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MD11 & SD10 DISTRICT GOVERNORS 2025-2026

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UPCOMING Events:

September 18-20, 2025
USA/Canada Forum
September 18
Strides Walk
Atlantic City, NJ

October 1, 2025
Last day Lions can purchase Peace Poster Contest kits from the Lions International Shop.

OCTOBER
Vision Awareness Month
Leo Membership Growth Month
Lions Membership Growth Month

Week of Service: Mental Health & Well-Being
October 4, 2025 - October 12, 2025
Join our global week of service to support Mental Health and Well-being by planning an impactful service activity in your community. This service week coincides with World Mental Health Day on October 10. Invite others to join, make a difference and promote your service!

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

Check our website for updates
& additional information
www.lionsofmi.com



> NEW PRESIDENT - NEWS

LCI PRESIDENT A.P. SINGH,
KOLKATA, INDIA.

LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD.



As Lions, we serve the world, but we also lead the world in service. Every act of service is a gift to humanity, but it's also an act of leadership that inspires others to join us in making a difference.

When Lions serve with passion and purpose, when we place the needs of others before our own, we are servant leaders who strengthen our communities, our organization and the lives of the people we serve.

Building Our Future

Our programs and initiatives will center on four essential priorities for Lions International, all of which are vital to advancing our mission of service.

- 1. Growing our clubs and our service
- 2. Empowering service together with LCIF
- 3. Innovating our service to meet the challenges ahead
- 4. Welcoming diversity and including everyone in our clubs

READING ACTION
PROGRAM
PDG DON SPINKS CHAIR



LET'S READ!

On average 20% of US adults are illiterate - this is a 2023 statistic. According to worldpopulationreview.com, developed nations' adult literacy rate is 96%.

The Reading Action Program encourages MD11 and SD10 clubs to donate books or participate in a reading program. Here are a few ideas your club can do.

- 1. Contact a school principal and explain how the Lions Club want to connect with the school to promote reading. She or he may be very supportive & suggested you work with the Reading (Literacy) specialist.
- 2. Suggest a rewards program for anyone who reads at school or home. Document the progress and give out certificates or have a pizza party for the readers.
- 3. Help fill the book vending machine with applicable children's books or donate to the school a certain cash value going to the book vending machine.
- 4. Donate your books that you have read to the library or a place that takes care of the elderly people.
- 5. If your club is affiliated with Scouts, have them help your club by reading to others.

Let's get out there and introduce our clubs and show them what we are all about. Get out there and read, because We Serve. Let's all read.



SAVE THE DATE

Leadership Institute
November 6-9, 2025

Opportunities for learning and advancement:
Lions Leadership Institute and Graduate Institute
NEW THIS YEAR: EMERGING LIONS INSTITUTE

Registration opens August 1, 2025
Additional information to follow

GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR
IPDG CHERYL
ANDERSON



THANK YOU, LIONS!!!!

The District Governors challenged me, as your state GST leader to have a service project at each of the Council of Governors meetings. After researching the needs in the Mt Pleasant area, it was decided to donate items to the R.I.S.E. Organization. The service was launched to each of the district governors to ask your district GST leaders for help in

collecting items to be donated at the first Council of Governors weekend in August. When I walked into the room where donations were dropped off, I almost dropped to my knees. My heart was so full, it hurt. The room was overflowing with donated items to the R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc. An organization that works to provide safety and empowerment to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and to eliminate sexual victimization and domestic violence through shelter, treatment, education and social change. There were piles of canned goods, paper products, cleaning products, feminine hygiene products, bedding and diapers just to name a few. The woman that came to pick up the items, brought a car and a pickup truck thinking that was good enough. She could not believe her eyes with the amount of items that were donated. She too stood at the doorway in disbelief and ended up making three trips with filled vehicles to empty the room of collected items. I was so excited to hear how this project brought together so many clubs in each of the districts and to show how much we care as Lions. As Lions, WE Serve!!!

There are MANY ways to serve your community. This was an example of one way to serve. Thank you to IPDG Rhonda Furby, IPDG Judy Keller, PDG Roshni Patel and PID Gary Anderson for organizing the items for pickup. Here are a few pictures I took after the first load went out to the vehicles.



SPOTLIGHTS



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



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



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



PDG Traci Tribley
MD 11 Global Leadership
Chairperson 2025-2026



PDG Brent Beracy
MD 11 Global Extension
Chairperson 2025-2026



PCC Terri Huffman
MD 11 LCIF
Coordinator 2025-2028



PDG Dr. Ron Riebschleger
Area Global
Membership Leader



District 10 and MD 11 District LCIF Coordinators attended a training session in Atlanta in September. They are fired up and ready to share all the news about LCIF!

Seated in front row: Lion Sheryl Shafer, IPDG Rhonda Furby, IPDG LaWonna Lofton-Coleman, IPDG Cheryl Anderson, PDG Bill Gaines. Standing: PDG Terry Walters, Lion Bill Roasa, PID Linda Tinchler-area LCIF leader, Jim Svinicki, PCC Ron Gibson.

LCI MEMBERSHIP TYPES

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/MembershipApplication.pdf

> LIONS USA NEWS

USA LIONS SERVICE ACTIVITIES



How 2: Service Carnival

Make volunteering exciting again!

Join us for a free online training to learn how your club can host a Service Carnival — an energizing, community-wide event designed to bring volunteering to life through booths, hands-on projects & fun for all ages!

Lions & local groups come together to serve — & invite the whole community to join in. You'll leave this session ready to plan your own event that builds buzz, partnerships & purpose.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
Open Eastern / Open Central / Open Mountain / Open Pacific
Registration: <https://bit.ly/LetsServiceCarnival>
Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity! Sign up now to ensure your club is ready to host!

We're teaming up with [LionsVirtual.org](https://www.lionsvirtual.org) to teach you how your club can host a Service Carnival — an energizing, community-wide event designed to bring volunteering to life through booths, hands-on projects & fun for all ages! Lions & local groups come together to serve — then invite the whole community to join in. You'll leave this session ready to plan your own event that builds buzz, partnerships & purpose.

Live Session: Thursday, August 7
8 pm EDT / 7 pm CDT / 6 pm MDT / 5 pm PDT
Register: <https://bit.ly/LetsServiceCarnival>



ROAR & POUR

Where the party meets the purpose! It's our monthly hangout where Lions & Leos come to laugh, play games, swap awesome ideas & get fired up about making a difference. No speeches, just stories. No pressure, just passion. Come to connect, come to learn a little & leave roaring with excitement. Let's pour into each other & have a blast doing it!

Party Starts Thursday, August 14
(then monthly on the 2nd Thursday)
8 pm EDT / 7 pm CDT / 6 pm MDT / 5 pm PDT
Register: <https://bit.ly/RoarPourParty>

Fun / Inspiration / Idea Sharing THE CHALLENGE IS ON!

Can you start a Club by September 30th?

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE & GET STARTED TODAY!



How Many Clubs Will You Start 1st Quarter?



<https://bit.ly/100ClubChallenge>

LIONS OF THE UNITED STATES & Its Affiliates

MEMBERSHIP MONDAYS



NOT YOUR TYPICAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

Get ready to leave fired up and full of fresh ideas! These sessions are packed with real success stories, smart strategies, and hands-on tools to grow your club, boost retention, and spark new clubs—all powering the LionsUSA movement forward. Let's build something amazing together!

1st Monday of the Month
Starting Tuesday, September 8
(then the 1st Monday of the month starting in October)
8 pm EDT / 7 pm CDT / 6 pm MDT / 5 pm PDT
Register: <https://bit.ly/MbrshpMondays>

NEWS FROM SD 10 ACROSS THE BRIDGE

DG COLLEEN MAKI



District 10 Leadership Team. 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf, DG Colleen Maki and 1VDG Gary Perala. Congratulations and let's have a great year! WE SERVE!



Skandia Lions Club set up the trailer for KidSight Screenings during Skandia Days.



Vulcan Norway Loretto Club Picnic with many new members inducted!



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the new Bark River Park.

Gwin Lions-Fun Daze Activities-Race, Parade, Soccer Camp and more! -Fun Daze 5k Soccer Camp Parade Participants, and Fun Daze Parade



WHO'S WHO!

LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

Who's Who!



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SEPT. 18-20, 2025



Shanty Creek Resort Welcomes the Lions

May 14-17, 2026



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

> LCI MEMBERSHIP EVENTS NEWS

BECOME AN LCI ROSE PARADE FLOAT
AMBASSADOR TODAY!



This is your chance to be part of the magic!
Enter our **opportunity drawing** for a once-in-a-lifetime
experience: **A ride on the Lions Clubs International Float** in the
world-famous **2026 Rose Parade!**

Tickets are \$20 each, and every entry gives you a chance to win
this unforgettable experience. To purchase tickets, contact:

PCC Craig Durand
Cell: 714-936-5778
Email: lioncraig414@gmail.com
Mailing Address: 10032 Edye Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92646

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 1:00 P.M.
LIONS AND FRIENDS MIXER MEMBERSHIP MIXER!



Dave's Corner!

ID Dave Wineman



WHAT IS YOUR AH-HA MOMENT!

THERE ARE TWO SPECIAL DAYS IN THE LIFE OF A
LION!

1. The day you become a Lion
2. The day you realise why!

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

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

Send your 1 minute video to:
DW@Abadata.com

or**UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO FROM YOUR PHONE TO:**
www.uploads.lionsaha.com

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

**CHECK OUT SOME OF THE OTHER AHA MOMENTS TOO
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LIONS OF MICHIGAN CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

www.oaklandyard.com/fundraisers/lions

**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 October 26, 2025, 1:00
p.m.

Participants will partake in this 1-day cornhole tournament for cash prizes.
50/50 raffle ticket sales, food and beverages available on site.
Oakland Yard has donated the facility and cornhole sets for our event, and
we greatly appreciate their support. There will be a cash bar available so
please support them in return!

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

Oakland Yard Athletics, 5328 Highland Road, Waterford, MI 48327
248 673 0100

Upcoming DG Appreciation Dinners

- September 28**
IPDG Carl Cozart – District 11 C2
Social Hour 2:00, Dinner 3:00 \$20.00
Dutch Hollow Golf Course, Durant, MI
- Saturday, October 11**
IPDG Scott Kwarciany – District 10
Highland Golf Club in Escanaba
5:00 Social Hour 6:00 Dinner p.m.
- Sunday, October 26**
IPDG Rhonda Furby – District 11 A2
Fraser Lions Den, 1:00 pm
- Sunday October 5**
IPDG Louvenia Shack-Seals – District 11 B1
Gene Davis Catering - \$30.00, 3:00 pm
- Sunday, October 5**
IPDG Judy Keller – District 11 D2
Ubly Heights Golf Club
Social Hour 2:00 Dinner 3:00 , \$30.00




IN MEMORIAM

PID DR. DENNIS COBBLER

Apr.10, 1942 - June 22, 2025

Michigan

United States Armed Forces



Dennis D. Cobler

Muskegon, Michigan

10 April 1941 – 22 June 2025 (aged 84)

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks ND

Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago IL 1966

United States Army Medical Service Corps 1966-1969

Fort Bliss United States Army Post, El Paso County TX

12th Evacuation Hospital, Cu Chi Army Airfield, Vietnam

William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso TX

Member, First Lutheran Church, Muskegon MI.

Member, Michigan Optometric Association, Lansing MI.

Member, American Optometric Association, St. Louis MO.

Member, Muskegon Northside Lions Club 1980-2025.

District Governor, Lions of Michigan 11-C1.

International Director, Lions Clubs International 1998-2000.

Inductee, Lions of Michigan Foundation Hall of Fame, Lansing MI.

Member, Greater Muskegon Jaycees, Muskegon MI.

Member, Don Rea VFW Post #8846, North Muskegon MI.

Member, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 31

Member, VFW County Council Honor Guard Team.

Member, Eversight Board of Directors, Ann Arbor MI.

Member, Armed Forces Optometric Society, Louisville CO.

Born and raised in Roulette, North Dakota. High School Valedictorian, University of North Dakota, Illinois College of Optometry-1966 Doctor of Optometry. U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, Ft. Bliss TX 1966; to 12th Evac Hospital, Cu Chi Vietnam. To Beaumont Hospital El Paso and honorable discharge May 1969. Married Kathleen Dargan in El Paso Jan. 1970 and moved to Muskegon Michigan. Daughter Amy (Mike) Dewey, Granddaughter Ellery Dewey, Son Michael (Cathy) Cobler.

Private Optometric practice, specializing in Low Vision services 1970-2006.First Lutheran Church member for 55 years, VFW Post 8846, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 31 Muskegon Northside Lions 1980. District Governor 1987-88, International Director 1998-2000 including Leadership Chairman on International Board, Campaign SightFirst II Sector Coordinator, 7 times District Governor Elect Trainer, Presenter at Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute 20 years, Seminar Chair for USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. 150 Member Key Award, Eight Club Extension Awards,16 International Presidential Medals, 50 level Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships, Ambassador of Good Will Award. Granville & Betty Cutler Award, S.A. Dodge Award, Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame (inaugural class). His love for Kathleen and his family was always first. His faith, his country, Lions and his profession were next.

These are some of the highlights that can be recorded of the history, activities, accomplishments and awards in Dennis’s life. The real legacy of PID Dr. Dennis Cobler: son, sibling, husband, father, grandfather, soldier, teacher, innovator, mentor, leader, friend, Lion, is remembered by the positive effect he had on thousands of lives that he touched and the lives that those people touched because of him.

Dennis could be defined by this quote he lived by, from Teddy Roosevelt, 1910.

“The Man in the Arena”

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Dennis was the consummate Servant Leader. Always getting into the “arena”. Never asking someone to do something he wouldn’t do or hadn’t done. Always providing resources for those he led to learn and do a great job in their tasks. Never “promoting” someone into a position that he did not think they would do a great job at and enjoy it in the end.

As a Lions International Director, Dennis started the LCIF partnership with Special Olympics and in 2001, the beginning of the Opening Eyes program. This has provided 550,000 eye exams and 350,000 eyeglasses for Special Olympics athletes, free.

Dennis started and led the eyeglass recycling project in Muskegon Northside and the ensuing 35 years of Lions vision missions to Mexico and Central America, serving over 95,000 people in visual need.

Teaching leadership skills for 20 years at the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute to over 2,000 Lions and 7 times a District Governor Elect trainer, teaching 250 of our incoming Lions world leaders.

Local projects were his focus in these later years. The Muskegon Northside calendar raffle, LCIF fundraising, Veterans Causeway \$5 million improvement and the VFW County Council Honor Guard Team and time with his family, especially granddaughter Ellery, were his joy.

Who will take the baton of leadership and service that he has passed on to us and then pass it properly to the next generation and on and on ? Please say you will.

Thank you Dennis for encouraging and mentoring me to leadership experiences I never would have imagined for myself. I know I am better in every facet of my life because of that.

Luv ya man. PID Dr. Gary Anderson

2025 GRACE LANGE SCHOLARSHIP

FOR THE BLIND

AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

2025 Lions Clubs of Michigan

Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640
Fax: (517) 887-6642
email: lions@lionsofmi.com

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor). (A person is considered legally blind when their vision acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye with best correction, or when their field of vision is 20 degrees or less in the better eye.)
2. Applicants must be a United States Citizen or have an F1 Visa. (Official proof required)
3. Scholarships will be awarded with PRIORITY given: 1st to Michigan residents, 2nd other state residents (state ID required), and 3rd international residents with an F1 visa.
4. Applicants must be either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university. (Documentation on school letterhead required.)
5. Applicants' GPA must be a minimum of 2.5 (transcript required).
6. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application **and** submit an essay outlining need for funds. One (1) letter of recommendation is also required.
7. Winners are strongly urged to attend the Lions of Michigan Forum luncheon on 2/28/26 in Kalamazoo, MI. Acutal checks will be issued to trade or business college/university upon acceptance.
8. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 30th , 2025

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	()	
Address						
City			State		Zip	
Email Address						
Date of Birth			* Degree of visual acuity			
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.						
How did you hear about the scholarship?						

Education Information

High School you attended		
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?		
Have you been accepted?		
What do you plan to study?		
What are your personal and educational goals?		
How will the scholarship funds be used? (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____		

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.	
Special honors and awards	
Special talents and training	

SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE BLIND 2025

> ORLANDO 25 NEWS

Convention Highlights



District Governors and Friends at the Parade of Nations

2026-7 MD11 Council Chair Applications Now Accepted!

Attention all Immediate and Past District Governors!

Take your service to the next step and consider applying for the 2026-2027 Council Chair position.

The seated 1st Vice District Governors will conduct interviews and select their Council Chair for the 2026-2027 Lions year during the December 5th Vice District Governor session to be held in Mt. Pleasant at the Holiday Inn.

Qualified Lions may fill out the application form and send it along with a letter of interest to Executive Director Wendy Burns. Emailed or mailed copies are accepted. Deadline to apply is November 12, 2025. For complete position description and qualifications overview, please refer to the MD 11 Policy Manual on our website: www.lionsofmi.com or contact the state office.

For more information contact Lion Wendy at: wburns@lionsofmi.com

LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON/VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Each year, it is the responsibility of the incoming Governors to select a Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson. In order to meet the deadline imposed by Lions Clubs International, to allow for a smooth transition between Council Chairpersons, and to have a leader for the Council in place by the International Convention, the following procedure is recommended: The Council Chairperson shall be selected by the third Council Meeting on a date mutually selected by the First Vice District Governors. They shall meet in closed session at a predetermined time and place for the purpose of selecting the Council Chairperson for their Council.

EXPECTATIONS OF COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

The following are expectations of the Council Chairperson:

1. The Council Chairperson will be the meeting leader
2. The Council Chairperson will function as the facilitator for the Council
3. The Council Chairperson will attend all Council Meetings and the Multiple District 11 Convention.
4. The Council Chairperson will have access to email and software that is compatible with the Lions of Michigan State Office.
5. In order to be effective as Council Chairperson, it is necessary that the Council Chairperson be easily accessible by e-mail and telephone, as it may be necessary for the State Office to communicate with him/her on decisions requiring immediate attention.
6. The Council Chairperson will approve all agendas of Council Meetings and, with seven days advance notice will add any subject matter requested by the District Governors.
7. He/she will give final approval to drafts of the Council Meeting Minutes prior to publication. Any other corrections or additions desired by District Governors may be made at the next convened session of the Council of Governors.
8. He/she shall be knowledgeable in Parliamentary Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order.
9. He/she shall exemplify a spirit of fairness and equality among the members of the Council.
10. He/she shall have the privilege of chairing the Saturday evening banquet at the MD 11 Convention.
11. He/she, along with the District Governors, is an ex-officio member of all Multiple District Committees.

The Council Chairperson presides over all Council Meetings and makes emergency decisions on behalf of the Council of Governors on matters that arise between Council Meetings. He/she may poll his/her the Governors by letter, e-mail, or telephone. Any vote taken by the Council by mail-in ballot, e-mail, or telephone must be carried by 3/4 of the Council.

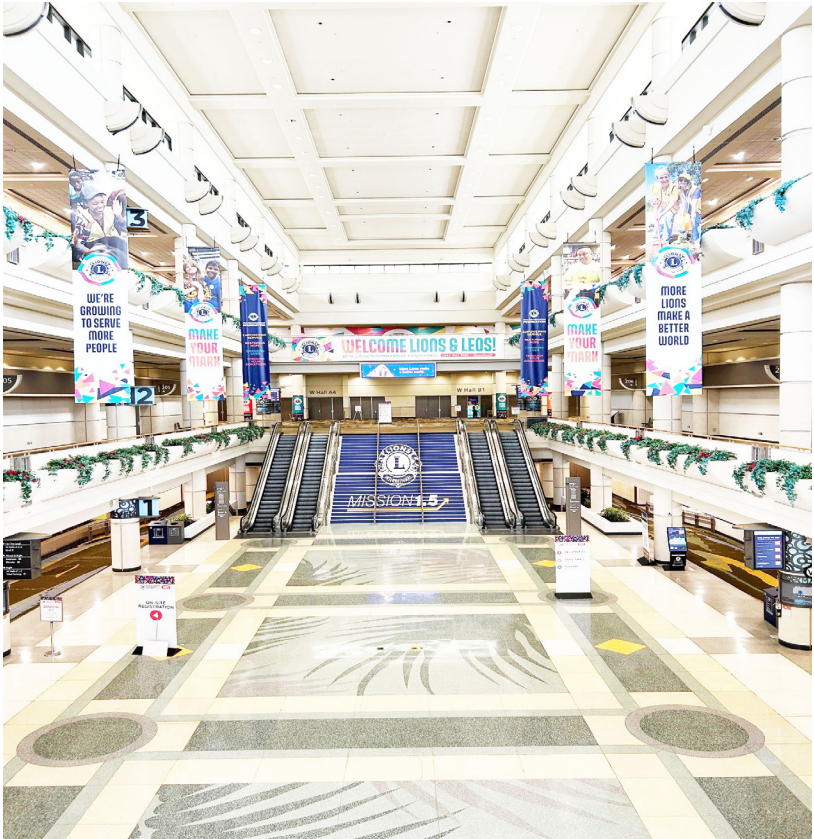
The Council Chairperson will serve as the multiple district chairperson of the Global Action Team. He/she will ensure that the multiple district's GLT, GMT, and GST coordinators are collaborating and implementing plans to develop skilled leaders, strengthen membership, and expand the district's humanitarian service. The Council Chairperson is the driving force that ensures the multiple district is strong, stable, and focused.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The Council Chairperson will be a member in good standing in a Lions Club that is in good standing.
2. The Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, or currently serving District Governor.
3. A Past District Governor who has previously served as Council Chairperson is not eligible.
4. Candidates for Council Chairperson shall have completed the LCI Council Chairperson training program available on MyLion.
5. The GLT, GMT and GST multiple district coordinators report to the MD GAT Chairperson, which is the Council Chair. Regular communication between Council Chair and GAT leaders is required. The GAT position overview can be found on the LCI website.



Michigan All State Band and Michigan Lions at the Parade of Nations Orlando



Magnificent View of the Entrance to the Orlando International Convention Center

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The Lions of Michigan Foundation is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. We work in partnership with our member Lions Clubs and other organizations to provide disadvantaged individuals and families with access to affordable medical care and services designed to help improve their quality of life.

Through screening, diagnosis, treatment, education and research, we primarily help underserved populations and financially struggling individuals who require assistance with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event. Our services are offered statewide with a focus on helping Michigan residents succeed academically, develop normally, maintain independence and prosper in life.

Through our KidSight Program, we aim to identify and help restore normal vision to children suffering from undiagnosed vision disorders that affect their ability to perform in school and develop on pace with their classmates. Our hi-tech mobile vision screeners are programmed to quickly and accurately identify vision disorders such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), anisometropia (unequal refraction power), astigmatism (optical defect), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing.

Through our Hearing Screening Program, our objective is to identify and treat hearing problems before they impede a child’s learning and development and negatively impact a child or adult’s quality of life. Untreated hearing loss will interfere with a child’s ability to learn and may cause behavioral issues that will disrupt their academic success and social development, and among older adults, untreated hearing loss is the third highest disabling condition after arthritis and hypertension.

Through our Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program, we help low-income people with hearing loss maintain self-sufficiency through the provision of affordable hearing aids and audiology services. One in every ten people in our state suffers from hearing loss, which can only be treated with amplification, and without financial help, many people in Michigan cannot afford hearing aids.

Through our Emergency Individual Assistance Program, we help uninsured and underinsured people who suffer from severe vision and hearing disorders that can only be corrected through surgical intervention or costly medical procedures. Our service agreements and partnerships with ophthalmology groups and medical service providers throughout Michigan ensure that program resources are used efficiently and effectively and that clients receive exceptional care at affordable costs. Funding is determined based on the overall financial and medical needs of the applicant.

Through our Emergency Military Family and Veterans Relief Program, we help current and former military members and their families with financial emergencies. Funding is determined through an application process, and it is based on the financial needs of the applicant.

Through our Emergency Disaster Relief Program, we help people and families affected by natural disasters, including severe storms, flooding, fires and tornados. Funding is determined by the number of individuals and families affected by the disaster and the overall amount of losses incurred.

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YOUTH CAMP & EXCHANGES PROGRAM 2025
LION ELVIE MARFIL, STATE CHAIR



Welcome Party for Lions Youth Exchange Students was sponsored by Muskegon Northside and Fruitport Lions Clubs



We have come to an end of another successful Youth Camp and Exchange program in Michigan; below is a short recap of the time with some highlights to remember. Students began to arrive July 28 and were paired with their host families. They enjoyed an array of activities from Michigan’s Adventure Park and a private welcome party at the home of PDG Michael and Lion Lana O’Loneragan, to camp at D Bar A Scouting Ranch which included horseback riding and a dance party. Special guests Council Chair Becky Hamilton and Senator Kevin Daley of the 26th District alongside professionals from education, insurance, state planning, and Ford engineering led a dynamic career session. Their time in Michigan wrapped up by August 15 but not before celebrating with one last beach party in Grand Haven. Thank you to all of the host families, sponsors/host clubs and sponsors/host districts, who made over-the-top efforts to ensure everyone had a memorable experience!



Rockford Lions Club knows how to make everyone feel welcome!

STOP THE DROP!

Keep Our Lions Strong – Keep Our Members Engaged



WHY IT MATTERS:

Every Lion counts. When members leave, we lose passion, hands, and heart for our service. Let’s act now to **STOP the DROP!**

* 6 SIMPLE ACTIONS EVERY CLUB CAN TAKE!

**Connect Personally**

Reach out to absent members with a call, text, or visit. Show you care beyond the meetings.

**Ask & Listen**

Survey your members: What do they love? What needs improving? Listen and act on their feedback.

**Make Meetings Meaningful**

Keep meetings fun, inspiring, and efficient. Celebrate service, not just business.

**Engage Everyone**

Assign small roles or tasks so every Lion feels needed. Involve members in planning projects they care about

**Recognize and Appreciate**

Celebrate milestones (years of service, birthday, *achievnents*). Say “Thank You” often and sincerely.

**Have More Fun!**

Plan social nights, service celebrations, and lighthearted competitions. Laugh, bond, and make memories together –

**REMEMBER:** Refention isn’t just about staying – It’s about belonging. Strong Clubs – Strong Service! Together, We Can Stop the Drop!

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A Legacy of Service Across Borders
In 1920, the Detroit Lions Club made history by reaching across the border and sponsoring the very first Lions International Club in Windsor, Ontario. What began as one club supporting another has grown into a century-long legacy of service and impact.

Today, the Windsor Lions Club continues to live out that vision through remarkable community service. One of their greatest achievements is Lion's Manor, a 100-unit riverview apartment building that serves senior citizens and visually impaired residents. Not only does the facility provide safe and welcoming housing, but it also offers the lowest rental rates in Windsor—a true testament to Lions' commitment to helping those in need.

Outside of Lion's Manor stands a meaningful sculpture honoring Helen Keller and Leader Dogs for the Blind, a reminder of the Lions' worldwide mission to serve the visually impaired and to answer Keller's historic challenge for Lions to become "knights of the blind."

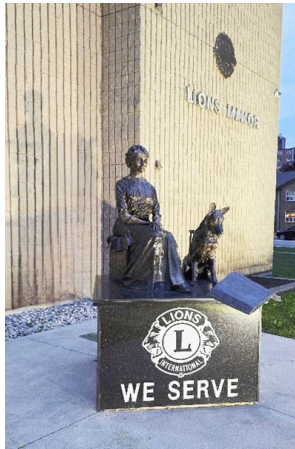
On a personal note, this story reminds us of the power of simply reaching out. Because the Detroit club extended an invitation more than 100 years ago, countless lives have been touched and changed. Imagine the ripple effect you could create by inviting just one friend or family member to join Lions. That one simple act of asking could impact generations to come.

Just Ask. You could make a difference also.

We Serve... Better Together.



A1 District Governor Snyder and MD 11A1 District Governor Kim Hooper. With the Governors is Windsor Lions Secretary Ron Devos and 11A1 Zone Chair Dr. Daniel L. Rathbun.



Statue portraying Helen Keller with a leader dog located in Windsor.

DG Kim installs the newest Lions of District 11 A1 and members of the Brownstone Lions Club!
SAVE THE DATE 2025 is the year for the Deaf Celebration Day
September 27, 2025, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. District 11 A 1 Lion Eboni Love-Peel of Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club will be showing new artwork at this event. More information coming, or go to www.justjameen.com to view her new works.
Penrickton for Blind Children Kick Off Dinner
Friday, October 17, 2025
Dearborn Inn, Autograph Collection 20301 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn 48124
Tickets are \$50 each and available now!
District A1 will participated in the Building Healthier Communities Initiative on 9/13, to be held at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Monroe. In a message to the local newspaper, DG Hooper stated the following:
"Lions internationally support 'Strides for Diabetes.' These walks are fun activities to help promote awareness and management," Kim Hooper, district governor for 32 Lions clubs in Monroe and Wayne counties, said in an email. "We support diabetes peer groups and diabetes camps for children along with Type 2 diabetes screening. So, when the Michigan Kidney Foundation approached the Lions of Michigan, it seemed like a perfect match." Hooper said events like these are important to the community to bring a free opportunity to those who may be underserved or who may not know that they may be at risk. "Many of us know people who have diabetes or even kidney failure," Hooper said. "The sooner they know there may be a problem the sooner the problem can be addressed and controlled. Knowledge is power and we are making it easier and more affordable for our friends to be screened."



Brownstown Lions Club officer installation was held this month with DG Kim Hooper in attendance. Three new members were also installed.



Several free screenings will be offered to help community members better understand their health. Medical professionals and trained volunteers will be available to explain results, answer questions and connect participants to community resources. Screenings include: Diabetic eye exams; chronic kidney disease risk assessment; blood pressure checks; blood sugar/glucose testing; and body Mass Index (BMI) and waist circumference measurement.

Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club: An 11-year-old young lady sang Lift Every Voice & Sing for the Detroit Westtown HARTFORD Juneteenth celebration at our monthly meeting. She did a phenomenal job. Everyone had fun, as well as food and snacks.

The Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club and Transitional Outreach Ministry served lunch, played games, and provided books and goodie bags to neighborhood children and their parents/caregivers at Crossroads of Michigan on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, and on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. The Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club also presented Crossroads with a \$300 donation.

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Another successful Rock 'n Rods is in the books..... Rochester Lions Club just wound up their 25th annual Rock 'n Rods car show. There were over 300 cars participating and included T-Shirt sales, 50/50 drawings, food wagon and an oldies DJ. The topper was a beautiful day. We're now looking forward to our Golf Outing coming up in September.



Richmond Lions gather for Highway Clean Up.

Clawson Lions Club hosted the 27th edition of its annual "Down on Main Street" Charity Car Show. The Club's premier fundraising event, held on Saturday, August 9th, has always been scheduled one week before the world famous "Woodward Dream Cruise". Despite the heat and humidity, over 300 owners brought their hot-rods, muscle cars, roadsters, vans, trucks, choppers, and bikes to completely fill both sides of a half-mile stretch of Main Street in downtown Clawson and show them off to over 6,000 visitors and car enthusiasts while competing for a truckload of trophies. With entries from all over Michigan, neighboring states, and Canada, the show is a very popular "must-do" for vehicle owners as they get ready for the "Dream Cruise" the following weekend. This year, NBC affiliate WDIV-TV sent their 4Warn Weather meteorologist, Bryan Scheuerman, to Clawson to get live interviews with car owners, a Leader Dogs rep and her Ambassador Dog "Davey", Clawson Mayor Paula Millan, and a local business owner while featuring the Car Show for several hours on their Local 4 Morning News program!

The "Down on Main Street" Charity Car Show has been the Clawson Lions Club's major fundraiser each year for over a quarter of a century. Proceeds from the show will enable the Club to provide serious financial support to Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, the Beaumont Silent Children Speech Fund and the many other charities and service projects backed by the Club throughout the year.



Richmond Lions Club - Lion Joan Houtakker again coordinated the annual washing of the our clubs adopted airplane at Selfridge Military Air Museum at SANG base. Lion Joan organizes the annual event and as in the past provided volunteers, mostly grandchildren, with certificates of appreciation and lapel pins. This community service event continues to be a favorite of club members.



Richmond Lions Club - Lion Doug Conner received several awards at the June 17th meeting. Treasurer Paul Ostby presented him with co-Lion of the Year for 2024-2025 along with perfect attendance recognition and chevron for 10 years of service as a Richmond Lion.



The Romeo Lions Club was one of the generous contributors to the Skyline Camp and Retreat Center for a pool rehabilitation project. Although we appreciate the recognition, we can't take all the credit. It's because of the support we receive from our community that we are able to help deserving organizations like Skyline Camp And Retreat Center. When we hold fundraisers, like the Peach Festival, and we say that proceeds benefit Lions Club charities, this is what we mean.



Mt. Clemens Lions Club participated in the 33rd Annual Mount Clemens Grand Prix – Soap Box Derby Edition! A day of speed, creativity, and friendly competition as racers fly down the streets in their hand-built cars!

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Second Vice District Governor Gregg Brindamour, First Vice District Governor Teresa Gest, and District Governor Bea Furman at the Banner Exchange held Heritage Event Center.



All club members are invited to join us for a district-wide Membership and Specialty Club Dinner & Workshop. Lions International Director Dave Wineman will make an introductory welcome speech to all that are attending. We will then have a light dinner, followed by presentations on forming specialty branch clubs and strengthening membership. Presenters include PID Dave Wineman, PCC Dave Hill, PDG Brent Beracy, PCC Terri Huffman, PDG Terri Walters and Lion Tanoi Jackson.



Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Roger and Dorothy Bosse with VoA Captain Grace Ronila lead the drive to support Volunteers of America!

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club supported a Miniature Golf Fundraiser to held by the Salvation Army. This was a creative and fun event with a great show of support for a great cause.



Clinton Lions Club members, Lions Jalaine Chavez, Jeanne Betanzos, 2VDG Gregg Brindamour, Kitty Graham, and Dick Graham attend the Banner Exchange in Hanover.



DG Bea Furman shares her vision for service in 2025-26 with Clinton Lions Clubs.



Concord Lions Club Bill Mullaly has check for Deb Blohm and Rusty Travis. Back row: Bob Jones, James Phelan Jr., Jim Smith, Doug Gardiner, and Don Travis. The club provided a donation to help maintain scoreboard devices and operate concessions for the schools.



Lions Madeline Jalongo, Connie Neese, Carole Briggs and Margaret O'Connor Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club participated in the annual back to school fair downtown Jackson, the Eyeopeners once again screened children through Project Kidsight. Over 100 children were screened, and some referrals will be made. Good job!

Jackson Eyeopeners Lion Club - Lion Nancy Anderson received her 40th Anniversary pin from Lion Michelle Biondolillo.

B1 Serves! PCC Peggy Allen and VDG Teresa Gest recently drove a truckload of blankets and supplies to be donated to Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Napoleon Lions Club Officers were Inducted for Service Year 2025-2026. PDG Vicki Ruiz as club Secretary, President Taryn Weinberg, Director Myrl Clayton, Director Mike Curry, Director Gary Babcock, and Lion Tamer Bonnie Curry. Back row: Lions Levi Kimball as Tail Twister, Director Gary Morrill, Director Frank Seaburg, Treasurer, Dale Babcock, and Second Vice President Dick Tallman.



Saline Lions Club raised \$1,600.00 at the recent Celtic Festival held at the Washtenaw County Fairgrounds. The club served up delicious ice cream to those attending the festival. The club raised an additional \$6,600.00 over five days serving ice cream at the fair. Everyone screamed for ice cream this year! Great job, Saline Lions!



U of M Campus Club Lions participated in the annual FestiFall event, adding 25 new members to their roster! GO LIONS!

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St. Joseph Lions Club presents the Mergenthaler Scholarship to 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 the 1980s.



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



Garry Lange was a recent guest speaker at the Buchanan-Galien 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 Oaks, MI.



Buchanan-Galien Lions awarded four \$1,000.00 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 Lions Club 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 local 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 Allegan Lions Club participated in a county wide child preparedness for kindergarten on May 2nd. Lions had a Kid Sight station and screened 66 kids and referred 6. The event was called Help Me Grow and it was their 2nd time participating in this event. The Allegan Lions that worked the event were Dale Wittkop, George Mohr, Paul and Vicki Hodge



On June 13, 2025 the Alto Lions celebrated 50 years, a half century of service! A great evening of fellowship, delicious meal and entertainment. Also, several awards along with 2 special recognitions were presented by President Lion Ken Adamy to Lions George Anderson and Bill Wieland



Rockford Lions have been busy with White cane, Cemetery Clean up, and their first annual golf outing and road clean up (one mile stretch of busy roadway). The first annual golf outing was a success with over 17 teams. Despite the wind and cold the course was hot with golfers scrambling to the finish line. There was an amazing taco bar buffet for lunch and many silent auction items.



The Shoreline Lions are a Branch of the Fruitport Lions Club - They will be hosting their annual Back to School Party on Tuesday, August 19th from 6pm to 8pm at the Love Community Garden, Muskegon MI. This program provides any child in need of back to schools supplies for free! The event will also feature KidSight, free food, a bounce house for the kids and "Shiney's BIG debut!"



Lyons-Muir Lions Club members District Governor Earl Howell and Karen Erskine operated the KidSight trailer at the Young's Chevrolet Bow Tie Car Show on 6/19, in Ionia.



The Fruitport Lioness Lions held their installation of officers on 6-2-2025. They also partnered with the Fruitport Lions and helped with the annual Fruitport Old Fashioned Days Carnival which ran from May 21 to May 26th. This annual event featured fireworks, parade, Lions Ox Roast, a 5k Run, the community craft show, live entertainment, car show and lots of other fun activities



The Saranac Lions Club collected over \$2,500 in White Cane donations during the 2024-25 fiscal year. Business gifts are received in November-December in addition to the May White Cane project. Funds received are used to support annual contributions to six state Lions projects and local projects as well. Eleven Lions volunteers participated in the project this year under the direction of White Cane Coordinator Jim Stark.

MARNE LIONS
Held their 11th annual Marne Fest on Memorial Day. This 1 day event consisted of a 5K walk/run, followed by the 77th annual Marne Memorial Day Parade, Food truck, Live music, Kids activities, pie judging contest and the annual car show which brought in over 95 entries this year!

MIDDLEVILLE LIONS
Held their annual Memorial Day Parade and then on July 4th held another incredible free family friendly fun filled day, ending with an awesome fireworks display!

RAVENNA LIONS
Their 14th Annual Dog Daze was a BIG success! with more cars than they have ever had. They had 10 community groups participating in this event. The KidSight was on site and they were able to screen 108 kids' vision with 8 kids being referred. This was the most they have ever screened. Again, the event was a great success and the weather cooperated this year! They are currently working on the Stairs Project, which is in progress at Thatcher Park, with the stairs being located between the slide and the sledding hill. It will be a great addition to the park and for the kiddos when it is finished. Several members participated in the recent Adopt a Highway cleanup. Their next cleanup will be September 20th through September 28th.

Muskegon Host Lions have been busy! - They recently served pancakes to 980 people at the Wings of Mercy Carefaire on June 14 at Muskegon County Airport. On July 5 they held their White Can day collecting donations and sharing Lions information at the Muskegon Farmers Market. Lion Rosemarie Facilla (blind member of Muskegon Host) was honored to sing the National Anthem at a recent game of the Muskegon Clippers amateur baseball team. Lions and Clippers are working to enhance the Marsh Field facility. The Club recently donated \$1,000 to help in this effort. And they donated \$200 toward the East Muskegon Little League Picnic (end of season celebration). Muskegon Host also sponsors a team during the regular season.



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Kay Olson (Lansing Capital) George Walter (Dewitt Breakfast Club), and Dave Grimes (Bretton Woods) helping pull off a successful Lions 11-C2 vision screen event at Potter Park Zoo



DG Aleta Cozart takes the lead at the first Cabinet Meeting for District 11 C2



C2 Lions busy at work during the 1st Cabinet Meeting of the year. Next meeting: 9:30 am at the Delhi Café, Holt. Installation of C2 Officers took place during the meeting.



Ovid Lions Club- Our Lions love to partner with the Ovid-Elsie school district for a community project. Thanks to some AMAZING teachers, administrators and the athletic department, they are working to create a Marauder Spirit closet! Thank you to local libraries for also being drop-off locations!

St. Johns Lions Club will hold a fundraiser at Applebee's on October 15. Please make sure to put this on your calendar and invite your family and friends to participate. A flyer will be posted on social media as we get closer to the date.



DG Aleta Cozart and IPDG Carl Cozart celebrate with Lion Gene Fisher



Owosso Lions Club MD-11 Council Chair Becky Hamilton inducted the new Owosso Lions Club 2025-26 leadership.

Ovid Lions Club has a new donation box outside their hall. Donations of used eyeglasses and hearing aids are greatly appreciated and will be cleaned and refurbished and it is also a drop off used American flags for proper disposal. Thank you to Dan Martin of Rockstar Graphix, LLC for doing such a wonderful job on the wrap!

Grand Ledge Lions Club served root beer, root beer floats, and hot dogs from the A & W trailer at the Music in the Park events again this summer on Thursday evenings from June - August. Keith Mulder and A & W donate the food and beverages, and our Lions supply the people power to serve the community.



Laingsburg Lions Club held its annual Family Steak Dinner Night at Bates Scout Park. While club members and guests enjoyed a delicious steak dinner, the club proudly presented two donations totaling \$7,000—funds primarily raised during the August 9 joint golf outing co-hosted by the Laingsburg Lions Club and the Lions Club of Ovid, MI. Chad McCann, representing the Lions of Michigan Foundation, and Traci Tribley, representing the Lions Bear Lake Camp, were both present to accept the donations on behalf of their respective organizations. The Laingsburg and Ovid Lions Clubs would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Pine Hills Golf Course for hosting the golf outing. They are also deeply grateful to all the participating teams, as well as the many businesses who sponsored holes or donated raffle prizes—their support made this event a success. Terry Fraidenburg, chair of the golf outing, had the honor of presenting the donation checks.



St. Johns Lion Duane Witter, PDG, who spearheaded the Lions food trailer fundraiser, makes comments about his fundraising efforts. Other members pose proudly at the ribbon cutting for the new food trailer on August 27 for their new food trailer. The trailer debt is fully paid thanks to the corporate, Lions, and memorial sponsors.



District 11-C2 Hunger Committee Lions Jenny Stromlund and Karen Ketola from the Lions of Michigan District 11-C2 Hunger Committee present "loose change" checks to Lions Gloria Carnicom and Carrie Hartenburg of the St. Johns Lions Club and Lion Blaine Lafler of the St. Louis-Alma Lions Club at the August 23 District 11-C2 cabinet meeting.



Vermontville Lions Club made it a community celebration as they served ice cream to all in celebration of the Hall of Fame induction of their beloved "Sweet Gene" Fisher. Congratulations, Lion Gene, on your Hall of Fame honor!



The St. Johns Lions Club was a sponsor of the St. Johns Police Department's "National Night Out" event. Despite a little rain, it was a busy evening. The team served popsicles to a never ending line of happy customers.

Durand Lions Club- Lion Andy Zick helping distribute Child ID kits on National Night Out August 5 in Durand. Members also helped out at the July 26 Durand Area Chicken BBQ to help raise funds for the Durand Education Foundation.



Trio of Trouble - PDG Lloyd Kilbreath, PDG Ted Hamilton, IPDG Carl Cozart



Grand Ledge Lions Club Congratulations to Sarah Martinez! She is the lucky winner of the Grand Ledge Lions Club John Deere Lawn Tractor Raffle! A big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported the raffle - every dollar helps serve the community.



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Frankenmuth Leo members attended the Lions Youth Exchange Camp in August, joining the 17 foreign youth exchange students who came from around the world. The Leo members taught everyone how to make super cool elastic bracelets. The club provides goodie bags for ongoing projects throughout the year that support McDonald House Family Room and Covenant Hospital pediatric floor.



Buena Vista Lions Club participated in promoting Sickle Cell awareness at the annual gospel fest August 2 and fundraising for the Saginaw County Sickle Cell support group. We had the annual Sickle Cell walkathon in August. Thanks to all who participated in supporting our efforts despite the sporadic rain showers. We also continue our search for blood donors, which are a vital part of the sickle cell community. We would like to acknowledge all those in the city, especially Armand Hendrix and Terry Reed, for providing back to school essentials, haircuts, and more absolutely free. May God bless you all.



Goodrich Lions Club: Reid Elementary does it again. August 2, for the second year in a row, they won the Lucky Duck School Challenge

Hemlock Lions Club held their annual chicken dinner last month at the Richland Township park. Following the dinner, three recent Hemlock High School graduates were awarded scholarships in the amount of \$700.00 for their academic achievements. Pictured with Lions President Pat Hagarty are left to right: Makenna Church, Kassandra Hensler and Carly Siler. The evening concluded with a fun blind auction.



Mayville Lions Club may not conduct regular meetings during the summer, but they do keep busy. Shortly after many volunteer hours at the Mayville Sunflower Festival, they sponsored and worked on an Eastern Mich food bank distribution at the high school parking lot. Pictured are workers at the event on a hot August day. One week later the club sponsored its annual blood drive. Lion Pres Mary Draper is shown unloading the American Red Cross truck.



Join fellow Lions at the District Fall Conference Saturday, October 11, Montrose Baptist Church. RSVP attendance to Lion Sandy VanTol. "What Do Lions Clubs Do Week" December 1-7, 2025. This is your clubs' opportunity to bring attention to "What do Lions Clubs Do?" We want to raise awareness of Lions Clubs throughout our District by putting emphasis on the collection of eyeglasses and hearing aids during the first week of December. Each club can do press releases to your local publications and social media. If you need help finding local social media, please contact me at lionsband11d1@aol.com Each club can highlight where the public can find the Lions donation/collection boxes for glasses in your area. In addition, we will be contacting local TV stations to list the project on their web page, and we will also attempt to get air time to publicize the event.

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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 August.



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 more.



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 Awards were presented to Algonac Lions - Gerald Gordon, Robert Marrow and Carl Stieler. Congratulations to all!



The 87th Annual Algonac Lions Pickeral Tournament Queen's Court with Algonac Lion's Honorary Pickeral 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!

Ugly 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 Ugly Lions Club members. This proudly makes them only club with this kind of representation in senior leadership in our district the past decade.



Elkton Lions organized surrounding businesses and community for a great fun day! Bouncy castles, kite 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.



11 E1

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District 11 E2 Cabinet attendees collected supplies for teachers from White Cloud and Beal City Public Schools. Our contributions reached close to 170 kids because the high school teacher alone sees 120 students each school day.



District 11-E1 will hold two exciting service projects to choose from at our District Convention. The first one is a Bed Build at Sleep In Heavenly Peace, Lake City, and Blanket Tying for Sleep In Heavenly Peace at Evergreen Resort, site of the 2026 Convention. Save the date of March 27-28, 2026.



Arcadia Lions Club partnered with the Arcadia Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Arcadia Community Center to host a month-long donation drive to support migrant farmworkers in our area. Thanks to the generosity of the Arcadia Township community, over 85 workers directly benefited from this effort. Donations included diapers, blankets, warm clothing, household goods, sleeping bags, furniture, and appliances—all items that help meet the essential needs of families working long hours in the fields.



Coleman Lions Put "We Serve" Motto into Action At the recent Coleman Junior and High School Open House, the Lions served 150 hot dogs, chips and water to some hungry Junior and Senior students! They very cleverly included a poster outlining all their service projects to help increase awareness of the club! **Coleman Lions Billie Jo Parker, Katie Huber, & Pam Render**

Luther Lions Have a Busy Fall Ahead - Feed America Truck will be in our Luther Lions parking lot on SEPT. 11th. Lineup starts around 3 pm and food will be provided as long as supplies last. Sept. 20th is our famous Bingo night. Doors open at 5pm with Early Bird Specials starting at 5:30pm, with plenty of food and fun! Oct 5th the club will hold and all-you-can-eat breakfast. Oct.9th is our next Feed America and Oct. 18th is our annual Lions Club Auction. The evening starts with a dinner at 6pm and the Auction starting at 7pm. More information to follow next month.

Midland Lions Club held its annual Chicken BBQ dinner as part of the Midland River Days Celebration last month. Many Lions took part in making this event a complete success. 700 dinners were sold! In addition to the delicious chicken dinners, we also held a KidSight screening using the District 11-E1 KidSight trailer. Lion Sandy House screened 75 children and identified 5-10 children needing referrals. The weather was beautiful the chicken and potatoes were delicious - a good time was had by all. Our net profit was about \$8000!

Stanwood Lions Club hosted District Governor Jeff Shafer at their new member induction night.



DG Jeff Schafer attends Stanwood Lions Club induction night. Photo (left to right): Lion Pat Langworthy (Sponsor), Lion Mary Engelsman (new member), DG Jeff Schafer

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East Jordan Lion Jen Creamer helping to unload the wood the Lions use to sell at Tourist Park to campers.

East Jordan Lion Adam St. Onge helping to unload six much needed trailer loads of wood for campers. This is from a donor that Lion Bill Thompson helped to secure.



PDG Rod and DG Marie Leathers joined by IPDG Dennis and Lion Linda Gocha. East Jordan Lions held a Governor Appreciation Dinner for Dennis Gocha, the first governor to serve from the East Jordan Lions Club. Members from clubs within the district attended.



East Jordan donated \$500.00 to Kiersten's Ride for Suicide prevention.



District Governor Marie Leathers attended the Petoskey Lions Club to help induct new Lion, Stacy Bates, with assistance from her sponsor Lion Ted Oldham.



Elk Rapids Lion's Club don't shy away from hard work! Another fine 2 mile cleanup along US 31 is complete. Thank you for your service, Jim Ribby, Julia Cieslik, Bill Cieslik, and Donna Pararis.



Central Lake Secretary Ray Kuiper presented PDG Dennis Gocha with a certificate from Central Lake and a donation of \$200 to Camp Quality in his name.

Mackinaw City Lions Club members were out early on Labor Day to help with parking for the annual Labor Day Bridge Walk.



Tony Priebe and Chuck Andrina from the Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew traveled to Hillman yesterday to help lead the construction of a ramp there.



The crew built two twelve foot long sections as well as platforms of 4'x4' and 8'x8'. The volunteers learned some skills in ramp building and were pleased with the finished product.

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Sight Leaders, Sight Supporters and Sight Partners!

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