was accompanied by her parents Amanda and Matthew. Congratulations, Vivian!



Heather Febres- Cordero of the Tri-County Office on Aging. She thanked the club for their donation and spoke of her background and the various programs available thru Tri-County. She introduced Amber Watters who spoke about the Meals on Wheels program for Clinton County and the need for volunteers

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Lion Joe Gwizdala for helping to coordinate all efforts over the past year of planning for

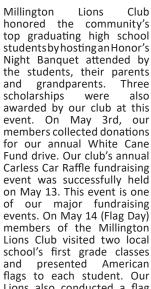
The Lions Clubs of Caro and participated Kingston "Get Caught Reading Challenge" held in May. They read "Hello Lighthouse" to all 3rd grade classes. DG Jonathan VanTol took part in reading to a class in Caro, adding highlight about lighthouses. This paired perfectly with the class who will be studying more about lighthouse history Handmade thank you cards were delivered to the clubs and the schools look forward to the Lions reading challenge



Buena Vista Lions Club would like to thank all who have Sickle Cell benefit concert. She is currently pursuing her



Linden Lions participated support!





been supportive of the annual This year's scholarship recipient is Ronisha Sheppard. doctorate degree in health services. Miss Sheppard plans to someday open her own clinic that specializes in the care of Sickle Cell clients.



in the Texas Road House Dine-to-Donate event in May. The club was set up to greet the patrons and help the community learn about what Lions do. We are very appreciative for all of our members supporting this event. We even had several Lions members from neighboring clubs who joined us. Thank you for your

Lions also conducted a flag information lesson.



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The American Red Cross held a blood drive in the Almont Lions Hall June 9. Since 2005 a total of 3,380 units have been collected at the Almont Lions Hall with a potential total of 10,140 lives saved.

Almont Lions distributed Pine Tree seedlings to all 4th Grade students in Almont and Dryden Schools. In addition, United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence booklets were given to all 5th grade students in both Almont and Dryden schools. The booklets were obtained from The Liberty Lives Forever organization.

Appreciation/Achievement were given to students that participated in the Peace Poster contest in Almont and Dryden schools, along with check to the winners in each school.

Almont Lions will furnish water and use of the Lions Hall for a Summer Reading Kick off on June 18, 2025. The club plans to sell food and drinks for the Almont Music in the Park concerts, which will be held now through the end of

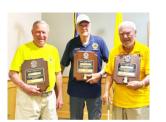


Emmett Lions Club: 11 members took equipment to the Lions Bear Lake Camp on Sat. May 17 to move the mulch to the playground area and around tree, shrubs and throughout the obstacle course. Emmett Lions have been participating in LBLC spring clean up for many years and look forward to many



Marlette Lions Club member PDG Don Spinks reads to school children. Marlette Lions Club Reading Action Program is one to model in your club! PDG Don read the book "You're So Amazing" to 66 Marlette Elementary kids. This book was selected by Governor Judy Keller who provided a copy to all MD 11 D2 Lions Club, encouraging clubs to go out and read!





Melvin Jones Fellowship presented s - Gerald **Awards** were to Algonac Lions Gordon, Robert Marrow and Carl Stieler. Congratulations



The 87th Annual Algonac Lions Pickerel Tournament Queen's Court with Algonac Lion's Honorary Pickerel Princess.

Algonac Lions Club has sponsored this event for 87 years! It is their #1 fundraising project, allowing them to give back to the community and to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Port Huron Host Lions Club is celebrating 105 Years of Service on June 21. The celebration kicks off at 2:00 p.m. with a walk to raise money for visually impaired persons. Walk a Mile in My Shoes is a fun-filled event with 50/50 drawings, raffle prizes, live music, Leader Dog puppy races, KidsSight Vision screenings and more!

Ubly Lions Club has had three District Governors in the recent past and one International Director. PID Justin Faber, PDG Sami Makhoul, and current District Governor Judy Keller are all Ubly Lions Club members. This proudly makes them only club with this kind of representation. this kind of representation in senior leadership in our district the past decade.



Lions surrounding businesses and community for a great fun day! Bouncy castles, flying and more. The USA Lions club were proud to partner with our fellow Lions and businesses and screen over 30 children during the event. Lion Wayne Volz, ID Dave Wineman and Lion Stevie Langford at the kidsight log cabin. Below, ID Dave takes another kidsight photo and makes the kids laugh whilst doing so.





this great event!





Shields Lions Club is holding their 25th Annual Golf Outing in June at Swan Valley Golf Course in Saginaw. Proceeds from this popular event go toward financing many of the club's service projects, such as Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Paws with a Cause, Swan Valley HS Scholarships, Thomas Township Parks and Rec, as well as MD 11 State



Cass City Lions on May 23rd, sponsored and hosted food pantry in Cass City where we helped distribute approximately 18,000 lbs of groceries to area residents.



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on May 21st, honored Lion

Erv Banes as a Melvin Jones

Fellow, the FLC's highest

honor. Lion Erv, a member

for 43 years, served as Lions

Club President, was a key

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DG Tom MacNaughton and PID Bruce Beck present the District E1 Karla Roebuck Award to Lion Steve Glazier. Congratulations, Lion Steve, on this prestigious



IPDG Jim Patterson is the recipient of this year's Louis Braille Award. The Louis Braille Award is one of District 11-E1's prestigious awards given to a Lion from our District at the annual convention who shines in their service to humanity during the past year. It was begun by PDG Wayne Kreitner and his son Michael, from the Greenville Lions Club.











Guest speaker Dr. Pol was a favorite at the convention!





District E1 winning Peace Poster artist displays her

Coleman Lions Club held their annual White Cane event, collecting money to be used for local and statewide vision programs.





Coleman Lions is a longtime team supporter and sponsor of Coleman Youth Athletic Association summer baseball and softball. They recently helped to make improvements to their indoor practice facility and received a grant to help fund the cost of materials. Over the span of 10 days nine Coleman Lions and two friends put in a total of 84 hours to complete the project!



Empire Lions Club was recognized for their work in researching unmarked graves at the local cemetery and providing markers for over 100 graves. The club was presented with the Kindness Matters Service Award in recognition of their tremendous contribution to their community. Tom Hammersmith accepted the award from Ann Roeseler on behalf of the Empire Lions.

Luther Lions hosted Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast and Feeding America Food Truck in early May. All Lions are invited to join them for their monthly Bingo night on May 17th and for their Memorial Day Weekend Parade on the 24th

11 E2



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PIP Brian Sheehan arrives in style for the Central Lake Lions Club as they celebrate a 75th anniversary milestone.



PIP Sheehan enjoys the magic of sunset on Central Lake.

Boyne Valley Lions

Lions including the Mitchums, Taylors, Peter Moss, Judy Smith, and Julie Hasse cleaned up the Lions cabin at Camp Daggett last Friday (May 23), and campers were checking in on Saturday.

Lions Board Meeting Update: a) Donations

(1) Lions donated \$550 to 4th of July Fireworks

(2) Lions donated \$250 to the Boy Scouts annual to Gettysburg. (3) Lions donated \$250 to the Boyne Soccer Club who spoke to us last meeting.

The board has voted to induct Joanne Costello at the next club meeting.

Waiting for sales results and Lions proceeds from the Mushroom Carnival.



Awards were given out at the 11-E2 convention at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. Lions Bill and Linda Chase received the International Presidential Certificate for volunteering Lions Convention Raffle four years in a row.

They also helped serve the Great Lakes Power Company employees a meal during the power outage. They often volunteer for many other Lions activities. Lion Linda Gocha also received the same certificate for being Lions Secretary for 7 years, LCIF Team coordinator, Global Service
Team coordinator, and Club
Marketing coordinator. She
has been a Lions member for 14 years. Congratulations to

East Jordan Lions cleaned, painted, repaired screens, and put down afton stone around the step of the Boys Spruce cabin at Camp

The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew was back at work again today helping those in need. Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley, and Chuck Andrina picked up the material at 800 and had the project completed by 130. The crew built two 4'x4' platforms and ramp sections of 22' and 8'. The ramp will help the homeowner get in and out of his home while recovering from an accident that will prohibit any weight bearing on his injured leg for twelve weeks. He hopes to be released from the hospital in the near future.



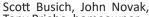
(L to R). Chris Bauer, Gary Ashcroft, Dick Pollex, Mark Tamlyn, Cindy Bauer, & Ron Neuman.

Cheboygan Lions Another successful year bartending at the banquet.

Cheboygan President Chris Bauer, presenting Kason Hart a \$500.00 scholarship Alpena Community College



The Oscoda Lions ramp crew has been busy the last two Wednesdays. Tony Priebe, John Novák, and Scott Busich started the project last week and the three were joined by Chuck Andrina today to finish the project. The project consisted of two ramps 8' and 20' long as well as two platforms. The homeowner was having difficulty getting up and down the step into her home. When the ramp was finished, she tried it out with her rolling walker and was very happy with the new addition to her home! WE SERVE!











Scott Kwarciany PID Jenny Ware, both from District 10, were part of the Central Lake Lions 75th Anniversary celebration.



It's not a party until the cake comes out and someone gets dunked! Central Lake Lions Lions celebration had it all!





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