

# LION PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD11



## Meet the 2024-25 Governors



Front Row: DG Judy Keller, Executive Director Wendy Burns, DG Rhonda Furby, DG LaWonna Lofton-Coleman. Back Row: DG Dennis Goche, DG Jonathan VanTol, VP Mark Lyon, Council Chair Terri Huffman, DG Tom MacNaughton, DG Cory Knuth and DG Carl Cozart. Missing – DG Scott Kwarciany and DG Louvenia Shack-Seals.

MD 11 and District 10 Council of Governors met for their 2nd Council meeting of the year at TreeTops Resort in Gaylord. The Council was honored to be joined by LCI 2nd Vice President Mark Lyon

### Lions of Michigan Leadership and Graduate Institutes November 8-10, 2024

### A Leadership Tradition Continues!

Sampling of Sessions to include:  
 Team Building  
 Conflict Resolution  
 Managing Change  
 Effective Listening  
 Working with Youth  
 Bringing in New Lions  
 Lions Fundamentals of LCI and LCIF

Sessions will be led by  
 PID Gary Anderson,  
 Lion Kim Thiede,  
 Lion James Boomer,  
 District Governor  
 LaWanna Lofton-Coleman  
 and many more!



Co Chair PID Jenny Ware



Co Chair PID Gary Anderson

Lions from across the state will network and exchange ideas while forming new friendships and becoming stronger, more confident leaders.

Please see the Leadership Institute Application Form on Page 5 for more details.

For mail returns see ID statement.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:



**OCTOBER**  
 LIONS MEMBERSHIP GROWTH MONTH  
 VISION AWARENESS  
 LEO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH MONTH

**NOVEMBER 8-10 2024**  
 Lions Leadership Institute  
 Register thro' 10.4.24  
 MacMullan Center, Roscommon

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

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

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

**FEBRUARY 28, 2025**  
 Lions MI Forum Service Project  
 Kalamazoo Delta Marriot Hotel

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

**2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
 ORLANDO FLORIDA  
 July 13-17 2025  
 Check our website for updates & additional information





# USA CANADA FORUM MICHIGAN LIONS!



Many Michigan Lions travelled to the USA/Canada Forum in nearby Louisville this past September. Make plans now to attend this event in Atlantic City next September. Michigan has the honor of hosting the Midwest Breakfast while in Atlantic City, and you all are invited to help make this event a success!



## Leaving a Mark in Rockford: A Reflection on Service and Visibility



At a recent Lions Club fundraiser and service project in Rockford, Michigan, I found myself filled with pride as I watched my 6'8" son, Charlie Baker, working the event with his bright yellow Lions vest. Not that Charlie is hard to spot in a crowd, but with that vest on, there was no question that he was there as a Lion, representing something bigger than himself. As I watched him, a sense of fulfillment washed over me—



realized that, through him, I had left my mark on this community.

If you know me, you know how much I love that yellow vest. To me, it symbolizes everything we, as Lions, stand for: service, unity, and visibility. The purpose of that vest is not just to distinguish us, but to remind our community that we are here to serve. The Lions of Michigan do so much for our neighbors, and it's important that people see us in action. The pictures posted on social media show how we are woven into the fabric of the community, whether it's through fundraising, service projects, or lending a helping hand wherever we can.

When we wear our yellow vests, our club shirts, or our membership pins, we are saying, "We are here, and we are ready to make a difference." Whether you're six feet tall or a towering 6'8", like Charlie, the vest makes a statement. It tells the world that this is a Lions-sponsored event, and it lets people know that the Lions of Michigan are dedicated to improving the lives of others.

So, to all my fellow Lions, I say: wear it all—proud and loud! Wear your yellow vest, your club shirt, your pins, and let the world know that the Lions are here. Be seen, and in doing so, you will leave your mark, just as I am proud to have left mine through Charlie.

Together, we serve. Together, we make a difference.

Council Chair Terri Huffman, MD 11



## Spotlight DISTRICT GOVERNOR DG JONATHAN VANTOL MD11 D1

This is the GREATEST STATE to live in! We are entering our beautiful Fall season, leaves changing colors, fall harvest festivals leading to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Seasons change but our focus as Lions is unwavering, WE SERVE! Living here we have many things to be grateful for. Being a member of a Lions club is at the top of the list. These clubs allow US to make an IMPACT in our communities.

We are in the middle of a membership drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide. The health of our clubs can and will be improved by reaching out to those in our communities that would like to serve and make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

By showing and discussing the IMPACT that Lions make can be a big draw to potential members. With Lions International causes we have many areas that can be addressed. They are: Vision, Youth, Environment, Childhood Cancer, Disaster Relief, Diabetes, Humanitarian and Hunger. When talking with others stress the IMPACT that Lions have made locally and around the world.

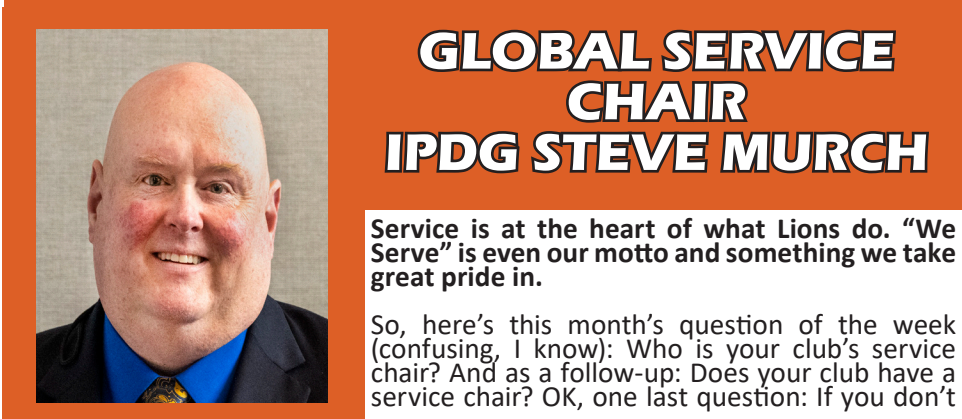
Vision is one area that the Lions are really making an IMPACT. Lions have taken on this mission in many ways. At the club level providing Kid Sight Screenings, catching issues early which allows our children to have the best chances for a fulfilling life. Providing eye exams and glasses to those that need assistance. At the state level there is Bear Lake Camp, giving campers the opportunity to experience outdoor life. Leader Dogs for the Blind helping the visually impaired to have greater freedom of travel. Eversight, helping with corneal transplants and research. There are many more examples of Lions taking the lead to address vision issues and treatment.

When discussing Lions with potential members inform them how your club addresses the needs of the community. Ask them what they think the needs are locally. Then ask them if they would like to help on a project to make an IMPACT. Working together we can serve and grow our membership.

Yours in Service - Governor Jonathan VanTol







## GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR IPDG STEVE MURCH

Service is at the heart of what Lions do. “We Serve” is even our motto and something we take great pride in.

So, here’s this month’s question of the week (confusing, I know): Who is your club’s service chair? And as a follow-up: Does your club have a service chair? OK, one last question: If you don’t

have a service chair who is keeping track of your club’s service?

Last year, as my district’s governor, I noticed that many of my clubs didn’t have a service chair. The three questions in the previous paragraph now come into play. There could be a fourth question that pops into the conversation then – does your club need a service chair?

I would contend that regardless of the size of your club, you should have a service chair. I think the reason for many of the clubs that don’t have one comes down to the club size. The small clubs likely believe that since the club is small that everyone easily knows what the service is, was, and will be. I’m not sure what the reasoning would be for the larger clubs that don’t have one.

The truth is that every club should have a service chair. While it might seem like an added responsibility with the possibility of taking away responsibilities from another club member who chairs a service project, it’s far from that.

The service chair is like a clearinghouse, where all the information comes in before it goes to its ultimate destination. The service chair is a bit like an air traffic controller who has all the planes in view and directs them when and where to land, making sure there aren’t any collisions.

For our clubs, the service chair works with all the chairs of the various service projects and makes sure there aren’t conflicts such as scheduling something on the same date. The service chair simply makes sure the club calendar is accurate, and if there is someone else who keeps the club’s calendar, they work together to keep the club members informed. Your club’s service chair can – and will – help keep your club be a well-oiled volunteer machine. The better our clubs are organized, the better they will effectively and efficiently operate. And the better we operate the more we can help our communities.

Now all we need to do is report that service, but that’s a subject for another day!

Lion Steve Murch – MD 11 GST

## Spotlight GLT MD11

PDG Traci Tribley TEAM COORDINATOR

### Strengthening Our Teams Together



As we journey together as Lions leaders, let’s take a moment to reflect on what this role means. It’s not just about titles; it’s about making a difference in our communities and supporting one another.

Ideally, we want teams so strong that it’s hard to tell who’s in charge. But sometimes, this can make us question our place in such a well-oiled machine. When we see our teams thriving, it’s easy to feel sidelined. In those moments, we must remind ourselves that we are still a vital piece of the puzzle. Start off by recognizing your unique strengths and experiences. Acknowledging your value helps you see how you fit into the bigger picture. Instead of viewing your team’s success as a reason to feel overlooked, see it as an opportunity for collective growth. Lift your teammates up; your support is crucial and rewarding.

Your team is there for you, just as you are for them. They want to make you proud and need your encouragement. When they know you’re in their corner, it builds trust and inspires them to reach greater heights. Take the time to connect, ask for their thoughts, and genuinely listen. This creates trust and opens opportunities for collaboration. When people feel valued, they’re more motivated to contribute.

If a team member could use guidance, step in and offer your support. Sharing your knowledge helps them grow and reinforces your role as a caring leader. Encourage open discussions where everyone feels comfortable sharing their thoughts. This isn’t about taking charge; it’s about creating a space where each person can step up and own their contributions. Your presence in these conversations shows you genuinely care about their growth and success.

Don’t forget to take care of yourself, too. Prioritize your well-being to be there for your team. Make time for what brings you joy, whether it’s a hobby, traveling, or a moment of quiet. By taking care of yourself, you are better equipped to be there when your team needs you. There will be times when people try to push your buttons or criticize what you’re doing. It’s important not to let negativity get to you. Focus on your purpose and the positive impact you’re making. Constructive feedback can help, but don’t let harsh criticism shake your confidence.

Surround yourself with supportive voices and remind yourself of the value you bring to your team and mission.

Let’s lead by example, showing strength and positivity in everything we do. When we support one another, we create a culture of encouragement. Be the leader who lifts others up, offering mentorship and opportunities for growth. Let’s commit to being leaders who celebrate each other’s successes. Remember, your role is just as important, and your team needs your support every step of the way.

Traci Tribley  
Global Leadership Team Coordinator

## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR PDG RON RIEBSCHLEGER

A Changing World by The Numbers....

The world is a chang’n! There is no doubt about that. It seems more people everywhere need more help than in the days of old. Luckily our Lions leaders are aware and on top of that and have set new service goals for our organization. Better said, they have set new member service goals in order to serve more people. By now everyone has heard of Mission 1.5. It says we need to hit 1.5 million members worldwide in the next two years—which is not really that hard to do if you look at the numbers. It is only about a 3% gain in members. For a good-sized club of 100 members, they only need to gain 3 new lions in two years. Easy peesie, but there is always a “but”. In this case, the but is that we cannot lose any members through the back door. FYI, Lions Club International (LCI) does not count deaths against membership numbers. Let’s do some simple math:

- 1) 10 minus 12 equals -2
- 2) 10 minus 5 equals +5
- 3) 5 minus 1 equal +4

In these examples, the first number represents new member Lions. The second is lost Lions, and the final number is a Net gain / loss. LCI looks at our net numbers constantly in order to plan for the future of the whole Lions organization. Let’s take MD 11 and SD 10 (Lions of Michigan) in this example. We have never had a year where we did not gain MANY hundreds of new lions, but in most of the last 4 decades, we have lost more than we gained (see example #1 above). Looking at either of the other two examples, if we decrease our number of “lost” member Lions, our overall results is a GAIN... simply by closing the back door and keeping members vs losing them. Big corporations have known for years that it is more (cost) effective to keep existing employees vs hiring new ones. Now the question is how do we retain our Lions and keep them from leaving i.e. decrease the second number in our examples above?

Membership retention is key to our Lions organization surviving. We are actually adapting pretty well to a changing world and much better than almost all other service organizations. A bit of research on retention would tell us to improve member satisfaction and the overall Lion “experience(s)”. How this is done is unique to each club, but it does have some common factors in most all clubs:

Keep members engaged i.e. activities and/or service projects

Communicate with members (newsletters, notes, email, etc.)

Make activities inclusive and diverse—include family

Recognize and appreciate member’s efforts

Form personal connections—pair young with older members, have social events

DISCLAIMER: This is only a partial list with a few observations. There are a gazillion ways to increase membership and member satisfaction. Every club has something different to offer and what works for one might not work for another. I realize we are a service organization and not a fraternal organization, but there is no reason we can not make serving fun. Having fun with others is always better than having fun alone. I met a club recently whose whole motto was “meet new people, do fun things” and it is working!

If you want to get more ideas on what is working in other clubs or if you simply want help with your basic math skills (from earlier), MD 11 if having a mini summit on Oct 19th available to all Lions via zoom. Watch for the invite, show up and get some ideas on how to make your club better by increasing member satisfaction and ultimately increasing retention! See you there, bring a +1...haha!

Sincerely,  
Lion Ron Riebschleger, MD11 GMT Chair



## PASSPORT TO SUCCESS!

At the Council of Governors meeting this month a new recruitment tool was introduced. The Recruitment Passport will be a valuable tool when recruiting new members. By encouraging Lions to share their stories and connect with potential recruits on a personal level, we can create a ripple effect of positive change in our communities.

### Key Uses for Member Recruitment:

- **Crafting Compelling Narratives:** The passport guides Lions in creating personalized stories that highlight the impact of their service, creating a genuine connection with potential members.

- **Building Confidence in Sharing:** It provides practical tips on how to confidently share stories, addressing common concerns and anxieties associated with public speaking.

- **Identifying Potential Recruits:** The passport prompts Lions to reflect on their social circles and identify individuals who might be interested in joining our organization.

- **Facilitating Meaningful Engagement:** It encourages Lions to invite prospective members to service projects and events, allowing them to experience the rewards of community service firsthand.

### Key Uses for Member Retention:

- **Reinforcing the Value of Service:** The passport encourages Lions to reflect on their motivations for serving, reinforcing their commitment to our mission.

- **Fostering a Sense of Community:** It prompts Lions to share their stories with fellow members, strengthening bonds and creating a sense of belonging.

- **Promoting Active Participation:** The passport encourages Lions to identify unmet needs in their communities and take the initiative to address them, ensuring continued engagement.

- **Celebrating Individual Contributions:** It provides a platform for Lions to document their service journey and recognize their achievements, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment.

There are plans in place to order passports for delivery to the District Governors at their December meeting in Lansing.



> SERVICE NEWS

# What Projects Night means for Projects!



Projects Nights are great ways for Projects to do three things: 1) express appreciation for Lions Clubs' support, 2) educate Lions about their organization and 3) receive support for their activities just as the academic year is heating up.

As you're probably aware, fundraising seems to get harder and harder every year for the hundreds of worthy non-profit organizations in our state. Grant writing takes more work, getting speaking engagements is tougher, and individual donations have seemed to taper off after COVID and our contentious and uncertain political climate. Being able to count on support from Lions, even if less than last year, is incredibly valuable to the non-profits your club supports.

As a Lion, do you feel like you understand all the organizations that your club supports? Do you know what they do? Do you know what the organizations Lions support are doing with your community's money?

Projects Nights, held in several districts around the state, are a super great way to help you "get" what Lions is about. If you've been a Lion for 50 years, or 1 month, there is always something new at Projects Night to learn about, a way to hear about our Projects' successes, and ask questions about how they go about serving people with a variety of needs. There is also usually some silliness and fun to be had at any Lions events. You won't want to miss it!

Third, funding coming in at this time of year is always greatly appreciated. Most organizations earn a large percentage of their support on Giving Tuesday or later in December. But September and October are when a lot of organizations are gearing up their major programs, including fundraising programs that take staff time and materials to reach out to supporters. This is especially true for organizations whose work is seasonal, like summer camps.

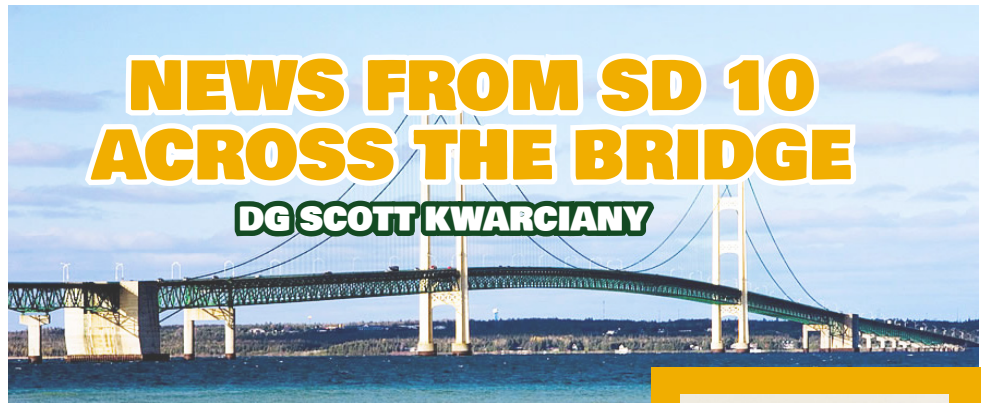
The bottom line is that non-profit organizations need year-round support to keep their doors open. When Lions can offer assistance when the usual support is at a low point, non-profits and their clients both win.

So, go to Projects Night in your area! Learn about Projects that serve our communities. And give generously!

Lion Gwen Botting, Executive Director Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind Lyons-Muir Lions Club, District 11 C-1

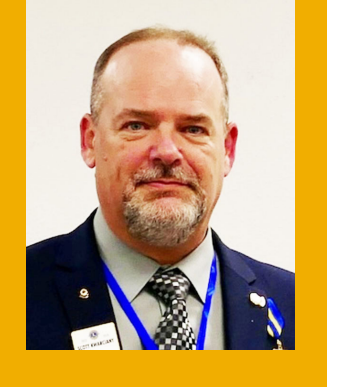


Order your 2024-2025 Who's Who Roster Today by emailing [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com) or call 517-887-6640 ext. 103. Cost: \$8.00



DG SCOTT KWARCINY

Tour Da' Yoop, Eh was a huge success! A total of \$131,000 was raised to support the District 10 Foundation, UP Lions Serve and to provide assistance to families dealing with Childhood Cancer. 29 new participants completed the 1200-mile journey around the UP, earning their plaid, with 41% of the new plaid recipients being women! Your Da' Yoop, Eh has already committed to 2025 and registration opened on 9/06 at 9:06 am.



The Gwinn Seed Library recently created a partnership with a Rotary Club from the country of Georgia. The Gwinn community garden "Rooted in Faith" has grown to the point that they will harvest approximately 500,000 seeds this fall. The visitors from Georgia will be taking many varieties of seeds back to their country.

The Bark River Lions hosted the 48th Annual Off-Road Races at the Bark River International Raceway. A weekend crowd of nearly 20,000 attended the event filling over 1000 campsites. The proceeds support local, regional and international Lions projects.



PID Jenny Ware, DG Scott Kwarciany, PDG's Joe Maki, Jim Svinicki, Dan Perkins and Tom Lanaville.







## Kindness in Action

When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It's 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.

## We Serve



# LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SAVE THE DATE

## LIONS OF MICHIGAN

### 2024 Lions Leadership Events

Two training opportunities, one location

#### LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Michigan Lions Leadership Institute is a highly regarded leadership skills development event for Lions who are emerging leaders at the club, zone, region, and district levels.

#### GRADUATE INSTITUTE

This Program expands on the topics you have learned at the Leadership Institute and gives you a few more.

#### More Information!

##### Lions Leadership and Graduate Institutes

There is a \$300 fee. This includes registration, course materials, two nights of lodging, and six meals. Arrival Friday morning, November 8, 2024. Registration between 10:30 and 11:30 followed by lunch.

Classes actively involve participants in the learning process and enable them to experience the concepts presented. The skills acquired can be used not only in Lions, but also at work and in everyday life.

When participants aren't in class, they make new friends, network, and exchange ideas from across the region.

##### Here's a sampling of classes:

- Team building
- Managing change
- Presentation skills
- Action plans and goal setting
- Conflict resolution
- Leadership
- Effective listening

#### Application form Lions Leadership and Graduate Institutes



**Deadline: October 4, 2024**  
Send completed form and payment to:  
Lions Leadership Institute  
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911

#### Applicant information

First name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club name \_\_\_\_\_  
 District \_\_\_\_\_ # years in Lions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Highest Lions office held \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you previously attended a Michigan Lions Leadership Institute?    yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

#### Which Institute do you plan to attend (check one)?

Leadership Institute    \_\_\_  
 Graduate Institute        \_\_\_

#### Payment information

##### Make checks payable to Michigan Lions Leadership Institute

Enclosed is my check for \$300 for Leadership Institute    \_\_\_  
 Enclosed is my check for \$300 Graduate Institute        \_\_\_

##### Pay by credit card online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-lions-of-michigan-leadership-institute-tickets-952906668497?aff=oddtcreator>

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 4, 2024





> LIONS PROJECTS AND CC NEWS

**ATTENTION LIONS!**

**Is your club in need of a Service Project?**



The Golden Kettle Competition Among Service Clubs

The Salvation Army proposes the awarding of a Golden Kettle to the service club that raises the most money during the annual Christmas Kettle Campaign. The winners will receive a traveling Golden Kettle trophy that will remain with the winners until the next year's competition begins. The scale of the competition can be determined by decision-makers.

Plans for the competition begin in the summer, and visits to all local service clubs are needed to introduce the competition to everyone. The name and address of club chairmen and leaders are gathered quickly so that presentations can be secured in their schedules. Shifts and locations are the responsibility of any club

that wants to get involved. Clubs must sign in with Register-to-Ring when the season opens in October 2024. Contact Lynnette Marshall, below, for information on how you can participate!

Lynnette Marshall  
 Divisional Volunteer & Christmas Coordinator  
 The Salvation Army Great Lakes Division  
 16130 Northland Drive  
 Southfield, MI 48075  
 p: 248-443-5500 x 312 c: 734-244-2839



**FALL READING CHALLENGE PDG Don Spinks**



As a parent of three children, one of our goals were to instill a love for reading in our kids. I think we were pretty successful! They all love to read.

Today I am sharing a fun, free printable Fall Reading Challenge for moms, dads & kids. I hope you enjoy these printables! When my kids were little, I loved reading stories to them. Reading to your kids expands their imagination, educates, and

broadens their minds. Some of my favorite memories were sitting or snuggling together and reading. You may find your child wants to read the same story over and over again – and that's normal!

The last 30 years of reading research confirms this simple formula—regardless of sex, race, nationality, or socioeconomic background—students who read the most, read the best, achieve the most, and stay in school the longest. On the other hand, those who don't read much, cannot get better at it. This is a proven fact.

But reading as an adult can also be very enjoyable. These days I tend to read self-improvement books, books on productivity, or religious books. And when I come across a novel that interests me, I love a good story, especially if it is a sci-fi.

Go to the site listed here and start your own printables for reading to children. Enjoy.

<https://astorybookday.com/fall-reading-challenge/>

Reading Action Chair, PDG Don Spinks MD 11 D2



**2025-2026 MD 11 Council Chair Applications Now Accepted!**

Last March, a new proposal to elect the Council Chair was presented. That proposal was reversed, and the Council of Governors will proceed with the former policy on electing a Council Chair.

What does this mean? It means that you have the opportunity to apply for the position of the 2025-2026 Council Chair no later than November 19, 2024. The seated 1st Vice District Governors will conduct the interviews and select their Council Chair for the term of 2025-2026 at the December 6th Vice District Governor session to be held in Lansing.

Interested 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 submit an application is November 19, 2024. For complete position description and qualifications overview, please refer to the MD 11 Policy Manual on our website: [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com) or contact the state office.

**MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2025-2026 Application Form**

*Please type or print:*

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Spouse's Name (if applicable)		
Address	City and State	Zip/Postal Code
Residence Phone (Include Area Code)	Business Phone (Include Area Code)	
Fax (Include Area Code)	Cell Phone (Include Area Code)	
E-Mail Address		
Your Lions Club	District #	Year Served as a DG

For complete position description contact Executive Director Wendy Burns [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com)

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER:**

Offices held at the club level:

Offices held at the zone, region, and district level (including committee assignments):

Offices held at the multiple district level (including committee assignments):

Special awards, honors, and recognitions you have received:

Skills or talents you bring to the position:

**LION PRIDE MAGAZINE**

The Lion Pride (USPS 978-200) is created and published monthly at the Lions State Office for the Lions members of Multiple District 11, Michigan, except for the combined issues of: January/February, April/May, July/Aug., and September/October, at Lions Clubs of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911.

Lions receive the publication for annual dues/subscription rate of \$4.50. Advertisements must reach the above address by the 15th of the month for publication in the following month's issue. All clubs must send their own news and pictures to their district editor, allowing ample time for the district editor to

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# Lions of Michigan All State Band Orlando Florida 2025



LMASB 2025 auditions are now being accepted and will be submitted online through December 20th, 2024. Auditions are submittable through the website lionsmiband.org

Recruiting new band members is underway as we continue to rebuild the band and prepare for the International Convention in Orlando. Please reach out to band members in your community and encourage them to check out the LMASB website at

<https://www.lionsmiband.org>

### 2025 Rehearsal Dates

January 18, 2025

March 22, 2025

May 17, 2025

Rehearsal and Performance at the MD 11 Lions Convention, DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City Michigan



PREVENTING TYPE 2 DIABETES

## Diabetes: Know your risk, Know your response

1 in 10 adults worldwide have diabetes. Over 90% have type 2 diabetes. Close to half are not yet diagnosed.

In many cases, type 2 diabetes and its complications can be delayed or prevented by adopting and maintaining healthy habits. Knowing your risk and what to do is important to support prevention, early diagnosis and timely treatment.

Do you know your risk?

Find out at: [worlddiabetesday.org/prevention](http://worlddiabetesday.org/prevention)

#WorldDiabetesDay #KnowYourRisk



world diabetes day  
14 November

A campaign led by the International Diabetes Federation



## Why a Lions Club Should Sponsor a Leo Club: Investing in the Future of Service (and Lion Cubs)



Sponsoring a Leo Club is one of the most impactful ways a Lions Club can invest in the future of their community and the broader mission of service. By mentoring and guiding young people through the Leo program, Lions have the unique opportunity to shape tomorrow's leaders while extending the reach of their own community service efforts. Equally important is the sponsorship of Lion

Cubs—programs designed to engage even younger children, instilling values of service and leadership at an early age.

A Leo Club sponsorship cultivates a new generation of service-minded individuals. Leos, typically aged 12 to 30, are eager to lead, learn, and give back to their communities. Supporting a Leo Club gives young people the platform to develop leadership skills and gain hands-on experience in organizing service projects—benefits that amplify the Lions' mission and leave a lasting impact on the community. Many former Leos go on to become Lions, ensuring the values of service continue into adulthood.

Adding to this, Lion Cubs programs engage children as young as kindergarten age, nurturing a sense of volunteerism, teamwork, and kindness early on. Sponsoring a Lion Cubs program ensures that young children begin learning about the power of community service in a fun and accessible way, setting the foundation for lifelong involvement. By engaging Cubs at a young age, Lions can inspire compassion and develop a culture of service that grows with them into Leo Clubs and eventually, Lions Clubs.

Ultimately, sponsoring both Leo Clubs and Lion Cubs helps Lions Clubs build a pipeline of future leaders committed to service. It's an investment not just in the immediate impact of these young volunteers but in the long-term sustainability and growth of the Lions organization itself. Through fostering youth development, Lions Clubs create strong, service-driven leaders who will continue to champion the values of leadership, compassion, and community for years to come.

IPDG Amy Thackston (11B2) – State Leo Chair



> 2025 Venue update

## 2025 International Convention Venue Update

Greetings Lions, Leos and friends.

I am writing to share an important update for our international convention in 2025.

We know that many of you were looking forward to attending our 107th international convention in Mexico City. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen challenges, and after lengthy and ongoing efforts to secure contracts with acceptable terms that provided the confidence we needed to host a successful convention in Mexico City, we are announcing a change of venue for our international convention.

While we are disappointed to share this update, we are excited to announce that we have been able to secure a wonderful new site in Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. for the 2025 international convention. The dates for the event will be July 13-17, 2025. Updated registration information will be provided to Lions as soon as it's ready.

Orlando is a magical city, renowned for its exemplary hotel accommodations, traveler-friendly airport and world-class convention center. The city is famous for its wide range of entertainment, including iconic theme parks, trendy shopping and great restaurants, making Orlando one of the top destinations globally.

We are extremely grateful for the partnership and collaboration from the city of Orlando, and we're already working together to create an incredible convention experience for you.

International convention is a moment like no other, and I look forward to seeing you all in Orlando, where we will truly make our mark together!

At your service,

**Fabrcio Oliveira**  
International President

**J. Frank Moore III**  
Past International President Convention Committee Chairperson

## MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES 2024

### Membership Dues Billing and Fees –Effective July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 \$48

Billing for a new member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$4.00 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the month of...	Billing date for new members	Semi-annual dues billed for each new member	New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)	Total dues & fees billed
July	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 24.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 59.00
August	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	20.00	35.00	55.00
September	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	16.00	35.00	51.00
October	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	12.00	35.00	47.00
November	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00	35.00	43.00
December	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00	35.00	39.00
January	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 24.00	35.00	\$ 59.00
February	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	20.00	35.00	55.00
March	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	16.00	35.00	51.00
April	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	12.00	35.00	47.00
May	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00	35.00	43.00
June	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00	35.00	39.00

Billing for a new Family or Student member begins on the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$2 per month and is billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

Member accepted by club in the month of...	Billing date for new members	Semi-annual dues billed for qualifying family member	New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)	Total qualifying family member dues & fees billed	Student member pro-rated dues with entrance fee waived.
July	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 12.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 12.00
August	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	35.00	45.00	10.00
September	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00	35.00	43.00	8.00
October	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00	35.00	41.00	6.00
November	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00	35.00	39.00	4.00
December	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	2.00	35.00	37.00	2.00
January	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 12.00	35.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 12.00
February	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	35.00	45.00	10.00
March	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00	35.00	43.00	8.00
April	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00	35.00	41.00	6.00
May	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.00	35.00	39.00	4.00
June	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	2.00	35.00	37.00	2.00

NOTE: INTERNATIONAL DUES DO NOT INCLUDE DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT DUES.

## MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM WELCOMES KEYNOTE SPEAKER PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN! 2025



Save the date of February 28-March 1, 2025, for this year's Lions Michigan Forum, to be held in Kalamazoo at the Kalamazoo Delta Marriott Hotel.

We welcome guest speaker PIP Brian Sheehan to the Forum this year along with his wife, Lion Lori. This dynamic duo is sure to bring just the right amount of energy, enthusiasm, and excitement needed to revitalize Lions as we rush into the final months of the Lion calendar year. The Lions Michigan Forum is an excellent opportunity for newer Lions to learn more about our association, leadership, and service.

### MICHIGAN LIONS – MAKE YOUR MARK!

This year's Forum will take place at the Delta Marriott Hotel. Join us Friday, February 28, 2025 for the large, group service project led by GST Chair Steve Murch and the District GST committee. Record service hours during this event with the hands-on training provided.

Saturday, March 1 will be a day of learning with 16 breakout sessions to choose from. Listen to the amazing accomplishments of our White Cane Scholarship recipients at the luncheon and hear from PIP Brian Sheehan as he challenges us increase service and strengthen our clubs.

Rooms will go quickly, so reserve yours now! When reserving call Marriott Reservations direct line to the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo 269-375-6000 and provide reservation code MCG. Reserve before February 10, 2025 for the reduced rate of \$114.00/night.

Each month leading up to the event there will be speaker highlights included in the Lion Pride. Complete registration information will be available on the Lions of Michigan website soon – check often for updates!





# STATE OF MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM



LION ELVIE MARFIL, STATE CHAIR

We had the incredible honor of hosting 19 vibrant youth participants from 13 different countries, with the generous support of 13 host families across 5 Districts. What an adventure it has been!

Our journey began on July 25, 2024, when our Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) participants arrived in Michigan via Detroit and Chicago airports. Despite facing some initial challenges with flight cancellations, delays, and rebookings due to a global cybersecurity outage, our excitement never wavered.

On July 28, Districts B2 and C1 came together in a spirit of camaraderie, bringing 8 and 3 participants respectively, to enjoy a fun-filled day at Michigan's Adventure. It was just the beginning of the many memorable experiences we had planned.

By August 3, we were proud to present 6 youth exchange participants from District A1 and C1 at the Council of Governors (COGs) meeting. These young ambassadors also had an opportunity to visit Ashley, Portage, Mattawan, Muskegon Northeast, Paw Paw, ReWayne and Wyoming Lions Club meetings, where they were warmly welcomed.

The Fruitport Lions Club then treated our youth from District A1, C1 and B2 to a delightful picnic and a Huffmaster swimming party-a perfect way to enjoy the summer sun and build lasting friendships.

Our host families went above and beyond creating unforgettable experiences for the youth exchanges. From visits to Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village to Kalamazoo Art Museum, Air Zoo, Gilmore Car Museum, Harley Davidson Store, and even a thrilling air show, Whitecaps baseball games, and trips to Chicago, Ohio, Canada and Mackinac Island-the adventures were endless!

From August 11-17, all 19 YCE participants finally came together at the Lions Bear Lake Camp. Under the enthusiastic leadership of PDG Traci Tribley and her amazing team of counselors, the camp was brimming with excitement. Everyday was packed with activities-from raising and lowering the flags to cabin clean-up, arts and crafts, fishing, challenge courses, boating, swimming, volleyball, rock climbing, zip lining, archery, dancing, singing, s'mores by the campfire, ice cream socials, and even simple moments of joy playing cards. We truly had the time of our lives! Council Chair Terri Anne Huffman grace the occasion and gave out Certificate of Attendance to our Youth Exchange as well as to our LEOs alike.

As much as we wished the fun could go on forever, all great things must come to and end. Saying goodbye was tough, but the Muskegon Northside Lions Club gave our youth exchanges a memorable send-off with a fantastic pool party.

To all the clubs and districts who donated to this wonderful program thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your support made this incredible experience possible. I sincerely hope that the Youth Camps & Exchange Program becomes a cherished part of your yearly budget. Together, we are making a world of difference!

Emails from District Chairs, parents and youth exchanges around the world:

Dear Elvie  
I'm writing to express my appreciation for the exchange. Thank you for trying your best to get us to experience as much as possible.  
I'm now at home in Austria in my little village and it's completely different compared to the US. I think that it's the perfect opportunity to get to know other cultures and other people.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Austria at my home.

Best regards  
Niki Klambauer  
Austria

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Dear Janet,  
I don't know how to thank you and express my deep gratitude for the Unforgettable stay you gave Alexia. She came back enchanted and so amazed by all the things you made her discover and all the moments you lived with her and all the young people she met.

You were an incredibly foster mom for Alexia:close, dedicated and generous in your involvement You really spoiled them too much!!!!

She has made some wonderful friends, both with you and with many of the young people. We really hope to see you again and welcome you warmly to Belgium. It's the least we can do for you, and of course your family is welcome too! We hope all the best for you and your family, and of course for the recovery of your husband and sister. And a wonderful wedding filled with love and happiness ...

With all my friendship and respect  
Best regards  
Christel Durant  
Belgium

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Dear Elvira!  
Thank you for the pictures and your kindness with email and in the camp. Our



Anna arrived home fortunately, she felt very well with her host family and in the camp too. So thanks for the good memories. I wish you lot of good things for the future with friendship.

Krisztina, Anna Lazar's mother  
Hungary

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Dear Elvi, dear organizers of Lion camp and youth exchange, dear Family Klambauer, We would like to thank you for the unforgettable experience that Sven had with his friend Niki. (like eggs).

We would like to thank everyone for their involvement in the exchange, the host Families, the Camp in which they had wonderful and the unforgettable, fantastic experience, and boys can finalize exciting and memorable ways. Special thanks to the Family who accommodated them in the hotel after the canceled flight.

We are waiting for you all in Croatia...  
Sincerely,  
Jasminka Najcer Sabljak  
We served. Lions Club Mursa,Osijek, District 126-Croatia

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Dear Lion Elvie,  
Thank you so much for hosting our youths and giving them an experience they will treasure for a lifetime. After a long interruption due to COVID-19, they were our first students to visit USA in these five years.

We are so pleased that Ria and Maho's stay in Michigan was meaningful and fruitful. We hope that our program with you will expand further in the future.

Best regards,  
Akira Masaoka  
YCE Chairperson, MD335 JAPAN

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Hi Elvie,  
Yes, Sofia has returned home safely. She is very happy with this wonderful experience! Thank you so much to you and the host families!

I hope to work with you again next year!  
Yours in Lionism, sincerely,  
Giorgio  
Italy District Chair





# Congratulations 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees



## RONALD COLEMAN District Governor, 1998-1999

Ronald Coleman, born in St. Louis Missouri, has often spoke of deeds being more important than words. Growing up in Detroit, Ron attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1959 at 16. He went on to attend Wayne State University, attaining a Mortuary Certificate in 1963 and a BS in Pharmacy in 1968, and in 1995, he obtained a Masters in Public Health from the University of Michigan.

Ron has worked tirelessly representing the spirit of Lions Clubs International since 1979, when as a young man, he was sponsored by his stepfather Lion Robert M. Walker and joined the Detroit Renaissance Lions Club. Ron is a strong believer in mentoring, and he has sponsored more than 35 Lions.



## TITUS McCLARY District Governor, 2000-2001

Titus W. McClary was born in 1937, and he spent much of his childhood in Georgetown, South Carolina where he went to school in a one-room school house. When Titus was in 8th grade, his family moved to Detroit, and he later graduated from Highland Park High School.

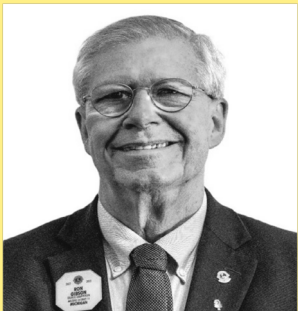
In 1961, Titus was drafted into the United States Army, and he was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for basic training. Titus' commitment to service continued after his military career. In 1965, he became only the 3rd Black police officer in Highland Park. Titus was instrumental in the chartering of the Detroit Medical Center Lions Club, which facilitated the creation of our Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers. Due to his quick wit, human and intellect, Titus was often sought after to serve as Master of Ceremonies for Lions Club and District events. Titus faithfully served in Lions for over 40 years.



## BARRY ALLEN Council Chairperson, 2018-2019

Barry Allen served 20+ years in the United States Navy, flying off of aircraft carriers during two tours in Viet Nam and three Mediterranean deployments. Retiring as a Commander in 1989, he then began a career with United Airlines, mostly flying on the west coast with seven of those years internationally on the Boeing 747. He retired in 2006 as a Boeing 757/767 Captain based at Chicago O'Hare airport.

After retiring, he and his wife PCC Peggy chartered the Manchester Lions Club and both rose quickly in the Lions Association, becoming District Governors and Council Chairs and they continue to serve at the local, district and state level.



## RON GIBSON Council Chairperson, 2022-2023

Ron Gibson has been a Lion for 23 years. He was invited to become a Lion after he had undergone numerous eye surgeries for cataracts and detached retinas. He has been blind in one eye for 30 years, which has raised his awareness of and appreciation for people with vision impairments.

Lion Ron has been a member of two Lions Clubs; Fremont in District 11-E1 and Portage in District 11 B2. Ron has contributed much of his time and energy at the Lions District level, serving as District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Guiding Lion, District Auditor, Tail Twister, District Trustee for Lions of Michigan Service Foundation and District Membership Coordinator. He has had the opportunity to speak at many Lions events, inducting many new members and installing many Lions Club officers.



## RAY ROBINS District Governor, 2011-2012

Ray Robins and his wife Lion Gail have been married for 51 years. They have two daughters and one grandson. Ray is a service brat, meaning he his parents were involved in military service while growing up. Ray joined Lions at the urging of his wife in 1995. He was inducted into the Holt Lions Club by his father Lloyd Robins, who was then District Governor of District 11-B2. Over the years, Ray has done nearly everything in Lions; including Club President (twice), Director, Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor, IT Committee Chair, Cabinet Secretary (6 years), and Roster Book Editor (10 years); culminating with serving as District 11-C2 Governor and MD 11 Vice Council Chair in 2011-12.



## JEFF HUNT Council Chairperson, 2019-2020

Jeff Hunt has dedicated much of his life to serving others and our Lions association. As a Lions member for nearly 45 years, he has seen and done it all in Lions, and he has sponsored 18 Lions members. Jeff has served Lions at every level, and he continues to do so for the Bay City Lions Club, District 11-D1 and Multiple District 11.

Jeff is an exceptional leader, completing the Masters Program at the Lions Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake. He utilizes his extensive Lions background and experiences to help others grow and succeed in leadership roles.



## STAN PRESRAW District Governor, 2002-2003

Stan spent his early childhood in Ithaca, moving to Ovid when he was 8. He graduated from Ovid High School in the class of 1950. After his freshman year at Michigan State University, Stan followed his older brother into the United States Navy, and he was quickly selected for flight school. 1955, Stan married Dorothy Owen, and they had one daughter, Susan (David) Sickelka, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In 1980, Stan and Dorothy returned to Michigan, settling outside Sheridan. In 1982, Stan joined the Sheridan Lions Club and found the perfect intersection of his Christian faith and his commitment to serve others. Over the decades as a Lion, Stan held nearly every office in his Lions Club and District, becoming District Governor in 2002.



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Club Members from around the District fall-ing into service!  
 District Goals: 60 new members by June 1, 2025. Increase Service Activities by 20%. Clubs report Service Activities by 100%. LCIF – Every member donates \$30.00 to LCIF by June 1, 2025. MAKE YOUR MARK



ID Dave Wineman and DG LaWonna Lofton-Coleman at the District Cabinet Meeting District 11A1 held their 1st Cabinet meeting in Plymouth at the Lake Pointe East Soccer Park. Together we shared ideas and thoughts while breaking bread. Thank you to everyone who participated in our first cabinet meeting, we look forward to seeing you at the next one. Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids is one of the three organizations we support in District 11A1. On September 10, 2024 the organization had their 21st Annual Gala. This 501 (c)3 non-profit organization provides wigs and support to children ages 3 to 18 years old at no charge throughout the state of Michigan. This is a wonderful fundraising gala. Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids and Lions have a strong partnership. Consider volunteering with your club members today.



Lion Maggie with guest at the Gala  
 Lions Phyllis Turner and Maggie Varney



Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club made 100's of sandwiches, chips, and drink bags along with the Carmichael's Men's Mission group from Hartford Memorial Baptist Church. The meals were distributed to those in need located in the Cass Corridor! Thank you, Lions Thomas & Carol, for putting this wonderful service project together.



District 11 -A1- with our District Governor- Lion LaWonna Coleman- a free Microsoft Excel training was taught by Lion Deborah Love & Lion Michelle White, to those who attended through the (Lions Club) international IT department... each person was elated about their training and stated that they each learned a lot of things about Microsoft Excel.

A1 Furniture Give-Away: Four more homes donated furniture, and four more homes were filled up with that furniture. To date, 4000 homes have gone from empty to full.

Livonia Lions Club members took a field trip to the Living and Learning Enrichment Center. The LLEC is growing, expanding, and serving as a model for inclusive, educational, creative activities for adults with special needs.

A group of Lions from District 11A1, moderated for facilitators at the USA FORUM in Louisville KY. DG LaWonna, IPDG Lula and PDG Ron from Michigan were all in attendance.



PDG Matt Collins present a check for \$1,000.00 to support KCAH Livonia Lions presented the Livonia AM Rotary Club with a \$1,000 donation in support of the Kids Coalition Against Hunger Meal Packing Event that will be held on October 12th at the Saint Edith Catholic Church's Hall. The club also participated in Touch-a-Truck, in cooperation with the Livonia AM Rotary Club. At this incredible annual event, the Livonia High Nooners Lions Club was able to provide free, non-invasive vision screening to children six months and older. We also provided Diabetic Retinopathy Screening to at-risk adults. Thanks to Project Kidsight, several young children were referred for follow-up care for previously undiagnosed eye conditions.



KidSight Screening sponsored by Livonia High Nooners.

Volunteers help out with the Livonia High Nooners Good Old-Fashioned Neighborhood Corn Roast.



DG LaWonna Lofton-Coleman served as moderator at a session



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This year the Clawson Lions Club celebrated the 26th anniversary of its annual "Down on Main Street" Charity Car Show. The Club's premier fundraising event, held in August boasted nearly 400 hot-rods, muscle cars, roadsters, vans, trucks, choppers, and bikes in downtown Clawson. Over 6,000 visitors and car enthusiasts came to town for this event, featuring 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.

The "Down on Main Street" Charity Car Show has been the Clawson Lions Club's major fundraiser each year for more than a quarter of a century. Proceeds from the show will enable the Clawson Lions to provide considerable 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. In the 26 years, this event has raised north of a quarter million dollars to our activity fund in support of our charities.



Milford Huron Valley Lions awarded \$1500 scholarships to two deserving, local High School graduates. Hannah Wegner & Victoria Adams have each chosen to pursue service careers. We wish them well in their endeavors. The club also celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a picnic and tributes to former Lion leader John Hill who passed away in the spring.

Royal Oak Lions Club held their 17th Annual Golf Outing in September. This highly popular event was held at the Glen Oaks Golf Club and money raised will be donated to projects which include LCIF, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Vision and Hearing assistance.



New Baltimore Lions Club members Sandy and Marie participated in "Art on the Bay", selling raffle tickets and spreading the good word about Leader Dogs and Lions.

New Baltimore Lions Club – With winter right around the corner, New Baltimore Lions are currently collecting winter coats for a give-away planned in October. New and gently used coats will be collected and distributed to both children and adults.

Eastpointe Lions Club is celebrating their 75th Anniversary with entertainment provided by the Macomber's musical group.



Lake Orion Lions Club will hold a Charity Dinner and Auction on November 2 at the Eagle Creek Academy. "Christmas for Everyone" is a benefit dinner to raise money in support of 240 families served for the upcoming holidays.





> REGION NEWS

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Blissfield Area Lions Club Continues to Place the Constitution in Their Hands For over the last two decades, the Blissfield Area Lions Club has personally delivered a pocket Constitution to Blissfield Elementary School fifth-grade students each September to celebrate Constitution Day. This service project provides interaction between the students and Lions members at the beginning of the school year. Schools in Michigan teach early American History by grade 5, including instruction and assessment on the American Revolution and the building of the new nation.

Lions President Stan Masters developed the program as a way for students to have personal access to the words and ideas found in the Constitution. Masters, a current board member for the Michigan Council for the Social Studies and former social studies teacher at Blissfield High School. The club purchases 100 pocket Constitutions each summer for distribution.



Lions Stan Masters, Dick Saxton, Russ Quinton, Adam DuMoulin, and Bob Ford participated in the program.



Members of Cereal City Lions visited Duncan Aviation, located in Battle Creek.

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club was established in June 1958. They have come a long way since then, with 42 members including one emeritus and one associate member. "The outstanding traits are member inclusion, interesting and fun meetings, exciting projects and comradery," said PDG Roger Spriggs. "Respect for tradition but willing to change." No matter what the task at hand, this club takes pride in what they do and has fun every step of the way. There is a Lion doing something in the community every day.



The Childhood Cancer Committee of District 11-B1 wants to give a big "Thank You" to every Lion who took the time to come and help fill the Childhood Cancer Backpacks in August at the Vandercook Lake Lions Clubhouse. The Committee's Blanket project with Lakeland Correctional Facility continues, so remember, if you have yarn you want to donate, we are always in need.



PDG Terry Walters is working hard to spread the good news about Leo Club and the value to the Leo members and clubs who sponsor them. To date, we have 23 Leo Clubs in MD-11 and one Leo Club in District 11-B1. We need your help and support in the next two months to get the word out about Leo Clubs and how they can have a positive impact on your club and your community.



Lions Anita, Leroy, Kelly, and Roger (Standing), Art and Johnnie (seated) Members from Jackson Host, Jackson Cascades, Jackson County Professional Virtual, and Clear Lake Virtual held a KidSight screening at the Great Outdoors Jamboree at Lake Hudson State Park. 54 free vision screenings were provided in the community.



2nd VDG Teresa Gest travelled with PCC Peggy Allen to Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, the Oglala Lakota Nation and Re-Member making deliveries of donated items, including like-new, gently used clothing, new unopened socks and underwear, sheets sets and blankets for single beds, school supplies, personal care products, baby care products, new, unopened toys, and certain medical supplies. PCC Peggy Allen collects items all year long and stores them in the 30 plus totes in their garage.



CONGRATULATIONS to new Hall of Fame inductee PCC Barry Allen, He was presented this esteemed award by PDG Roger Spriggs and PID Gary Anderson.



PCCs Peggy and Barry Allen, Manchester Lions Club

The Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club is excited to announce its ongoing RaiseRight gift card fundraiser, providing an easy and effective way for supporters to contribute to our mission. This fundraiser offers the convenience of purchasing electronic gift cards from a wide variety of popular nationwide retailers such as Amazon, Walmart, Target, and more. RaiseRight is an innovative program that allows individuals to purchase electronic gift cards for their everyday shopping needs while simultaneously raising funds for nonprofit organizations like the Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club.



Members of Concord Lions Club receive a \$400 donation Concord Lions have been serving Concord for over eighty years. Every year the Lions support Concord High School, provide glasses for those that need help, support Lions Club charities, provide Christmas food baskets, contribute to several local and Michigan organizations, sponsor the Concord Baseball and Softball clubs, and provide service and support to the Concord Community.



North Jackson Lions Club participated in their Candy Days Fundraiser, netting \$693.00 over 2 days.

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District 11 B2 is committed to providing free vision screenings to area schools through Project KidSight. In just three days, KidSight teams screened 1,795 students at 6 schools! Vicksburg Lions jump into action at area schools



Members of Lakeshore Lions Club ready to screen! Buchanan-Galien Lions, spouses, and guests recently celebrated 90+ years of Lionism and community service to the Buchanan-Galien at the Buchanan American Legion.



Buchanan-Galien special guest for the evening was District Governor Cory Knuth.



Milestone certificates were presented by Governor Cory to Lions Alice Kring (20 years), Cameron Ondresky (10 years-absent) and Lions Dianne Ross (5 years) and Rick Paniagua (5 years).



Buchanan-Galien Lion of the Year Award was presented to Lion Rhonda Harrington.



Centerville Lions Club inducted President Eileen Sweet. Outgoing President David Lehman was congratulated on his successful year as President.



Centerville and Sturgis Lions Clubs joined forces for the annual golf outing this year. Thank you to the hole sponsors, prize sponsors and the door prize sponsors too! And a great big THANK YOU to Ayres-Oak Insurance for underwriting the event with their major donor sponsorship. We could not have such a wonderful event without the hard work of the St. Joe Valley Golf course. Photos above courtesy of Centerville Lions Club President Eileen Sweet.



Lawton Lions Club held its annual awards banquet last Tuesday at The Old Winery. Our 2 student scholarship were awarded to Parker VanPeteghem and Connor Triemstra, each receiving \$1,000.



Lawton Lions presented Lion Bruce Marks with the Lion of the Year award for his many years of service and dedication to the Lawton Lions Club.



Lawton Lions Club members had a chance to visit with students that were part of the YCE program. Lion Janet Wartman housed 5 exchange students over the summer and took in two more just for the fun of it for a day. (Yes, she needs sleep!) All were incredibly charming kids and we loved hearing from them at our meeting. Lion members also had a chance to sample foods from their respective countries.



South Haven Black River Lions Club 48th Annual All Crafts Fair - We survived the wind and so many awesome people stopped to make cards for Seniors, Healthcare workers, and Children's Hospital patients. Nearly 230 cards will be delivered and make someone's day a little brighter thanks to all of you! We also loved watching the kids enjoy free Lion coloring and bracelet making. Some kids even chose to donate their Lion to the Children's Hospital patients also.



Saint Joseph Lions Club would like to give a great big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at Camp Leo's carnival night. It was a huge success due to everyone's time and effort from all the local Lions Clubs and their guests. There were even seven exchange students representing their home countries. And we can't forget about the counselors, the camp director, the cook and those who served behind the scenes. Lasting memories were made for campers, counselors, cooks and camp director!



Three Rivers Lions Club has had a busy summer which will lead into an even busier fall. They sold 1,300 dinners at the annual Ox Roast in addition to selling bean soup and homemade pie, handmade with love by the Bangor Lions Club. Club members Ken Bickle and Gary Reames sold freeze dried candy and fresh squeezed lemonade at Martin Dragway as another new fundraiser. The club awarded the Bruce C. Snook Three Rivers Lions Club Citizens of the Year to Bruce and Leilani Ruesink for their commitment to our community.

Lions Alice Kielau and Julie Mayuiers were presented with plaques, a pin and a patch for both being voted Lions of the Year.



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DORR TOWNSHIP PDG Jim and Lion Betty Maynard, from the Dorr Twp Lions Club, delivered hundreds of eyeglasses to the eyeglass recycling center to help those in need.



Sparta Lions Club fired up the grill to sell chicken dinners for the Rockford Rotary at the Harvest Festival in downtown Rockford.

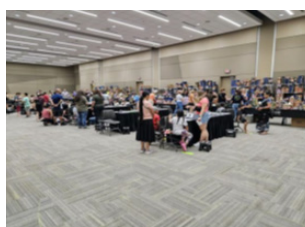


Lion Bill Sutton was this year's recipient of the Rod Prys Spirit Award. Lion Bill Sutton is a member of the Lakewood Lions Club.



Lakewood Lions Club - 2024 Woodland Chicken BBQ was another great Community Event, and profitable for the Lions! They purchased 1000 chicken halves and served around 850 people which has been the norm for the past 2 years. They sold 440 meals at the take-out location and just over 400 meals in the park. All the leftover meals were sold, making this another successful Lakewood Lions event.

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Allendale Lions held their annual Chicken dinner at the Allendale Township Park. The club has been doing this annual fundraiser since 1963! The meal included half chicken, chips, butter and a roll along with applesauce and water. DG Cheryl attended the Allendale Lions Chicken Barbecue where they cooked and sold over 800 chicken halves. The Allendale Lions Club has only 10 members of which 8 are active, and yet we still serve! Allendale was also celebrating 175 years as a township. There were many activities in the park; Auto show, inflatables, carnival games, petting zoo, pony rides, just to name a few. It was Fun for the entire family



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In addition to a busy spring, summer and fall, Fruitport Lioness Lions Club installed three new members to the club.

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Another successful "National Night Out" event is a wrap. The St. Johns Lions Club was a sponsor again this year. Thank you to Lions Nancy Presocki and Kenny Kinsey for representing the club and distributing ice cream sandwiches to a large crowd.



Attending the Hall of Fame Awards Dinner in Grand Rapids on August 3, 2024: VDG Aleta Cozart, Lion Kathy Kilbreath DG Carl Cozart, PDG Lloyd Kilbreath



LCI-Convention, Australia, newly inducted District Governor Carl and 1st VDG Aleta Cozart



Durand Lions Club member "stirring the pot" at the Chicken Barbeque Dinner co-sponsored by the Durand Area Lions Club.



Ovid Lions Club completed our MDOT Adopt-A-Highway summer trash clean-up along M-21 recently. Thank you to members Jack, Paul, Cal, Luke, Greg A, Mary, and Holly.



Team Cozart, DG Carl and VDG Aleta, attend their first Council of Governors meeting together in August.



Congratulations PDG Ray Robins! PDG Ray Robins gets pinned by PDG Karen Routson as he was inducted into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame in Grand Rapids on August 3, 2024.

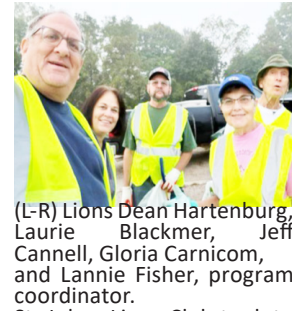


Lion Lloyd Kilbreath led a training session on the use of the KidSight camera at the Lions of Michigan State Office. On July 9th and 10th Lions from many clubs in the District held screenings at Potter Park Zoo Days in Lansing. Bretton Woods Lions also did many screenings for the "National Night Out" at Sharp Park in Delta Township on August 6th.

Mason Lions did a screening on August 10th at the Mason First United Methodist Church for Mason Community Services. The KidSight trailer was also at the Shiawassee County Fair on August 7, 2024. Please contact Lion Lloyd at 989-413-2054 to talk with him about serving in this important project in your own community.



Durand Lions Club members volunteered at the St. Mary food distribution has quickly become one of our club's regular service projects. Lions are pictured with St. Mary volunteers presenting them with a donation from our club to the St. Mary Food Pantry.



(L-R) Lions Dean Hartenburg, Laurie Blackmer, Jeff Cannell, Gloria Carnicom, and Lannie Fisher, program coordinator. St. Johns Lions Club took to the highways for their third and final Adopt-A-Highway roadside cleanup of 2024. A team of five filled nine bags in under 2 hours along Business 27.



Clinton County Champions Lions Club enjoyed a game time and raised money for Special Olympics Area 28 at a recent Lansing Lugnut's game.



Pictured left to right are Lion Angela Yarber, PDG Kurt Stromlund, Lion Larry Ciofu, Lion Melanie Cherdron, Lion Vyte Paquestte and Lion Jeannine Gogoleski.

Hartland Lions Club assisted Bountiful Harvest, a food pantry that is a non-profit organization run completely by volunteers. With support from the local community and food banks, they are able to provide groceries, meals, clothing and access to employment agencies to people in need.



Lion Kenny Kinsey received his Bachelor's degree from President Oliveira

Lions University Graduation 2024 District 11-C2 Zone Chair Lion Kenny Richard Kinsey received his bachelor's degree on September 7th from Lions International President Fabricio Oliveira at Lions University in Louisville, KY. Congratulations, Lion Kenny Kinsey!



Mason community members brought their old eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling (and picked up free plastic bags to help them do so later) at the Mason Lions Club booth at the Down Home Days Courthouse Show on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lion partners Tracy Temple and Kay Olson represented state-wide cause Eversight. PDG Karen Routson represented both Leaders Dogs for the Blind and the Mason Lions. Also representing the Mason Lions were Jeff Routson, Jenni Jordan, Jeff VanEenaam, and Doug Klein. Lions Bear Lake Camp hosted a group of Lions leaders from throughout the state on Friday and Saturday, September 13 & 14, 2024. The leaders learned all about the camp near Lapeer, MI and what they do there. They have amazing staff doing amazing things with the low/no vision kids and others who go there. Plan to visit someday soon!





> REGION NEWS

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Buena Vista Lions participated in two annual Sickle Cell walks in Flint and Detroit during the month of September, they also participated in Carrollton Lions annual cornhole fundraiser tournament and a radio livestream with Ms. Vickie Hill from 107.1fm. This last day of September, they are hosting a blood drive at the Buena Vista community center.



Pictured is Lion Pres Arland Draper with visiting 1st Vice DG Lion Gerald Whitney. Mayville Lions sponsored another successful blood drive in August. In September, they assisted at the Museum's Car Show and cooked hot dogs in addition to participating in a Mint/Candy Sale weekend. Plans are underway for their 10th Anniversary of the "Made in the Thumb" Showcase on Oct. 26th.



Flushing Lions set up the concession stand at the Annual Flushing Fall Festival selling food at the event, and took 2nd place in the Chili Cook-off. Their annual White Cane Drive was moved by City officials to a different location, resulting in a loss of sales over last year but they did bring in \$6,000.00. The Boy Scouts assist Flushing Lions Club with assembling approximately 1,500 luminaries for a December candle walk in town. It has been a busy fall for service! Kingston Lions Club held a bottle/can drive and received 7 trailer loads of bags to redeem. This will keep us busy for quite a while. We also held a Candy Day collection. We are having a raffle for 3 gift cards of \$200, \$100 & \$50 to be drawn in December.



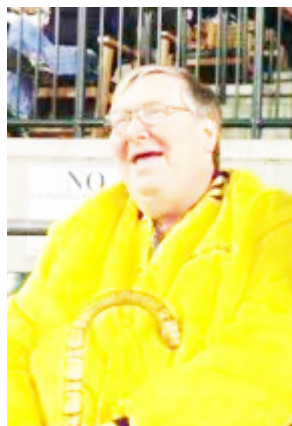
Hot dogs for all! Served by Mayville Lions

The district has a Zoom account which is available for any club or committee meeting. Send a request to this email: [district11d1@gmail.com](mailto:district11d1@gmail.com) to request a zoom meeting or call PDG Steven VanTol at 989-430-9500. Zoom meetings are scheduled on a first come basis and is available to any club or district officer for Lions business

Bay City Lions hold weekly luncheon meetings. In October they will host Aland Stamps from River Jordan Inc. River Jordan Inc empowers current and former foster youth to take responsibility of their own individual lives and become productive members of society. He has a Great Story and Wonderful Organization. Caro Lion's Club opened the Fair Stand to serve food during the Old Engine and Tractor Show in August. This year we had something new in addition to serving food. Our Past President Lion Eugene Eskelson bought the barrel train cars from the Mayville Lions. He gave rides starting on Thursday night as well as the 3 days of the Old Engine and Tractor Show. It was a hit with the kids and the adults both!

Calling all hunters! The Leader Dog team is looking for antlers. These are an approved chew for our puppies in training. If you have any laying around and want to donate them, please reach out to Lion Kristin Shively or Lion Rob Cronk. [rbcronk@gmail.com](mailto:rbcronk@gmail.com)

Linden Lions Club did a series of KidSight screenings the beginning of August. Starting with help from a couple of Vassar Lions members, we were able to screen children at McLaren's Health Fair at the Sloan Museum of Discovery. Then a couple of days later, we joined forces with the Fenton and Grand Blanc Lions for the Center of Hope's backpack blast being held in Linden.



Lion Bill Wyckoff  
 Linden Lions are sad to report the death of long time member, Bill Wyckoff. Bill was 70 years old and despite failing health, was an active member for many years. He could be seen at the Christmas tree lot and traveling around the county selling raffle tickets for the club during the summer. He served as president of the club among other positions. Bill will be missed.

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2024-2025 District D2 Leadership  
 Back row, PID Justin Faber, IPDG James White, 1st. VDG Dave Fisher, Zone chair Tim Rutkowski, Zone chair Ron Stevens, 2nd. VDG Tim Dietzel, CS PDG Don Spinks. Front D.G. Judy Keller and Region Chair Tom Watkins.

Congratulations to the District for 93% of our clubs reporting their service activities. This data confirms more Lions are learning how to use the portal and that service remains a top priority Lions of District 11 D2!

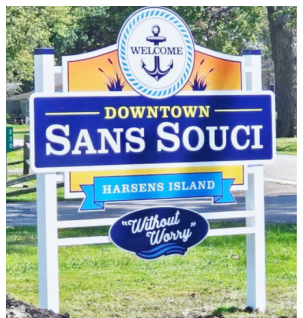
Owendale Lions Club did it again with another outstanding Corn Roast Banner Exchange. It was a great turnout with many club represented.



*District Governors Judy Keller, 2nd V. D. Governor Tim Dietzel, 1st V. D. Governor Dave Fisher, Cabinet Secretary PDG Don Spinks, and Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jack Kriete*



Sandusky Lions Club: IPDG Jim White and PDG Margaret Oldenburg installing the new Sandusky Lions Club Officers. The new President Chief Brent Lester with Past President Mark Davidson. This is a very active club that meets at noon.



Harsens Island Lions Club provided a new sign for Sans Souci Downtown and installation is complete. It is a beautiful landmark to our Island. Special thanks to the Sans Souci Downtown Inc. for providing this sign and we are proud to have it on the Lions Property. This is another way that Harsens Lions Club gives back to the community



Lion President Bill Warren presented \$1002 to Sandusky Community School members who are in charge of the project. Deckerville Lions Club unanimously voted to donate to the Flags of Remembrance Monument being installed on the grounds of the county courthouse. The monument will be engraved with the names of veterans, living or deceased, who have roots in Sanilac County and will be displayed year around. Deckerville Lions members are humbled to be a part of this tribute to memorialize our service men and women. The club has also provided hand hygiene stations for visitors to use at the town's Homecoming festivities. They were one of several organizations who donated funds for the recently installed merry-go-round at the Veterans Park playground.



Pack 376 Charter is presented by Sandusky Lions Club President Bill Warren, Patty Alexander and Irene Cole. District Leader Joseph Auito is a Lion at the Sandusky Lions Club and has worked with all of the District clubs to sponsor scout troops.

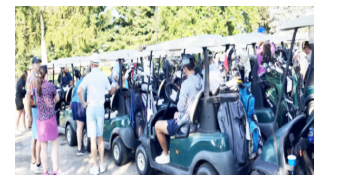
Almont Lions Club will hold a raffle to win a Cedar Swing. Tickets are \$10.00 each, or two for \$20.00. Call 810-417-3107 Lion Wes, for information. The monthly Euchre tournament will resume in September at the Almont Lions Hall. There is a \$20.00 entry fee and includes dinner. The club will hold a vision screening during the Heritage Festival – watch for the KidSight trailer on E. St. Clair Street. They will again hold the Spooky-time Blast on 26.



Sandusky Lions Club donated to support The Sanilac County Veterans Flags of Remembrance at the County Courthouse. The new monument will consist of four black granite panels on the Sanilac County Courthouse grounds, featuring the names of honored Veterans. The Monument committee is asking for monetary support from any other Lions clubs in District 11-D2.



Hadley Lions have one of the most important jobs every year at the 4th of July parade, carrying our national flag. Members always show up to serve for this important event each year.



Almont Lions Club had a great turnout for the annual Golf Outing at Heather Hills Golf Course in late July. It was an enjoyable day for all who participated.



Algonac Lions participants at the annual Pickerel Tournament



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Arcadia Lion Club second annual Migrant Farmworkers Appreciation Dinner on August 25th was very well attended, we served 255 plates of food and gave out 176 door prize tickets for over \$4,000 in cash and door prizes. Thanks to the generosity of our town members, we filled a donation room with work boots, gloves, coats, hats, household goods, toys, diapers and even some bikes! The farmworkers who attended had an opportunity to meet with various state and county health and human services agencies, have vision checks for their kids compliments of Project KidSight, pick up backpacks of school supplies for their children and enjoy a delicious meal. The kids enjoyed getting to meet Bluey who gave each of the kids a Bluey book and they all enjoyed the pinata full of candy. This was all made possible by a cooperation between Arcadia Lions, the Lutheran and Methodist churches and the PVCC have sponsored this event, which was the brainchild of Lion Rick Jones, shown serving dinner above.



Cedar Maple City Lions Club Members with their newest member at a recent meeting: President Melinda Laurent, new member Heather Durand, Spencer Jean Peterson, DG Tom MacNaughton

Central Montcalm Lions were happy to donate to the Central Montcalm Elementary snacks and school supplies for the upcoming school year. We wish the teachers and students a very successful year. We also participated in the Sheridan Community Hospital annual health fair by donating and serving hundreds of hot dogs for the day.



Coleman Lions were invited to hold a KidSight vision screening at the Family Center during the annual Back-Pack-Giveaway on August 14. We screened 18 children and referred 4 to their eye doctors for further testing. Each child screened chose a free book to take home. KidSight screenings also took place during the Sanford Founder's Day celebration at the Sanford Museum on September 7 where the KidSight trailer was set up near other Kids activities. Coleman Lions and Midland Lions worked together to provide vision screenings during the Saturday event. The club will also be holding their Charter Night on October 18.



Lake Ann Lions Club – The Village of Lake Ann declared the Lake Ann Lions Club Leader of the Week. They recognized the club for its continued impact on the community, their many contributions to improvements in Burnett Park and their many programs to support community members. Lake Ann went from a low of 8 members to 32 members in the span of two months. At one point they considered closing, but instead launched a successful Facebook campaign “Lake Ann Community Coffee” and drew lots of interest and 24 new members. Their last pancake breakfast of the year was held on Labor Day weekend and 358 hungry people attended. We have received a gift of \$2000.00 from the estate of William J. Morse to provide 4 - \$500 tools of the trade scholarships over the next four years for an outstanding student in the precision machining program at the Northwest Ed CTC. Many thanks to new club president Jeff Morse for helping to restore the roar!

Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew traveled to AuGres to build a ramp for a lady who recently moved there from Oscoda. She has mobility issues which require the use of a walker or wheelchair. Getting to her weekly doctor visits required helpers to get her up and down her steps. This beautiful new ramp will impact her life in a positive way, making it easier for all to maneuver in and out of the residence.



District 11 E1 held an excellent fall conference with 49 Lions from 16 clubs gathered to learn, to share, to serve and to donate! Interesting information was shared about Lions of Michigan All-State-Band by District Chair Robert MacNaughton. State Chair PDG Tracy Tribly brought us up to date on Lions Bear Lake Camp & Retreat Center, PDG Jim Patterson talked about the Lions of Michigan Foundation and its programs and available grants. And State Chair Elive Marfil spoke about Youth Exchange and encouraged us to invite teens from around the world to spend three weeks in our state next summer. Lions attending participated in a service project making 300 “Smartie Bags” for kids which included Smarties candies and a pencil with a positive message attached. Each Club took 20 bags back to distribute to youth in their area. The parade of checks was very generous with a total over 15,000!



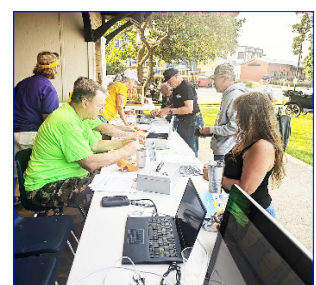
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Dennis Gocha inducted officers at the Central Lake Lions Club Meeting. He is pictured handing the gavel to 2024-2025 President Brian Graff.



AUGUST 2024 - The East Jordan Lions had their annual South Arm Classic Car Show. They had 103 participants and a cash raffle. The money raised was used for scholarships



Picture Ramp104: Scott Buich, Rick Stanley, Homeowner, John Novak, Tony Priebe

The Oscoda Lions Club built another ramp today for an elderly Oscoda couple who were having difficulty going up and down the steps to their home.

Tony Priebe, John Novak, Scott Busich, Rick Stanley, and Chuck Andrina built the 16' ramp and a small transition platform in about four hours this morning. It was a nice cool morning and great working conditions. The homeowners were very happy with the finished project and paid for the materials.

It looks like the crew will continue to have a very busy summer as there are several more requests for ramps to be built this summer. WE SERVE!





# Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Sight Leaders and Sight Supporters!

We are happy to announce Eversight's 2023-2024 Lions Sight Leaders and Supporters! This is the sixth year Eversight has supported this special recognition program, and 70+ Michigan Lions Clubs throughout the communities we serve will receive this honor.



## Lions Sight Leaders

Thank you to each of these Sight Leaders during the Lions 2023-2024 fiscal year that contributed \$3,000 or more – this amount helps offset the cost of recovering and preparing a cornea for transplant. We look forward to recognizing you with a Sight Leaders Banner Patch for your club's outstanding support.

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Eversight also thanks and recognizes each of these clubs that contributed between \$500-\$2,999. They will receive a Sight Supporter Collectors pin to display on their banner for their commitment to the gift of sight.

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Cass City Lions Club	Fruitport Lioness Lions Branch Club	Livonia Lions Club	USA Lions Club
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Central Lake Lions Club	Grand Ledge Lions Club	Metamora Lioness Lions Club	Vicksburg Lions Club
Charlevoix Lions Club	Greenville Lions Club	Midland Lions Club	Washington Lions Club
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Clawson Lions Club	Harsens Island Lions Club	Mount Pleasant Lions Club	Westland Lions Club
Deckerville Lions Club		Muskegon Northside Lions Club	Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club
		North Branch Lions Club	Wyandotte Lions Club
		Oscoda Lions Club	Zilwaukee Lions Club

Congratulations and thank you again to all clubs recognized. Please spread the good news and share this recognition with your fellow Lions Club members and district leaders. Your service gets us each one step closer to achieving our mutual vision of a world without blindness, one transplant at a time.

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