

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2025

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UPCOMING Events:

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL
DIABETIC AWARENESS MONTH

November 6-9, 2025 – NEW!
Emerging Lions Institute
MacMullen Center, Roscommon



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27
THANKSGIVING

December 5-6, 2025
3rd Council of Governors Meeting
Mount Pleasant, MI

December 25, 2025
CHRISTMAS



THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 2026
HAPPY NEW YEAR

February 27-28, 2026
LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM
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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& additional information
www.lionsofmi.com





EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRIDE

BY LION WENDY BURNS

Time is flying faster than the leaves this fall. We’ve already had our first snow of the season, and the pumpkins are still out on the front porch. The holiday season is here! We find ourselves serving in a world of need now, more than ever.

Natural disasters, food and housing disparities and so much more have Lions around the world taking action to assist. We all appreciate that we have an excellent “model” to follow via the Lions of Michigan Foundation and LCIF when disaster strikes. Without question, Lions can pick up the phone or click a keyboard and get started on the process to apply for a disaster grant.

Lions have the power to make a difference in every small town, big city, state and country. Together, we are helping with the shortfalls and for some we are making ends meet. Requests for eyeglass assistance, hearing aids, and more are coming into this office at an all-time high and we are committed to assist wherever we can.

If your club cannot find a service project to jump into these next few weeks, take a moment to contact your local food bank or community service office. Ring the bell for the Salvation Army and check in with a local shelter to see if a donation of winter outer wear is needed. Contact your area schools to see if you can assist in their reading program. Partner with a local group to conduct a food drive.

With Thanksgiving here, I am reminded of past memories made. Most of you have heard about the time I left a child at a rest area in West Virginia during a midnight stop while driving home from South Carolina...but have I mentioned the year I won a turkey at the grocery store by shooting a two-pointer in the hoop they had set up? Haha! If only my former gym teacher could have witnessed that – her faith would have been restored.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all and may you be richly blessed by this season of giving.

Yours in Service,
Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

GLT MD11 PDG TRACI TRIBLEY TEAM COORDINATOR LEADERSHIP

Leadership in Lions is not about holding a title. It is about what you leave behind in the people you served with when your term is over and your name is no longer on the agenda. The best leaders are not remembered for how many meetings they ran or how long they served. They are remembered for how they made people feel. Whether they inspired confidence. Whether they listened. Whether they helped others grow.

Across clubs, zones, and districts, leadership roles are often filled out of necessity. A position needs to be filled, so someone steps in. Sometimes it works. But sometimes it does not. And we need to be honest about that. There is a difference between a leader and a name on a roster. When we put people in roles just to check a box, or when someone takes a position for the title rather than the task, it may solve an immediate need, but it creates a much bigger problem later. A person who holds a position without genuine interest, preparation, or the willingness to learn ends up holding others back, even if they mean well. This becomes especially clear when it comes to committees and boards, both in clubs and throughout all organizations. These are not ceremonial positions. They are the backbone of decision-making and direction. They determine how well our clubs and organizations function, how clearly we communicate, and how effectively we serve. When those seats are filled with people who lack engagement or have not taken the time to understand what they represent, it shows. Meetings become routine instead of meaningful. Plans stall. Motivation fades. A committee filled with names instead of leaders does not just sit still. It quietly weakens the foundation beneath everyone else. Lions cannot afford to lead out of obligation. We need leaders who take these roles seriously, who prepare, participate, and understand that the choices they make reach far beyond the meeting table. Leadership requires more than presence. It requires commitment. It requires understanding what the role means and putting in the effort to grow into it. Not every leader starts with all the answers, and that is fine.

But there should always be a desire to learn, to ask questions, and to be accountable for the influence we have on others. Filling leadership roles with people who are unmotivated or unprepared does not just slow things down. It discourages those who are trying to move forward. Lions deserve better than that. So do the communities that depend on us. The strongest leaders do not always speak the loudest. They are not always the most experienced. But they show up with purpose.

They make time to understand their responsibilities. They care enough to ask, to listen, and to grow. And most importantly, they do not make it about themselves. They make it about the people they are working with. No one gets it perfect. There will be missteps, missed opportunities, and lessons learned the hard way. That is part of leadership too. What matters is whether we are learning. Whether we are leading with humility and awareness, not ego and habit. Leadership is not about being in control. It is about building people up. It is about creating space for others to lead too. Not someday, but now.

People may not remember the details of your term. They may not remember the number of meetings you held or every decision you made. But they will remember how you made them feel. Whether they felt included. Whether their ideas were heard. Whether they were seen as part of something that mattered. That is what leadership leaves behind. Not a title. Not a plaque. But people who feel stronger because of how you led. That is the kind of leadership that builds clubs people want to stay in. That is the kind of leadership Lions need more of. And that is the kind that lasts.

Lion Traci Tribley PDG MD11 GLT Coordinator





GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR IPDG CHERYL ANDERSON

A TEAM EFFORT-GST

How AWESOME are Michigan Lions! The Gaylord Public and Catholic School Systems were overwhelmed with the amount of clothing we donated to their clothing closet. Our second multiple district service project was another great success thanks to all of you that donated or collected the clothing donated.

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!! You should all be proud of what we do as Lions and how we come to the call when we are asked. Just look at all the bags of clothing and think about how many children we helped this year.

Fall is the time of year when many families need help with food, toys or simple necessities. I am asking you to please concentrate on your district and district clubs with your Nov/Dec Service. Whether dropping off food baskets or taking a child holiday shopping. It is time to look around your district and do the service needed. Then PLEASE report it on the LCI Website.

NEXT GLOBAL SERVICE WEEK IS JANUARY 3-11, 2026: HUNGER
Be ready to report on your service participation for your club!



> LIONS USA NEWS



February 27-28, 2026
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo, Michigan

2026 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2026 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3"	\$20.00
2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal)	\$25.00
3. 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal)	\$30.00
4. 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4"	\$50.00
5. Full page ad 7.5 x 10"	\$60.00

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!

Rent an exhibitor's table and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just \$85.00!

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Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

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CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ Included is a print ready ad or message

☐ Please design my personal or business ad to read: (use separate paper if needed)

Ad Size: 1/8 page 1/4 page 1/2 page 3/4 page full page TOTAL COST: \$ _____

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*Thank you for supporting Lions of Michigan! Deadline to submit: 2-9-2026
Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911*



2026 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD

Featuring Keynote Speaker,
Kathleen Marcath, Author & Founder, ASL Picture Books



Join us February 27 - 28, 2026 at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo
2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Reservations available at the Marriott Delta Kalamazoo
(269) 375-6000 Rate: \$119.00 Registration Code: Lions MI Forum
Alternate Hotel located in front of the Delta Marriott:
Best Western Suites 269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$112.00
2575 11th St. S., Kalamazoo
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.23163.html?groupId=X93ZN5I4

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to:
Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911 Telephone 517-887-6640
or Fax 517-887-6642.

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name/District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants: _____ Food Allergies: _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$60.00/person* = \$ _____

Online Registration Available Soon!
*Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.
Register by February 14 to guarantee lunch and booklet.
Large Group Service Project Friday Night – Lions MI Forum Saturday!

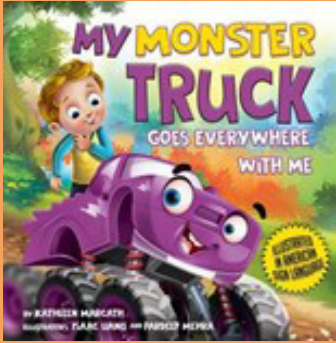
LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM WELCOMES KEYNOTE SPEAKER, AUTHOR KATHLEEN MARCATH



ASL found Kathleen at a retreat where she learned a song in sign language and performed it in church—a moment that changed her life. Inspired to learn more, she later earned her Bachelor of Arts in Deaf Community Studies from Madonna University. While signing picture books in class, she discovered there were none showing children using ASL—so she created one.

After years supporting Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, Kathleen was inspired by her grandson and a writing contest to write My Monster Truck Goes Everywhere with Me – Illustrated in American Sign Language. The award-winning book encourages imagination, literacy, and a love of language.

Through ASL Picture Books, Kathleen's mission is to build bridges between Deaf and hearing communities, celebrate inclusion, and share the joy of ASL. Visit www.aslpicturebooks.com to learn more about her work and the limitless potential of sign language.



EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2026: February 27-28

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2026 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the **Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, 2747 S 11th St., Kalamazoo, Michigan. (Set up available on 2/27/26)** Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$55.00 OR \$85, which includes an ad in the Forum proceedings booklet. The charge is fully refundable only if, for any reason, the Forum is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives.

Exhibitor Hours: Friday, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The undersigned releases the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 and its agents from any and all liabilities that may arise or be asserted as a result of participation in this exhibition. The Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. will determine the eligibility of any company or product for exhibit. Acceptance of an exhibitor for the MD 11 Michigan Forum does not imply endorsement of the product or services, nor does rejection imply lack of approval of the product or manufacturer.

Exhibitors shall take precautions to provide security to safeguard their property during show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. nor the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo (nor legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), nor their members, officers, directors or employees shall be responsible for injury to any person or persons for loss or damage to property belonging to the exhibitor or any person or persons while in transit to or from the hotel or while in the hotel property or otherwise. The exhibitor assumes complete responsibility and liability for all injury to any and all persons or property in any way connected with exhibitor's display caused by the exhibitor, his agents, representatives or employees. The exhibitor indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. and the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo (and legal entities which own, lease and/or operate it), their members, officers, directors and employees against any and all liability whatsoever arising from any or all damage to property or personal injury caused by exhibitor or his agents, representatives, employees or any other persons.

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL

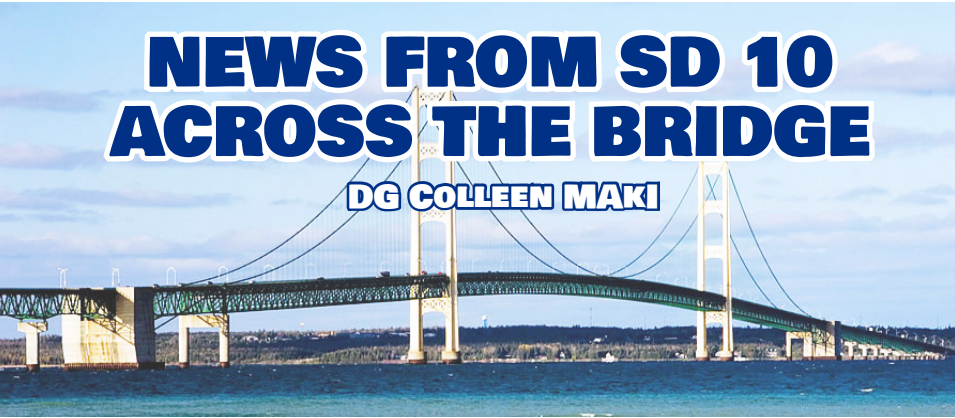
**Exhibit Table and Full-page Ad
in the Michigan Forum Proceedings Booklet for just \$85.00!**
EXHIBITOR TABLE ONLY: \$55.00
Registration Deadline to guarantee booklet: February 9, 2026
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DO YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP? ☐ yes ☐ no	
☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____	



Kathleen Marcath is the award-winning author of My Monster Truck Goes Everywhere with Me – Illustrated in American Sign Language and founder of ASL Picture Books. Inspired by her grandson and her studies in Deaf Community Studies at Madonna University, Kathleen helps families discover the joy, connection, and limitless potential of ASL.

> NEWS FROM SD10



NEWS FROM SD 10
ACROSS THE BRIDGE

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Northwoods AirLifeLine Report



Pilots flew 13 flights in September with passengers on board, plus 13 positioning flights. Four of the flights were for minors. YTD they’ve flown 129 passenger flights and 96 positioning (flights to another airport) flights. The Gwinn Lions invited pilot Doug Miller to discuss

NWALL’s work. He did an excellent presentation. The club decided to double their budget amount for NWALL as a result of the presentation. We encourage you to invite a pilot to learn more about this amazing group of pilots and the work they do for children and adults in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin.



Informational Round Table Sessions

District Lions from throughout the peninsula have attended their area Round Table Gatherings. These events give Lions the opportunity to gather in a relaxed setting to share ideas, brainstorm resolutions to club concerns, and make friends with Lions from nearby clubs. We meet on a Saturday morning beginning at 10 am. A quick two hours are spent in free-flowing discussion. We learn from each other by sharing club successes, discussing how we can serve our neighbors, and strengthen our common Lion’s bond through fellowship. Noon brings us to lunch, which is provided by

the district. Time is reserved from 1-2 pm for individualized training, counsel, and/or education provided by a member of the event faculty.

There is no charge for the event. In fact, Zone Chairs are reimbursed for their mileage from district funds. When planning a Lion’s Round Table Gathering, we invite clubs within a 50-mile radius of each other to keep the cost and driving time manageable. This Lion’s year, there has been a Round Table Gathering in Crystal Falls, and on November 1st, an event is scheduled in Escanaba. If you are interested in having us schedule a Round Table Gathering in your area, please contact Lion Gretchen at prestongretchen@gmail.com or give her a call at (906)249-1131.



Meet Marquette Lion Manuel Feliz who recently became a US citizen. Known as “Manuel” or “Manny” to many, he immigrated to the U.P. in 1998 from the Dominican Republic. His wife, Tracy, is a Marquette native who works as a third grade teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary School in Harvey. Lion Manuel works as the Kitchen Manager at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, and is a chef of many cuisines - Caribbean food as his specialty. As an avid gardener, Manuel has served on Lions projects including garden building projects at Partridge Creek Farm, Lakeside Elementary School, and tends to Tracy’s community garden at Cherry Creek Elementary.



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)			
☐ Tuition	☐ Books	☐ Housing	
☐ Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____			
☐ 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	

Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION

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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.

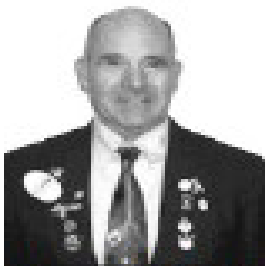
Through our Emergency Military Family and Veterans Relief Program, we help current and former military members and their families with financial emergencies. Funding is determined through an application process, and it is based on the financial needs of the applicant.

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.

Through Donor Advised Funds, we partner with individuals, families, businesses and other non-profit organizations to provide charitable services that are important to the fund's primary donor or donors. Our status as a 501(c)(3) Public Charity allows us to create Donor Advised Funds that others can operate like their own family, private or corporate foundation. All contributions are tax-deductible; and we are responsible for sending receipts to the donors, disbursing funds at the donor's request, and reporting information to the IRS and other government agencies. Tax attorneys and accountants are not needed, donors simply contribute to the fund and decide what grants to make.

> FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME NEWS

Congratulations 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees



DUANE GOLTZ
District Governor - 2007-2008

Duane Goltz grew up in the Big Rapids, Michigan area. In 1962, Duane married Judie, and they moved to Drummond Island in 1974. Once they settled on Drummond Island, they became 4H leaders for 25 years and raised 3 children who gave them 10 grandchildren.

Duane is a retired Master Sergeant of the Michigan National Guard. He served 33 years receiving numerous awards, and he was a culinary specialist for most of that time. The last 13 years he served out of the 46th Brigade, and he was assigned to 26 kitchens. Duane has been an active member of the Drummond Island Lions Club, since their charter in 1974. He was very instrumental in helping charter the club with 82 members, which was the largest chartered Lions Club in the state of Michigan at that time.



BRUCE LABELLE
District Governor - 2019-2020

Bruce A. LaBelle, was born on May 19, 1959 in Wilson, Michigan; the son of Vernon F. and Beverly J. (Gamble) LaBelle. Bruce graduated from Bark River-Harris High School and went on to join the United States Navy. He was a Petty Officer First Class and worked as a Sonar Technician on a submarine, proudly serving from June 1977 until his honorable discharge in June 1983.

After the Navy, Bruce worked for the San Diego Police Department and sub-contracted for the Navy in Washington DC. He then began his 32 ½ year career with Honeywell as a computer technician. Bruce was a jack of all trades and always willing to lend a helping hand, and he was an active member of the Bark River community. He joined the Bark River Lions Club in 2000 and became the club's Treasurer in 2002. For the District 10 Lions, he served as a Zone Chairman, Region Chairman, Cabinet Treasurer, LCIF Chairman, Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee, and District Governor from 2019-2020.



DAVE HILL
Council Chair - 2021-2022

Dave Hill is a member of the Vandercook Lake Lions Club, and he is married to Lion Nancy. His career in the U.S. Army spanned 34 years and is a prime example of his leadership ability. He retired as a Colonel, successfully commanding two battalions. He is an Iraq war veteran, and he received 26 medals of commendation during his career, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and four Meritorious Service medals.

Dave worked at Rockwell International and Aeroquip Corporation as Divisional Director. In addition, he has been a business and communications instructor for four colleges and universities, including Program Director of Business for Baker College's Jackson Campus. His Lions service includes 11-B1 District Governor in 2016-16, MD 11 Council Chair in 2021-22, President of the Lions of Michigan Foundation, Vice President of Bear Lake Camp, Chair of the Leader Dogs for the Blind Committee, board member of the Braille Transcribing Fund, committee member for the Lions of Michigan Forum, and Campaign Manager for Lions International Director Dave Wineman.



OSCAR ANDERSON
District Governor - 1983-1984

Oscar Anderson was married to wife Shirley Mae for 50 years, and he later married Alice Powell. Oscar had four sons, Steve, Jeffrey, Marty and David and one daughter, Connie; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

Oscar served his country in the U.S. Army in the 4th Infantry during WWII, and following his military service, he spent over 50 years as a self-employed insurance agent and 30 years as the Farm Bureau Representative in Sparta. He was a charter member of Casnovia-Kent City Lions Club, and he transferred to the Sparta Lions Club in 1954. As a Sparta Lion, Oscar ran bingo for over 10 years and started the Paper Trailer Fund Raiser. In addition, he served as Lions District 11-C1 District Governor in 1983-84; board member for Welcome Home for the Blind; he helped organize the Lion of Michigan Foundation in 1984; and he was valuable volunteer on Lions Vision Mission Trips.



EUGENE FISHER
District Governor - 1979-1980

Vermontville Lion Eugene "Gene" Fisher and wife Mary are pillars of their community. Gene served as the General Motors Benefit Representative for many years, where he brought the United Way, Toys for Tots, and the Old Newsboys to all of the GM plants in the Lansing area.

Gene has served Lions for more than 57 years, and he has held many positions in the association, including Club President and Secretary, Zone Chair, Deputy District Governor, and District Governor. In addition to his work with the Lions, Gene is very active in his church and serving his community in other ways. He served as the President of the Alumni Association at Maple Valley Schools for 25 years; he was the Historical Society Chair for 10 years; he has been involved with the Vermontville Syrup Festival for 68 years, he was an active leader for Boy Scouts for 15 years, he was the President of the Maple Valley Band Boosters; he served as Treasurer for the PTO; he was the chairman of the D.A.R.E. program for 16 years, he was the announcer for Maple Valley Varsity Football Games; he helped organize the Maple Valley Scholarship Fund; and he enjoyed playing Santa Claus for the Vermontville Village.



BRIAN SHEPARD
Council Chairperson - 2013-2014

Brian's first exposure to Lions was as a member of the Lions of Michigan All-State Band in 1982 and 1983. He later joined the Bath Township Lions Club in 1990 at the age of 25.

During his 35 years of Lions service, Brian has served as District 11-C2 Cabinet Treasurer, Cabinet Secretary, Zone Chairman, Region Chairman, Global Leadership Team Coordinator, Vice District Governor and District Governor in 1999-2000. In addition, Brian co-chaired the District Convention Committee for 5 years; chaired the Public Relations Committee that organized a Child ID event in conjunction with area law enforcement, and chaired the Lions Journey for Sight 5K Run/Walk for 9 years, with all proceeds designated for the Lions of Michigan State Projects. At the Lions state level, Brian has also served in numerous roles, including Multiple District 11 Convention Chair; 6 years as an instructor at the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute, Multiple District 11 Council Chair in 2013-14, 2004 International Convention Host Committee member, and 2015 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Committee member. Brian's most memorable and honored role was serving as the Lions of Michigan All-State Band Chairman from 2001-2010.



RICHARD DeLONG
Council Chair - 2000-2001

Zilwaukee Lion Richard "Dick" DeLong is a military veteran with service from 1963 through 1967, including a tour of duty in Viet Nam. He has been married to Lion Sharon for 57 years, and they have three sons, five granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

As Zilwaukee Lion, Dick has served as Club President and Club Secretary, and he chaired the club's golf outing fundraiser for 20 years. He has also held many positions in District 11-D1, including Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Zone Chair, Region Chair, Vice District Governor and District Governor in 2000-01. He is currently serving as the 11-D1 Constitution and By-laws Committee Chair, and he has served in that role for several years.

At the Lions state level, Dick also chairs the Constitution and By-laws Committee; he chaired the first Photo Eye Screening Program (KidSight); he chaired the Strategic Planning Committee; and he served as MD-11 Council Chair in 2001-02.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT AND MORE ABOUT THE LIONS OF MICHIGAN ALL STATE BAND!

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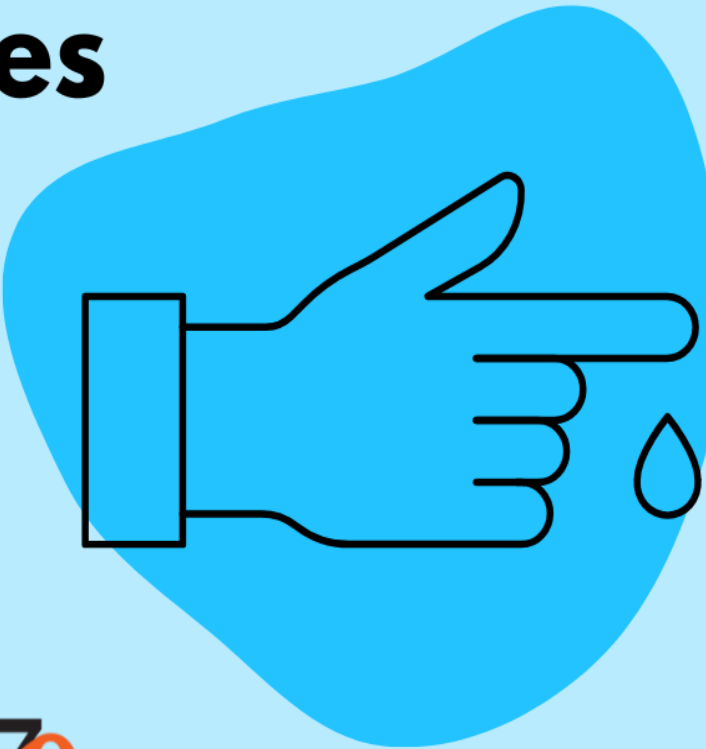


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November is Diabetes Month



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WINTER CAMP NEWS FOR NOVEMBER!

District 11-B1 Winter Camp for the Blind and VIP is coming soon! Camp dates for 2026 are Feb. 6-8, and we plan to have around 55-60 campers and human guides coming from different parts of Michigan to experience a much-needed break in their winter routine. Outdoor activities, horse drawn wagon rides, snow shoeing, snowmobile rides, campfires and more are all part of the camp experience. Camp King and Queen crowning cap off a memorable experience!

Lions of District 11-B1 have been supporting Winter Camp for the Blind through the Parade of Checks since the early 2000s. This support is critical, but as costs rise, we appeal to our partner districts in MD11 for additional support. Most of our campers come from Districts A1 and A2, and D1. We have received assistance at train stations in the Dearborn area and transportation assistance from C1 and C2, but for this project to continue, we need to raise funds for increased food and housing costs. Our budget for the weekend is around \$10,000, up from \$7500 a few years ago. We had a record attendance last year and hope to do the same again in 2026. Also don't miss Lion Roger's Clipping for Camp fundraiser on November 1 at the annual Fall Conference/Parade of Checks.

Michigan Job Challenge Associates will help this year, but we can always use more volunteers. It's an experience that you will not soon forget and provides many Lions with their Ah-ha moment. There is no registration charge for volunteers, just a donation for meals. For more information on being part of the team or volunteering, please contact Lion Roger Bosse (269)-578-3684 or Lion Jim Phelan (517) 990-7221. Camp is 15 miles north of Battle Creek. We hope to see you in February!

Lion Roger Bosse, Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

MICHIGAN LIONS: STRENGTH THROUGH LCIF GIVING

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is how we turn service into global impact. Through LCIF, donations from Lions clubs fund grants for disaster relief, vision programs, diabetes prevention, youth initiatives, hunger relief, and more.

A Simple, Powerful Goal

CAN YOUR CLUB AFFORD \$100? LCIF is asking every Lions Club in our state to make a minimum annual donation of \$100. One hundred dollars may not seem like much on its own — but when every club participates, that support adds up to thousands of dollars invested back into our communities through LCIF grants.

Why Monthly Giving Matters

Lions are choosing to set up automatic monthly donations, making giving simple and sustainable. Just \$10 a month from a club exceeds the \$100 annual goal and helps LCIF respond quickly when disaster strikes or new opportunities for service arise.

Be Part of 100% Club Participation

Your club’s gift helps ensure that Michigan is leading the way in service impact:
locally and globally.
Let’s stand together to support LCIF,
so LCIF can continue supporting us.

Learn more or set up your club’s donation at:
www.lcif.org.

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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."

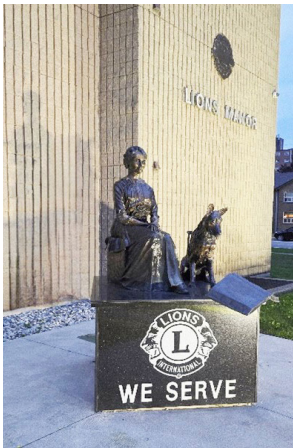
On a personal note, this story reminds us of the power of simply reaching out. Because the Detroit club extended an invitation more than 100 years ago, countless lives have been touched and changed. Imagine the ripple effect you could create by inviting just one friend or family member to join Lions. 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 Snyders 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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Sterling Heights Lion PDG Ron Papa serving sweet treats at a recent event.



Clawson Lions Club did an amazing job building bleachers for the Clawson Parks and Recreation Community Center youth soccer field..



Upcoming District Events November 2025

- 7 Shelby Lions Holiday Wine Tasting
- 10 Region 2 Meeting, Clawson
- 13 Region 1 Meeting, Beverly Hills
- 15 Sterling Heights Lions Mom to Mom sale



Sterling Heights Lions Club Fundraiser - 1st Mrs. Roper Romp Casino Bus Trip was a huge success. We celebrated what would have been Helen's 107th Birthday with several Helen's, Stanley's, and even a Chrissy.

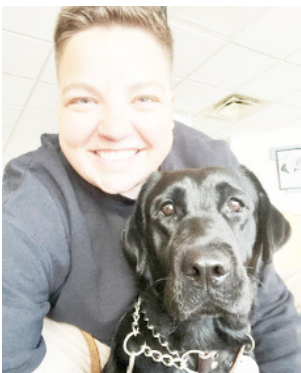
Sterling Heights Lions Club held their 4th Annual Tom Klingensmith Golf Tournament -Lion Tom at Timberwood Golf Course in Ray MI. Many of the golfers have attended all four years. We had a mixture of men and women, with the woman kicking the men's butt. We had longest drive for the men and women as well as closest to the pin. We also had a Vegas hole where the golfers could place a wager to hit within ten feet of the flag. If so they would get double their wager back. Only two golfers were able to do it. After golf we had a wonderful dinner and a very nice raffle to end the night.

Richmond Lions Club received a request to build a ramp for a community member in need. After doing some research they found a company called Faith Works that would install a ramp valued at \$6,000.00. The club contacted other clubs to raise the required \$1,000.00 to make this happen. A Proud Project completed by the Richmond Lions Club and Lion Mike Manchik V.P Richmond Lions Club



District Convention Location Change From Lion Dick Maxwell: For the first time to my knowledge the location of our Lions District Convention has changed. Due to operational difficulties during the hotel renovations at the Saginaw Four Pointes by Marriott they lost their food and beverage service. As a result of this, we have had to relocate the March 2026 District Convention to the Grand Rapids Airport Doubletree by Hilton. The convention will keep the same dates March 20 to 22, 2026. The room rates will be \$105.00 a night. More details will be announced at the upcoming Cabinet and Region Meeting.

Leader Dog Winter with trainer Chelsea Leader Dog's top priority is ensuring each client receives customized instruction so they can develop exceptional skills to travel independently with a white cane or a guide dog. Below is the story of Winter, a Leader Dog who works with a client who is DeafBlind, like honorary Lion Helen Keller was. In 1992, Leader Dog became the first organization to train guide dogs specifically for the DeafBlind community. To learn about other adaptive services for clients with physical and intellectual disabilities, scan the QR code or go to LeaderDog.org/blog.
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PID Gary Anderson sets up the winning goal for DG Bea Furman on stage at the USA/Canada Forum. A Ball-for-All is a ball for DG Bea! DG Bea Furman joined PID Gary Anderson on state at the recent USA/Canada Forum in Atlantic City to demonstrate the soccer balls that are designed for those who are visually impaired.



Lions Roger Yoder and Lindy Wineman at Vandercook Lake High School. District Editor Chair Lion Roger Yoder and Lion Pride Graphic Designer Lion Lindy Wineman share Lions news from across Michigan. They met each other at the 11-B1 District Membership Dinner and Workshop conducted 25 September 2025.



Larry Atkin, President Terry Hicks, Community Outreach Coordinator, Paul Williams, Charlene Dickerson, Robert Guy, and Doug Spade. Adrian Breakfast Lions recently donated \$300 in funds and supplies last month to the Catherine Cobb Safe House located in Adrian. The shelter has domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy services.



Battle Creek Cereal City Lions organized a successful Strides Walk for Diabetes awareness. Lions Dorothy Bosse and ZC Hope Swank on flyer for 18 October event.



Jeanne Betanzos, 2VDG Gregg Brindamour driving with a VIP Lion guest at the Clinton Fall Festival. Club members conducted KidSight vision screenings, and pumpkin bowling, with scholarship raffle of \$1000 cash or gift card.



Lion Roger Bosse, pictured before the "Clipping for Camp" fundraiser to benefit Winter Camp for the Blind. The transformation will be live streamed during the B1 Fall Conference on November 1.



LCI Leaders surround themselves around B1 Leader, 1st VDG Teresa Gest. Pictured with VDG Teresa, PIP Brian Sheehan, 1st VP Mark Lyon, President A. P. Singh.



PCC Dave and Lion Nancy Hill enjoy dinner on the Boardwalk while attending the USA/Canada Forum in Atlantic City.



Bedford Lions Club inducted two new Lions with the assistance of DG Bea Furman and PDG Roger Spriggs. Welcome Lions Marianne and David Franz!



Dexter Lions Club Members Host Annual Apple Daze Games. 55 classic automobiles participated in the car show, kids enjoyed the bounce house, a KidSight screening was held along with an arts and crafts show and pie eating contest. Volunteers for this big event included 33 Lions, 30 students and the Boy Scouts. Over 300 guests attended this all-day event.



Horton Hanover schools, Teen Xchange, and Horton Hanover Lions Club are starting a HH Leo Club. Quinn Phillips, Leo Advisor PDG Terry Walters, Wendy Valentine, and Melanie Kittel of Teen Xchange, with Hanover Horton Lions Secretary Amy Sherman.



Lion Roger Yoder presents an award to Superintendent Denise Bergstrom. Hanover Horton Lions Club and the HH School District collaborate on many events together.

HH Superintendent Denise Bergstrom and Lion Roger Yoder donated a book he authored on the Detroit Tigers to the school library.

Quest South East Jackson Lions Club is holding a game night at the Sauk Trail Post #246. It's a night of stand-up comedy, karaoke, DJ trivia, food, drinks, raffles and fun! November 28, \$10 admission.

Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club selected the winning Peace Poster from 17 entries received. Artists are aged 11-13. The winning poster is sent onto the district for voting at the Fall conference. Lion Shawne Lige oversees this event for the club and was recently presented with a Melvin Jones Fellow, making this the 23rd award the Jackson Eyeopeners has presented to a member.

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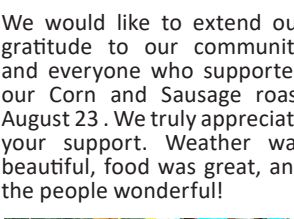


What a great week! The PKS volunteers from 11B2 managed to screen 2,221 students and found 232 referrals so far. Not bad for us jumping back into screening again. I appreciate all of you for getting up early volunteering to take care of our future generations. And, schools are starting to line up for screenings for the rest of the year. Looking forward to a good year for Project KidSight!



The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club participated in Buchanan's Faith & Family Day on August 24. We offered free vision screenings, snow cones and popcorn for those in attendance. "We Serve" is more than just the Lions' motto. It is our call to action.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our community and everyone who supported our Corn and Sausage roast August 23. We truly appreciate your support. Weather was beautiful, food was great, and the people wonderful!



South Haven Lions attended the South Haven National Night Out. We had a fun spinner game with prizes and passed out special fans (they came in handy on this warm night) along with information on Our Lions Club. We also gave away books.

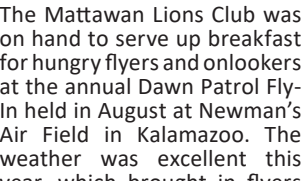


Three Rivers Lions held their August picnic on the 26th where several awards were presented. Lion Gary Reames received the 2024-2025 Lion of the Year Award from Club President Dave Miller. Lion PJ Storm-Artis received a Helen Keller Fellowship for her efforts in Project KidSight, presented by Past Council Chair Jeff Mayuiers and assisted by District Governor Karen Joy.

No one has more fun than the Lions at their weekly meetings. Hope some of you can make it this Thursday when the area Football Coaches are with us to brag about their squads. Last week we had a reporter visit us from the Herald Palladium so keep your eyes peeled for a piece by Lauren Rice one of these days! Remember to bring shelter items this week - bath and kitchen cleaning items. Laundry soap, dish snoop and more



Paw Paw Lions Welcome to our newest Lions. Lion Sue Swank and her sponsor Lion Noreen Miller, Lions Robert and Michelle Ramirez with their sponsors PCC Don and PDG Marsha



The Mattawan Lions Club was on hand to serve up breakfast for hungry flyers and onlookers at the annual Dawn Patrol Fly-In held in August at Newman's Air Field in Kalamazoo. The weather was excellent this year, which brought in flyers from all over the tri-state area to sample the blueberry pancakes and fixin's.



Cub catch up! Granville and Zoey read to their friends at River Ridge Senior Living today. Cubs Max, Trevor, and Zoey were a huge help Friday setting up for the South Haven Black River Lions Club BBQ On The Bluff. These kids are amazing!



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Thank you to our trainers from last night's training event. PCC Jeff, PDG Julie, Lion Tammie, Lion Carol. Shout out to Sister Lakes Lions Club for hosting the event and to DG Karen for the giveaway prizes and to GLT Lion Dan for setting up the training! Next training will be Zone Chair training on Sept. 8 and the next President, Secretary, Treasurer, Service and Membership training will be on November 15 along with a Chili/Soup Cook off. All at Antwerp Activity Center!



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SPARTA LIONS Sparta Lions and District 11C1 are proud to share that our very own PDG Oscar Anderson was inducted into the Lions Hall of Fame is the highest honor a Michigan Lion can receive. PDG Oscar's dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to service have made a lasting impact on our community and beyond.

SPARTA LIONS are proud to have helped change the life of a young child by providing funding for a prosthetic. Thanks to the support of many, she has the chance to play and grow with confidence. Seeing her smile and excitement reminds us all why we do what we do. Together, we serve!!



Lyons Muir Lions held a fun event for kids with disabilities to have a fun time, which included corn hole, face painting, duck tank for prizes, and a sucker stand



Hubbardston American Legion 182 Women Auxiliary, presented a \$1000 check to **DG Earl Howell** to our District Backpack project to benefit homeless Veterans.



Lyons-Muir Lions Club held a KidSight screening at the Portland Red Mill Community Event. 6 club members participated in screening 57 kids with just 5 referrals. DG Earl Howell invited Leader Dog to attend the event and 3 trainers arrived with their dogs. They were a very big draw with the kids and parents, with interest in becoming a trainer.

District C1 Vision Service Update: Rockford Hosts New Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Rockford Lions Club is now hosting a new Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC) serving West Michigan and clubs across MD-11. Location: 12750 Northland Dr., Cedar Springs, MI — just north of Rockford, a couple minutes off US-131 at the M-57 exit. Eyeglass recycling is one of our longest-running global service traditions. With this facility, we can centralize collection, sorting, repair, and redistribution at a site designed for club-to-club collaboration and hands-on service.

KIDSIGHT IN RAVENNA Lions Members from Muskegon Northside, Ravenna, and Fruitport provided vision screenings at Beechnau Elementary School, in Ravenna. 342 students were screened and 24 potential vision problems were identified..



Project KidSight Contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil Clubs from MD 11-C1 namely: Alto, Fruitport, provided vision screening at the Muskegon School District. 5 schools, 1446 students, 202 potential vision problems identified. Read Between the Lions, led by Lion Dr. Robert Hohendorf, a specialized screening for eye movements in readers was also offered. We extend our gratitude to the Lion members who volunteered their time, and contributing to the success of this event. Lions Gail McCreedy, Kathleen Cobler, Joan Carlson, Laura Silkenga, Marsha Stewart and Charles Johnson took turns in giving stickers and flow of traffic. Lions Jackie Ball, Rich Carlson, Amy Viereck, Denise Sabo, Ken Frary, Ken Adamy and Sandy Graham took turns in scanning. Lions Elvie Marfil and Maryann Adamy took care of referrals. Read Between the Lion Team: Lions Bob and Sue Hohendorf, Becci Schomaker and Jackie Ball. We also would like to thank the principals and staff for allowed us to provided vision screening to their students.



Rockford Lions Add a Warm Touch to Riverside Park and wrapped up a special community legacy project that we're proud to share with all of you. As part of the newly completed Riverside Park renovation downtown by the dam, the Rockford Lions helped sponsor a beautiful gas fireplace—now a central gathering spot for residents and visitors alike. A plaque at the site says "Rockford Lions Club" & "Warmth provided by the Rockford Lions Club." It's a small but lasting reminder of our club's commitment to service and fellowship. This project reflects the spirit of partnership that makes Rockford strong. Alongside other service groups, local businesses, and the city, we were able to contribute something that truly enhances the park and showcases Lions service at its best.



Shoreline Lions Clubs collaborated with other organizations to provide local students with complimentary back-to-school supplies, T-shirts and other items cultivating a supportive environment that encourages them to strive for excellence. Concurrently, the Fruitport Lions Club implemented a KidSight program, conducting vision screenings for 22 children and identifying 2 referrals to facilitate a brighter future. Fruitport Lions offered a complimentary dinner consisting of hotdogs, chips, watermelon, and water to families in attendance



Our first group of kiddos picking, hauling washing and pressing cider. 21 gallons of cider were produced!



11 C2



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St. Johns Lions Club: What a beautiful morning for the St. Johns Lions Club adopt-a-highway fall roadside cleanup! The team focused on the south end of Business 27. Two hours, eight full trash bags, and one found dollar later, they completed the job. Thanks to Lions Lannie Fisher, Jeff Cannell, Gloria Carnicom, and Kim Chapko.



Lansing Capital Lioness Lions Club LL Lori Shepard & friend were seen promoting KidSight services at Potter Park Zoo this summer.



Hartland Lions Club - President Kurt Stromlund presented Cromaine Library's Liz Welch Community Relations Manager with a check that the library will use to purchase items to support patrons with low vision.



Grand Ledge Lions made presentations to DG Aleta Cozart and Student of the Month Lydia Jagger.

Bath Township Lions – The local little yellow food pantry needed donations, so the Bath Lions made a contribution for those in need.



IPDG Carl and DG Aleta Cozart welcome Lions to his appreciation dinner



DeWitt Lions Club had the honor of hosting Lion Dan Coss, Dewitt City Administrator, Brian Curtis, DeWitt Chief of Police, and John Braska, DeWitt area Fire Chief. Also pictured are Lion members Jim Kraft and Sheriff Sean Dush. They informed our members about the great work they do around the city and the schools and upcoming improvements to our local parks including pickle ball courts, adult fitness station, playground equipment and path to the river – also road and street projects.



Ovid Lions Club - During the last week of September, our Ovid Lions' Adopt-A-Highway volunteers were out cleaning up the community, one piece of trash at a time. Ovid Lions are inviting area residents to be a part of their community-led initiative to create a medical equipment closet. They invite people to donate equipment they no longer need. Happy to schedule pick-ups, Ovid Lions know community support is instrumental in helping create a lasting difference.



Mason Lions Club welcomes their newest club members, Lions Amber Cantrell and Dar VanAntwerp! District Governor Aleta Cozart welcomed them into Lionism on September 24, 2025, at a Mason Lions meeting that was also attended by IPDG Carl Cozart, 1st VDG Kenny Kinsey, and 2nd VDG Chuck Vasilion. Pictured are DG Aleta, Lions Amber and Dar, their sponsor Lion Doug Klein, and the Mason Lions Club president Terry Blauvelt.



St. Louis/Alma Lions Club presented the 1st Presbyterian Church of Alma with a check for \$410 to help with funding for their food pantry program.



Eaton Rapids Lions Club had a busy September with the Earth-To-Table food pantry dedication, the Xavier DeGroat Foundation Autism Communication Board dedication, and the Vision Screenings at the Eaton Rapids Education Foundation Block Party on Sunday! We are PROUD to be a part of these events in Eaton Rapids!



Bancroft Lioness Lions Club Good times were had by all while working a recent breakfast at the Byron Masonic Lodge, with the Bancroft Lioness Lions Club.



Eaton Rapids Lions Club is on fire! They inducted 5 new members! They also have a new branch of Lions within the Earth to Table Urban Garden that they are so excited about. Anyone else want to join us? We Serve!



11-C2 Lions PDG Brent Beracy, PDG Traci Tribley, 1VDG Kenny Kinsey, Council Chair Becky Hamilton, PDG Ted Hamilton, and Zone Chair Chrissy Andre represented the district at the 49th Annual USA/Canada Lions Forum held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. PDG Traci Tribley graduated from the Doctorate Program. 1VDG Kenny Kinsey graduated from Lions University with his Masters and PDG Brent Beracy graduated from the Doctorate Program. It was a great weekend of connecting with Lions across the USA and Canada and many great learning opportunities and seminars filled with great information to bring back to the district and clubs.



A fundraiser was recently held to benefit 1st VDG Kenny Kinsey's upcoming reign as C2 Governor. The fall FUN-raiser was a success because of YOU! I am grateful for all of your support. I am proud to call myself a Lion. A big shout out to my local club, St. Johns, for all of their hard work on this fundraiser too!

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Lions Carol Graham-Banes and Craig Banes from the Frankenmuth Lions Club attended the annual USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2025 in Atlantic City. The Forum offered workshop topics including families serving together, LCIF information, recruiting, motivation, marketing, specialty clubs, and team building! The 2026 USA/Canada Forum is scheduled to be held in Memphis, TN.



District D1 Lions enjoying a golf outing to benefit persons with special needs.

Congratulations to PDG Steve VanTol on receiving the International President's Award for his outstanding service as Global Leadership Chair for the district. The award was recently sent to Lion Steve by IPIP Fabricio Oliveira.



Caro Lions Club presented a lifetime membership to Lion Larry Seale. He joined Lions in 1974 and will have served 52 years in January 2026.



Flushing Lions Club wore out 6-week old future Leader Dog, Hunter.



Caro Lions President, Tony Szygiel, along with DG Jerry Whitney and 1VDG Tobias Webber were in Caro helping build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Lion Szygiel also serves as President of the Caro Chapter of SHP. Join us for the next build-a-bed event on December 6.

Flushing Lions Club participated in numerous activities recently. They held a pool party complete with dogs, both puppies and two leader dogs in attendance. New member Lori Carrig was inducted by PDG Larry Porn. Food was plentiful, and the dogs were a riot. Four Flushing Lions attended the Governor's Appreciation Dinner in Bay City. The club opened their concession stand at Eastview Park during a baseball tournament and attended Flushing Schools Raider Rally to present a \$3,000 scholarship to Elizabeth Hartman. White Cane days in September netted \$6,500! Afterwards, members crafted 1,000 luminaries out of milk jugs for the upcoming Candle Walk.



Mayville Lions Lawrence and Margaret are all smiles as they collect donations during our annual mint sale weekend.



PDGs Ron Johnson and Alice Zajac attended the Mayville Lions Club meeting to install new officers.



Shields Lions Club held a KidSight screening in conjunction with the Fire Department's pancake breakfast. Shields Lions Club also partnered with Freeland Lions, Swan Valley Schools and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to sponsor a food give away.



Buena Vista Lions Club continues to support the Sickle Cell Community by attending Flint's Annual walk, which took place September 6th at the historic Max Brandon Park. We, along with a few partnership organizations, promoted awareness, scholarship opportunities, and blood drives. Lastly, our club attended Saginaw's 54th NAACP Freedom Fund celebration held at the Horizon Center in Saginaw Township. Notable attendees were Mayor Brenda Moore, Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, State Representative Amos O'Neal, and keynote speaker, Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice, Noah Hood. All are firm supporters of Michigan Lions, our service and efforts to meet the needs of communities throughout the state.

Auburn Williams Lions Planning Walk for Type 1 Diabetes. Our club cordially invites our neighboring clubs to join us in raising funds to provide help and support in our community and beyond for families dealing with Type 1 Diabetes. Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) Walks take place all over the country. Every step drives research, advocacy and support to improve lives until we find a cure. This event is scheduled to take place at Auburn Park in November, 2026. For information on how you and your club can become involved, please reach out to Lion Robin Devereaux at 989-928-3561.



Millington Lions Club welcomed new members Tom Schiefer (C-L) and Greg Mohr (C-R). Also pictured as member sponsors are Steve Kern, Dwight Keinath and installing member RG Barnum. Welcome Lions Tom and Greg!



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IPDG Judy Keller's recent appreciation dinner was well attended by many from the district and beyond enjoying an afternoon together. Awards were presented to the convention committee for their work on the District D2 convention.

Algonac Lions Club members work together to spruce up the Lions Den and ready it for another full season of service!



Algonac Lion gifted a \$1,000 scholarship to Kate Bennet to assist her in her nursing studies. Lion Suezette has just received the club's first KidSight Vision Camera. Lion Suezette has worked diligently to secure the camera for our club and has begun the education classes for select club members to train and begin the process for free public eye screening for children six months to 18 years.



Memphis Lions Club hit the road for highway clean-up in September. They were restricted from working the entire area due to road construction. The club conducts road clean-up three times per year.



Elkton Lions Club hosted the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Huron Youth Center in September 17. K & K Catering served a worthwhile meal, and volunteers received certificates of appreciation and other awards.



Algonac Lions Club donated \$15,000.00 to the City of Algonac to purchase pool furniture for the newly renovated Lions Pool.

Elkton Lions are proud to be a sponsor of the Small Livestock Barn via a Bingo Fundraiser held last night at their Halloween Weekend. We had a lot of fun, gave away some great prizes and look forward to seeing that barn full next summer at the Huron Community Fair! A kids bingo event was also held during this family fun event.

Highway Cleanup: Lions Marty Baker, Rich Ignatowski, Devin Irion, Lucas Swartzendruber, Tina Edler, Pat Tesh and Janet Devroye completed the final Adopt A Highway cleanup for the year, aligning with one of our global causes, Environment.



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The year kicked off with the E1 District Cabinet meeting service project. Supplies were collected and donated to three teachers in the district, helping to greatly stretch their dollars for the year!



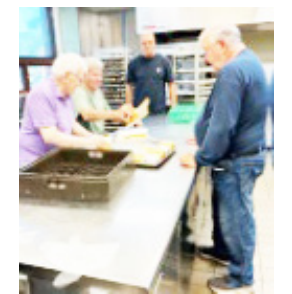
Arcadia Lions Partner with Local Churches for Migrant Farmworker Donation Drive The Arcadia Lions Club partnered with the Arcadia Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, and the Arcadia Community Center to host a month-long donation drive to support migrant farmworkers in our area. Thanks to the generosity 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. Each year, more than 500 migrant farm workers come to Benzie and Manistee counties to harvest crops valued at over \$20 million. Their hard work is vital to our agricultural economy, and the Arcadia Lions are proud to stand alongside community partners in recognizing and supporting their contributions. This initiative demonstrated the power of collaboration among service organizations, faith communities, and local residents. The Arcadia Lions extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, sorted, and distributed items to make this project such a success. Donations for this service project filled tables around the room!



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! Lions Billie Jo Parker, Katie Huber, & Pam Render



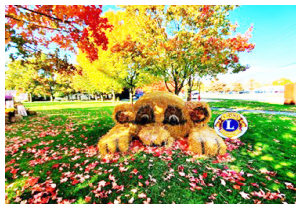
Luther Lions Have a Busy Fall Ahead – September kicked off with a pancake breakfast which was quickly followed by Feed America Truck that made a stop at the Luther Lions Club parking lot. Food was provided to those in need. They also held a Bingo night, serving food and fun. It all happens again in October with another breakfast and Feed America food truck give away. The annual Luther Lions Club Auction and Dinner will be held on October 18, another big event for the club. Midland Lions Club raised \$8,000 during its annual Chicken BBQ dinner as part of the Midland River Days Celebration. Many Lions took part in making this event a complete success. Club members gathered the Friday before at Trinity Lutheran Church to wash and wrap potatoes, wrap cookies and assemble plasticware packets. On Saturday the chicken was cooked on site at the River Days Celebration near the Tridge in downtown Midland. 700 meals were sold. Lion Sandy House screened about 75 children at the KidSight screening held during the event and identified 5-10 children needing referrals.



DG Jeff Schafer’s visited the Stanwood Lions Club and had the honor to induct new Lion Mary Engelsman. Photo (left to right): Lion Pat Langworthy (Sponsor), Lion Mary Engelsman, DG Jeff Schafer.



Big Rapids Lions Club donates to Leader Dogs for the Blind during the annual Ferris State University Fundraising event. Ferris State University and the Michigan College of Optometry is hosting their annual fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind in November. Last year District 11-0E1 gave a total of \$22,277 to Leader Dog and MD-11 donated a total of \$433,844. District 11-E1 is going to have 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 on Friday afternoon and also Blanket Tying for Sleep In Heavenly Peace at our convention location, the Evergreen Resort, during the same Friday timeslot for anyone that would like to participate. We also will do blanket tying Friday evening for those arriving later. Sleep In Heavenly Peace, 1551 S. Money Rd., Lake City Mi has a wood shop that will accommodate a maximum of 50 Lions and families who want to participate. All the wood will be cut ahead of time so we will do all the fabrication of bed sections and finish the wood, including staining, so the beds will be ready for delivery when we are done. We are looking for 15 Lions or Lion Clubs in the district willing to sponsor a bed for \$250. Contact DG Schafer for more information.



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Beaverton Lions Club: The Club pavilion has served our community since the Beaverton Lions Club erected it in 1982. Today she got a much-needed facelift to keep it standing for the next 40 years!



Boyne Valley Lions Club - Lion James Richman and Lion Dr. Nate Slezak vision screening 104 children and creating 12 referrals for additional screening. We serve by helping our youth see better!

Alpena Lions Club has launched their 5th Annual Lions Potato sale. Great Potatoes at a great price and you get to support the missions of the Alpena Lions Club.



Central Lake Lions wrapped up their Summer Roadside Cleanup project. The club has committed to three roadside clean up sessions to take care of a 2-mile stretch of M-88.



DG Marie Leathers inducted new members Lion Lori and Lion Terri.



The 25th Annual Bill Stenback Golf Scramble was a huge success, with 15 teams and over \$8,000 raised to support our community!



Boyne Valley Lions Club hosted guest speaker Kathy Anderson from the Good Neighbors Pantry, shown here with Lion King Julie Hasse.

Boyne Valley Lions Club will hold their annual Pasty Sale, bringing cozy fall deliciousness with their legendary, savory pasties. It was a sell out last year, and this year you can expect the same for this popular fundraiser. Boyne Valley Lions partner with the Boyne City High School Hospitality class for this annual event.



East Jordan Lion IPDG Dennis Gocha assists with the final clean up along the Jordan River in partnership with the Jordan River Action Group.



Oscoda Lions Club – For 24 years the Oscoda Lions Club Fall Festival Arts and Crafts Fair has drawn hundreds to this popular event. Crafters, shoppers and browsers flock to the Oscoda HS gymnasium. Many thanks to Lion Von and Lion Jane for their year-round work organizing this large-scale event, and to Lion Kay for managing the kitchen staff!



Oscoda Lions Club recycled an aluminum ramp in use by an area resident no longer in need. It wasn’t long before they reassembled the ramp for use by another resident. The installation was quick and the homeowner greatly appreciated the easy access.



We can see clearly now

Here are some ways to get involved with Eye Donation Month:

- Register to become an eye, organ and tissue donor: registerme.org
- Share stories of donation and transplantation on social media using the hashtag #EyeDonationMonth2025.
- Support Eversight, Michigan's only eye bank, and our vision of a world without blindness.
- Educate your community on the power of eye donation.

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