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PRESIDENT STEN AKESTAM + LCI + ANN LANDERS = DIABETES AWARENESS!

When International President Sten Akestam wanted to help raise awareness about diabetes, he turned to one of the most influential women in the world for help: Eppie Lederer, better known as advice columnist Ann Landers.

For decades, her syndicated column, "Ask Ann Landers," helped readers tackle every human problem imaginable. Millions flipped through their newspapers each morning to read Landers' thoughts on parent-child relationships, disputes with neighbors, moral quandaries, health problems and the feelings of the lovelorn. If Lions could get a letter about diabetes printed in Landers' column, they could quickly reach a wide audience with important information.

Akestam, who served as LCI President from 1986 to 1987, wrote to Landers, explaining the risk factors, warning signs and consequences of diabetes—one of the leading causes of vision loss in adults in industrialized counties. "Please print this letter," he wrote. "Millions of people need to see it, and if it runs in your column, they will."

Akestam explained that Lions worldwide were involved with diabetes screening. Readers who wanted additional information about the disease or screenings could call their local Lions club or Lions Clubs International headquarters.

In January 1987, Akestam's wish was granted. His letter and Landers' response appeared in the more than 1,100 newspapers carrying her column. "I'm delighted to print it," Landers wrote. "It will save lives. I hope you have a good number of trunks on that phone and many volunteers who are willing to answer it."

Her advice to Akestam was spot-on. Lions headquarters received more than 1,000 phone calls asking for more information. Public interest was so high that headquarters printed thousands of brochures on diabetes and made them available to clubs.

Lions' efforts to help control and treat diabetes and related complications, such as sight loss, have never ceased. Clubs host diabetes screenings in their communities, participate in annual events for diabetes awareness and raise funds for research and treatment. And with the number of people living with the disease estimated to grow to 592 million by 2035, the work of Lions will continue to be a vital part of preventing and treating diabetes.

STRIDES FOR DIABETES AWARENESS™

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THE INTERNATIONAL DIABETES FOUNDATION – DIABETES AND WELLBEING

What is diabetes? Diabetes is a chronic condition that occurs when the pancreas can no longer make insulin, or the body cannot effectively use insulin.

Insulin is a hormone made by the pancreas that acts like a key to let glucose from the food we eat pass from the bloodstream into the cells in the body to produce energy. The body breaks down all carbohydrate foods into glucose in the blood, and insulin helps glucose move into the cells.

When the body cannot produce or use insulin effectively, this leads to high blood glucose levels, called hyperglycaemia. Over the long-term high glucose levels are associated with damage to the body and failure of various organs and tissues.

The International Diabetes Foundation offers a 20-minute online course to help better understand this disease.

https://www.understandingdiabetes.org/



UPCOMING EVENTS:



NOVEMBER 28 2024
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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

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ORLANDO FLORIDA
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VETERANS DAY 2024 - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

> USA/CANADA FORUM - NEWS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SURPRISE! IT'S NOVEMBER!



Didn't we just vote in the primaries? Weren't we just complaining about those late-season mosquitoes? With the temps reaching into the 60's and 70's in the first few days of November, it's inspiring me to get digging and plant my flower bulbs before the real November sets in. Mother Nature continues to be lost in a time warp.

It's the time of year when we turn our thoughts toward loved ones and the many blessings we've received throughout the year. Sadly, we know all too well that for many the holiday season can be a painful reminder of what is missing. As Lions, we will most certainly keep in mind those who are still suffering from the aftermath of devastating hurricanes and wildfires and will reach across state lines to offer help.

I 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. No time is wasted researching a trustworthy organization and one with funds immediately available. It makes me proud to be associated with LMF, LCIF and Lions who are ready to serve through both rebuilding and financial assistance.

As we navigate through the quickly passing month of November and into December, we are all encouraged to take a moment to reflect on the privilege of giving. Serving others is personally uplifting, and just a simple act of kindness can create a ripple effect that can inspire others to join in our efforts to create a stronger, more compassionate community.

With Thanksgiving at our doorstep, let's celebrate like Lions by extending our hearts and hands to those who need it most. You've worked year-round at concession stands, cooked literally tons of chicken and have sold candy, nuts, garland, oranges, onions, brooms, raffle tickets – you name it! - to give back in the way of food baskets, holiday gifts, wheelchair ramps and so much more. You have inspired others by your tireless acts of generosity and service, and this is the true spirit of the holidays.

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

Yours in Service,
Lion Wendy Burns,
Executive Director

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



Learning is a powerful and engaging process, especially as we gain wisdom with age. I'm continually inspired by the stories of Lions throughout Michigan who dedicate their time to serve the needs of others. The Lions Pride newsletter is an excellent resource, showcasing the impact our members make across the state. I encourage you to take a copy with you to places like the doctor's office, hair salon, or a restaurant, and share it with someone you think might be a future Lion.

As Council Chair, I have the privilege of sitting on numerous committees. One of my challenges is ensuring that this wealth of information reaches our general membership. I am committed to sharing as much as possible with the District Governors and through Lions Pride, helping to keep everyone connected and informed.

We are finalizing plans for two significant upcoming events:

- **Michigan Lions Forum: February 28–March 1 in Kalamazoo**
- **Lions of Michigan State Convention: May 15–17 in Bay City**

Attending the Forum offers 16 breakout sessions that will inspire club leadership and strengthen members' commitment to service. At the Convention, you'll have the chance to meet our International President Fabricio Oliveira, participate in educational sessions, and celebrate Lions of Michigan's annual achievements. Both events are invaluable opportunities to network, meet new Lions, and build lasting friendships. (Please share these event dates in your District Newsletter!)

Service and membership remain core focuses for our leadership, and we are continually working to enhance them. I'm excited about the resources available for you to order at no cost. These booklets are wonderful tools to represent who we are as Lions and can help set the tone at your meetings.

Let's continue our journey of learning, leading, and serving together!

Council Chair Terri Huffman



Order your 2024-2025 Who's Who Roster

Today by emailing wburns@lionsofmi.com or call

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SPOTLIGHT
DISTRICT GOVERNOR DG CARL COZART 11-C2



Hello to all my Lions' friends in MD11 and SD10. My DG motto for this Lions' year is "Together We Leave Footprints."

As I make my visitations around the District I have witnessed many fine people leaving their footprints. Clubs doing great work from: Adopt-A-Highway programs; helping with chicken BBQs; selling popcorn at football games; sponsoring golf outings; helping with balloonfest; working a pancake breakfast or sponsoring a student of the month (plus, so many more, too numerous to mention). It is great to see so many Lions clubs leaving their footprints on their communities. Keep up the good work!

I have met so many nice people and have had a lot of really good fellowship. It is early in my term, and it can only get better from here. Many of these Lions have turned out to be more like family than friends.

I am enthused by the training that LCI is doing to sponsor the growth of the 1.5 Mission. Getting a diversified group of Lions together to brainstorm ideas I think can only help strengthen our goal to reach a larger membership.

The Lions organization is the best kept secret, we need to change that. We need to get out there and make sure when people hear about Lions, they don't think of football! By leaving our footprints, people are able to find us.

Sincerely yours,

District Governor
Carl Cozart

READING ACTION PROGRAM
PDG DON SPINKS



HOW LONG DO YOU WANT TO LIVE?
THIS IS THE QUESTION FOR THIS MONTH!

People who make time for reading may enjoy a longer life, which they can use to do even more reading!

A Yale University study discovered that book readers were 20% less likely to die over the 12 years of research compared to non-book readers. This study indicated that books were more beneficial for longevity than magazines and newspapers. For me, I would like to live as long as possible. I have found that reading a book will take me to more places of adventure. When compared to reading news articles or magazines alone, it may not have the same effect on you. Quick read articles seem lack the long lasting impression that reading a book has.

With the holidays quickly approaching and our minds spinning in a million directions, settle in and enjoy total body comfort with an interesting book. There are many books available with a variety of holiday themes to get you in the spirit.

Come on now, give it a try!

Reading Action Chair, PDG Don Spinks MD 11 D2

GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR IPDG STEVE MURCH



During the holiday seasons our clubs tend to slow down a bit, either by meeting less frequently or perhaps doing less service. It's understandable because this time of year is family time, and everyone enjoys gathering with loved ones and celebrating.

It's easy to lose sight of the fact that not everyone is able to enjoy the holidays, what with all the lights, parties, gift-giving, etc., that can overwhelm our senses. But there are so many in our communities who simply are unable to celebrate. Some don't have the resources to celebrate while some others have health issues.

Many clubs have found ways to serve during this time of year in a number of ways. Some clubs help with food baskets or other hunger-related services. Others hold Santa events or Christmas parties for kids or families who need a little help. And of course, several of our clubs will take a turn ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign.

If your club doesn't do anything for the holidays, it's not too late to formulate a plan – and it wouldn't be something you have to spend money on, which can be a struggle if you haven't budgeted for it. There are so many ways to help our communities without a financial obligation, and most clubs have found ways to do that throughout the year. Adding one other service project, especially one that doesn't need budgetary considerations, shouldn't be difficult and you should be able to convince your club members simply by reminding them – "We Serve."

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army is an easy one to do, it's as simple as checking with your local Salvation Army if they need bell-ringing shifts. Most likely do need the help and what a great way to help out and keep the Lions name in front of the community.

Sometimes all anyone really needs is a friendly ear. There are so many shut-ins in our communities and so many lonely people who simply need a little companionship. It's a simple act of kindness that can go a long way to make someone's holidays a little less lonely.

Your local library might be able to use your help, and Lions can read Christmas stories to kids. Reading to kids is a great way to volunteer and provide a much-needed service at all times of the year, but especially this time of year.

Service doesn't need to take a lot of time or effort, just a little imagination and recognition. If you can identify a need this time of the year, your club should try to fill it.

Lions find ways to serve at all times of the year, and we should continue to do so at this time of the year.

Thanks for all you do.

IPDG Steve Murch, Global Service Team Chair

SPOTLIGHT
GLT MD11 PDG TRACI TRIBLEY TEAM COORDINATOR



As leaders, we are often encouraged to step up, take on more responsibility, and lead with confidence. But there's something important we don't always talk about, taking on leadership roles for the right reasons. Leadership isn't just about filling a position; it's about having a genuine passion for what you're doing and building a team that you trust and can lean on.

When you're building your team, make sure you're putting people in positions where they feel comfortable and confident. Everyone has strengths, and a good leader recognizes those strengths and uses them to empower others. It's not just about getting the job done; it's about ensuring your team feels valued, supported, and confident. When people are in the right roles, they bring their best selves forward, and that's how real progress happens.

At the same time, I want to remind each of you that leadership is a choice, and it's okay to step back if your heart isn't fully in it. If you're feeling doubt or hesitation, take a moment to reflect. Are you taking on this role because it's something you truly want, or because you feel like you should? If you know deep down that you can't give 100% the way you'd want to, it's okay to pause. You deserve to enjoy the work you do, and it should never feel like an overwhelming burden.

Leadership, at its best, should be something that energizes you, not something that adds stress to your life. It's about finding joy in the work, the people, and the impact you're making. So, as you move forward, make sure that when you step into any role, you're doing it with a clear heart and a sense of purpose. Surround yourself with people who will lift you up, and build a team that reflects the values and vision you're striving for.

Remember, leadership isn't about doing it all, it's about doing it right, for yourself and for those you lead. Trust your instincts, listen to your heart, and know that the most meaningful leadership comes from a place of authenticity and care. Let's continue to build strong, supportive teams that inspire each other to grow and succeed.

Yours in Service,
Lion Traci Tribley PDG
Lions of Michigan MD11 Global Leadership Team Coordinator

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR PDG RON RIEBSCHLEGER



GREAT NEWS. NO MORE POLITICAL ADS! HAHA!

More great news: as of mid-November, we are in double digits of NET gain for our MD11's membership growth. SD 10 to the north is also into the double digits. Congrats to all. Hopefully, both will continue the current track and just maybe…hit triple digits by the end of the year. A number unseen in many decades in Michigan!

We have lots of new "tools" coming out for your membership toolboxes. More importantly, we have many opportunities for training coming up in the winter season to show you how to put these tools to use. Lions Club International in general is evolving and trying to stay current. Our trainings will include new ideas and even involve Artificial Intelligence tips for everyone to use. This information is easy to use and is going to help you to keep our members involved and happy. It has been proven over the years that the more involved members are in service projects, meetings, and/or fund raisers, the happier they will be and the more satisfied they are with the Lions club experience. It's a win win situation for all.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming training via zoom and mark your calendars for a series of 1-hour seminars on growth & membership from LCI on Jan. 16th, 30th and February 13th. These seminars are making their way across the nation to ALL Lions clubs and members to update us on the latest and greatest that our organization has to offer. The seminars are being received with enthusiasm and were not even scheduled to get to the Midwest until Spring, but the schedule was moved up due to popularity.

Keep up the great work and enthusiasm. Remember, the more you participate, the more fun it is to play!

Sincerely,

Lion Ron Riebschleger, DDS
Global Membership Team Chairperson MD 11/GAT Co-Chair Midwest



GLOBAL EXTENSION CHAIR - PDG BRENT BERACY



CALLING ALL LIONS:

IGNITE YOUR PASSION AND GROW YOUR IMPACT IN 2025!

Fellow Lions, are you ready to elevate your service and leadership to new heights? As we prepare to usher in another year of service, now is the perfect time to recharge, refocus, and reignite our passion for making a difference. That's why we're thrilled to invite you to a transformative experience: the "Fire Up to Grow" session happening in January 2025!

Why You Can't Miss This Event
As dedicated members of Lions Clubs International, you already know the power of community, service, and leadership. The "Fire Up to Grow" session is specifically designed to equip Lions like you with new tools, fresh perspectives, and powerful strategies to enhance the incredible work you're already doing.

This isn't just another training. It's a dynamic, hands-on experience tailored to help you unlock even more potential, both within yourself and your club.

What's in Store for You?

1. **Inspirational Keynote Speakers with a Lions Focus**
Hear from inspiring Lions leaders and visionaries who have made a significant impact both locally and globally. Learn from their experiences, gain insights into overcoming challenges, and discover innovative ways to amplify your service projects. You'll leave inspired and ready to take on new challenges with renewed energy.

2. **Engaging, Interactive Workshops**
Get ready for interactive workshops and breakout sessions designed to help you refine your leadership skills, strengthen your club's community impact, and explore new service opportunities. Whether you're a seasoned Lion or a new member eager to learn, there's something here for everyone.

3. **Networking with Fellow Lions**
Connect with passionate Lions from different clubs and districts, exchange ideas, and build partnerships. This is your chance to strengthen your network within the Lions community, share success stories, and find inspiration for your next big project.

4. **Practical Tools for Club Growth and Member Engagement**
Leave with actionable strategies and resources to grow your club membership, increase engagement, and drive impactful projects. Discover how to leverage Lions International's tools and resources to maximize your club's effectiveness in 2025.

Lion Brent looks forward to seeing Lions attending from everywhere in Michigan!

PDG Brent Beracy, Global Extension Chair

> SERVICE NEWS

GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE

by Lion Doug Klein, APR, CTA

The world of marketing and public relations can sometimes feel like a maze of jargon and acronyms. Why should our Lions Club marketing volunteers understand the lingo? Expectations for results and success often depend on a more accurate understanding of the terms used. Here's a concise glossary to help you navigate the language often used interchangeably by those outside of the marketing and public relations professions:

MARKETING: The ongoing two way asymmetrical process of planning, changing and executing the conception, pricing, promotion and distribution of ideas, goods, and services to create opportunities for exchanges that satisfy organizational objectives and meet the wants and needs of those in targeted markets.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The ongoing process of maintaining two way symmetrical relationships and goodwill between all publics or stakeholders inside and outside the organization and the organization's management through researching the interests of publics, planning and recommending change in an organization's actions, communicating those actions to publics and evaluating the results of those communications.

ADVERTISING: Any paid form of non-personal communication through a media about a product, service, or idea initiated and paid for by the organization as an identified sponsor.

PUBLICITY: News carried unpaid in the media about an organization and its products, services, ideas, policies, personnel, or actions for which placement is initiated by the organization.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: News or other form of non-personal communication made available to publics, especially the media, concerning an organization and its products, services, ideas, policies, personnel, or actions for which placement or communication is initiated by the publics.

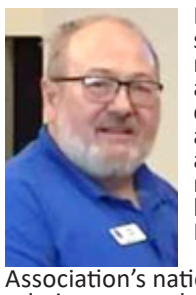
PROMOTION: A blend of advertising, personal selling (direct contact), sales promotion (special events), and publicity initiated by the organization to accomplish an organization's marketing objectives.

BRAND: A brand represents the identity and perception of a product, service, or organization. It encompasses visual elements (such as logos and design) as well as intangible aspects (like reputation and values).

MEDIA RELATIONS: Media relations involve managing interactions with journalists, editors, and other media professionals. PR practitioners work to secure positive coverage for their clients or organizations in the news.

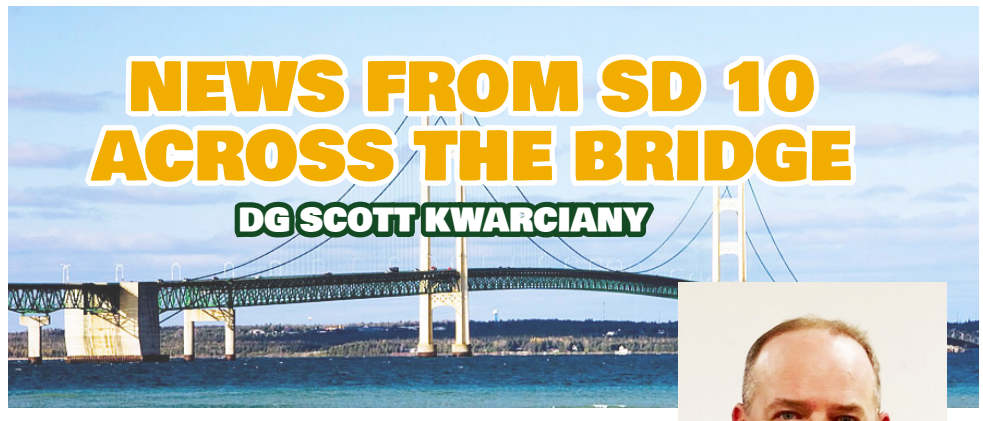
SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING: Social media marketing leverages platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn to promote products, engage with audiences, and build loyalty.

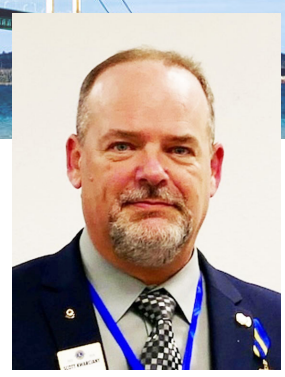
Remember, these terms often overlap, and context certainly matters. So, whether you're a marketing guru or just dipping your toes into the PR pool, understanding the similarities and differences in these concepts will help you better navigate the ever-evolving landscape of promotion.



Lion Doug Klein regularly passes along tips to help your Lions Club sharpen its public relations and marketing efforts. He has been a member of the Mason, Michigan Lions Club since he retired in 2018 as a Lansing Community College adjunct professor of public relations, communication, business, and marketing. He is currently serving as Mason Lions Club Secretary, District 11-C2 Public Relations Chair, and MD11 State PR / Information Chair and Marketing Chair. A member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1983, he has held their prestigious APR designation (Accreditation in Public Relations) since 1996. He was inducted into the American Marketing Association's national honorary Alpha Mu Alpha in 2012. Contact him with any public relations or marketing questions at (517) 775-8601 or at dougklein@usa.net by email.









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.



Tour Da' Yoop



The Gwinn Seed Library

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.



Bark River Lions U.P. off-road races.

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.

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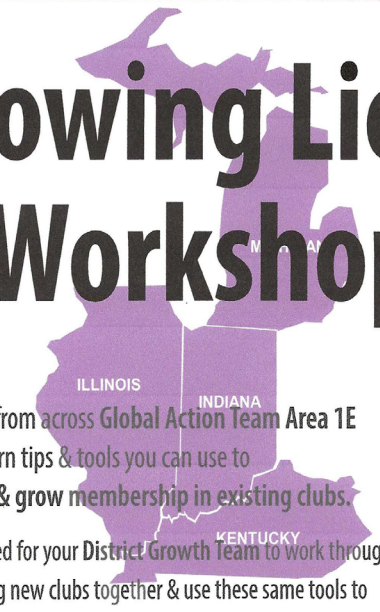
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This Workshop is designed for your District Growth Team to work through the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)

Thursday, January 16
Thursday, January 30
Thursday, February 13

Advance Registration Required

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow

Workshop Overview

- Session 1 - Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 - Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 - Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available

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> LIONS PROJECTS AND FORUM NEWS

What it Means to Ring the Remission Bell!

Submitted by Lion Chris Smith



Ringing the remission bell is a tradition for children with cancer to mark the end of their treatment and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives!

● It's a sign of a time to celebrate the end of a difficult journey and focus on the future!

● It's a symbol of accomplishment!

● It's a source of hope and inspires hope in children towards the future!

The tradition was started at MD Anderson Hospital in 1996. Children's hospitals often have large gold bells for patients and their families to ring. Remission means that a child's cancer symptoms have disappeared or lessened after treatment. However, remission can be partial or complete, and there's always a risk that the cancer will return. After remission, children have regular follow-up appointments and tests to monitor for any signs of the cancer returning.

This year, on October 13th, 2024, Senya Smith, an 11 year old girl from Marquette, who has battled cancer since diagnosed in October of 2021, was able to proudly ring the remission bell at the NMU and MSU basketball game in Marquette. Alongside her were four Northwood Airlifeline (NWALL) heroes, the pilots that transported Senya by flight to MOTT in Ann Arbor for the care that she needed!



This is what it means to Ring the Remission Bell!! Congratulations Senya and family!!!

***For more information about the D10 Childhood Cancer program, please visit uplionsserve.org/childhoodcancer**

Disaster Relief Grants

When natural disasters strike, Lions are among the first to offer help. With a disaster grant, they can do even more for communities devastated by hurricanes, floods, fires and other major events. As a foundation, we are proud to offer a variety of grant options to support various stages of disaster relief operations.
LCIF Disaster Relief Grant News: As of September 1, 2024, any expenses previously covered under the Community Recovery Grant can now be funded through LCIF's Emergency Grant program. The Emergency Grants will continue to support Lions in disaster-affected areas by providing assistance for immediate and short-term recovery efforts. We appreciate the impact that Community Recovery Grants have made, and we look forward to seeing how Lions continue their vital work through the Emergency Grants program.

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/disaster-grants

Michigan Lions Forum Welcomes Keynote Speaker PIP Brian Sheehan!



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.

2025 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM – MAKE YOUR MARK!

We've made the move to Kalamazoo! This year's Forum will take place at the Delta Marriott Hotel. Join us Friday, February 28 for the large, group service project to benefit Sacred Blessings, as well as receive hands-on training in reporting service to LCI.

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 LCI guests PIP Brian and Lion Lori Sheehan as they challenges us to keep our clubs alive and members engaged.

Rooms will go quickly, so reserve yours now!
When reserving call Marriott Reservations at 1-888-236-2427 use code MCG, or the call direct line to the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo 269-375-6000 and provide reservation code MCG.



SAVE THE DATE FOR PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN 2025

LIONS! MICHIGAN FORUM FEBRUARY 28- MARCH 1 2025

Lions Michigan Forum Session Highlight: Human Trafficking



Join us on March 1 for a powerful, informative session led by Lion Stephanie Graef, District 10 and Leslie King, Director of Sacred Beginnings, located in Grand Rapids, MI.

Lion Stephanie is President and Founder of the U.P. Human Trafficking Task Force located in Marquette. She has been a guest speaker at numerous statewide annual conferences in all disciplines relative to human trafficking including follow-up onsite staff training and recommended actions steps to implement reporting policy and procedure.

Learn about what human trafficking is, why it is here in our state, and how to recognize the signs of someone in danger.

OUR MISSION
To build and maintain a collaborative effort in combatting the human trafficking problem in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, with a victim centered, trauma informed, and multidisciplinary approach.

The U.P. Human Trafficking Task Force is a non-profit organization who is tasked to

- Identify all victims of human trafficking
- Investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases
- Address the victims needs through an array of victim service partners

Our team collaborative is comprised of the DOJ U.S. Attorney's Office, Homeland Security Investigation, FBI, state prosecutors, state and local law enforcement agencies, tribal communities, survivors, schools, hospitals, churches and social service providers in the U.P. and beyond.

What is Human Trafficking?

EXPLOITATION FOR PROFIT
Human trafficking is the business of stealing someone's freedom for profit. In some cases, traffickers' trick, defraud, or physically force victims into selling sex. In others, victims are lied to, assaulted, threatened to work in illegal and or inhumane conditions. It is a multi-billion-dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to over 25 million people around the world.

* Polaris

February 28-March 1, 2025
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo, Michigan

2025 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2025 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" $15.00
2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal) $20.00
3. 1/2 page ad 3.6 x 10" (vertical) or 7.5 x 4.8" (horizontal) $25.00
4. 3/4 page ad 7.5 x 7.4"..... $40.00
5. Full page ad 7.5 x 10"..... $50.00

EXHIBITOR'S SPECIAL!
Rent an exhibitor's table (**includes one lunch ticket**)
and run a full-page ad in the Michigan Forum book for just $85.00!

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISING FORM

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Billing Address:_____

_____
(City, State, Zip)

Phone: _____

Email address: _____ _____

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
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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: 2-10-2025
Please send completed form and checks to: Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

2025 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM

MICHIGAN LIONS-MAKE YOUR MARK! Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2025
Featuring LCI Guests, PIP Brian & Lori Sheehan

Join us February 28-March 1, 2025 at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo
2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Reservations available at the
BEST WESTERN SUITES KALAMAZOO
269-350-5522 Room Rate: $117.00
Registration Cost: $50.00/person
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.23163.html?groupId=8D6QX5G2

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. ***ONLINE REGISTRATION COMING SOON!***

Name _____

Address_____ _____

Club Name/District_____

Contact Phone_____

Email_____

Names of Registrants: Food Allergies:_____

1._____2._____

3._____4._____

____ Registrants at $50.00/person* = $_____

***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!

EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT
MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2025: February 28-March 1

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2025 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the **Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, 2747 S 11th St., Kalamazoo, Michigan**. ***(Set up available on 2/28/25)*** Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of $55.00 **OR** $85, which includes an ad in the Forum proceedings booklet and one lunch ticket. 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, 7:00 – 9:00 pm; Saturday, 8:00 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; 1 Lunch Ticket *and*
Full-page Ad in the Michigan Forum Proceedings Booklet for just $85.00!
EXHIBITOR TABLE ONLY: $55.00
Registration Deadline to guarantee lunch and booklet: February 10, 2025
MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO: LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM
5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911
PHONE: 517.887.6640 FAX: 517.887.6642 EMAIL: wburns@lionsofmi.com

Name:		
Business:	**Club:**	
Billing Address:		
(City, state, zip)		
Home Phone:	**Business Phone:**	
Email address:	**Cell Phone:**	
DO YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP?	☐ **yes**	☐ **no**
☐ **Enclosed is my check for $**		

MEET THE SESSION SPEAKER FOR THE 2025 FORUM

> LMSF NEWS

District 11-C1 Project KidSight and Read Between The Lions



The morning of November 7, 2024, Lion members (9) from Alto, Fruitport, Muskegon Northside, Wyoming Lions Clubs sponsored a Project KidSight Free Vision Screening and Read Between The Lions at Bunker Elementary Schools in Muskegon County.

We screened 432 students and 94 showed one or more eye problems. Children who receive a "Refer" should be examined by an ophthalmologist or optometrist as soon as possible. Read between the Lions screened 58 students.

Lions of Michigan KidSight program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in children. If diagnosed early 90% of vision disorders can be corrected, however, when vision problems are not detected early, a child's vision can deteriorate to the point of irreversible blindness.

The "Read Between the Lions" is a screening for the eye movements used with readers. The target population for the screening would be those learning to read (grades 1-3) and any students struggling to read up to any grade level.

The unusual part of the screening is there is also a remedial portion for those that struggle with eye movement control . That can be discussed after the screening with you and local Lions.

Our goal is to help children see their best by offering free vision screening at local schools.

We thank Lion members that volunteered their time and Ms. Tiffini Booth that worked with us to make this event successful.











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,

Fabrício 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 1st	$ 24.00	$ 35.00	$ 59.00
August	August 1st	20.00	35.00	55.00
September	September 1st	16.00	35.00	51.00
October	October 1st	12.00	35.00	47.00
November	November 1st	8.00	35.00	43.00
December	December 1st	4.00	35.00	39.00
January	January 1st	$ 24.00	35.00	$ 59.00
February	February 1st	20.00	35.00	55.00
March	March 1st	16.00	35.00	51.00
April	April 1st	12.00	35.00	47.00
May	May 1st	8.00	35.00	43.00
June	June 1st	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 1st	$ 12.00	$ 35.00	$ 47.00	$ 12.00
August	August 1st	10.00	35.00	45.00	10.00
September	September 1st	8.00	35.00	43.00	8.00
October	October 1st	6.00	35.00	41.00	6.00
November	November 1st	4.00	35.00	39.00	4.00
December	December 1st	2.00	35.00	37.00	2.00
January	January 1st	$ 12.00	35.00	$ 47.00	$ 12.00
February	February 1st	10.00	35.00	45.00	10.00
March	March 1st	8.00	35.00	43.00	8.00
April	April 1st	6.00	35.00	41.00	6.00
May	May 1st	4.00	35.00	39.00	4.00
June	June 1st	2.00	35.00	37.00	2.00

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

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE 2025

LEO AND CUB GALLERY!

Leo & Cub Gallery: Email your photos or Social Media Links to State Leo Chair Lion Amy Thackston

thackstona@gmail.com
to get them in the next issue.



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Mattawan Leo's- The Mattawan LEO Club brought in close to $1000 in monetary and food donations for the Mattawan Area Pantry at their annual fall food drive. Thank you LEOs!



South Haven Lion Cubs- Lion Cub Zoey has official recruited new members and the Club has started meetings and fun events. Lion Cub Zoey still reads to seniors every Wednesday. The new cubs have learned Zoey's Crayon Collection process and love helping. The cubs also decorated bags for Kids Food Basket, ensuring kids get nutritious meals and a reminder that the community cares, and helping at several community, and Lions Club even







Sturgis Leo's- The Sturgis High School Leo Club kicked off their 2024-25 school year with an impressive turnout of 22 students. They have been painting Kindness Rocks to spread positivity around Sturgis and the high school and prepared fall treat bags for residents at Thurston Woods





Volinia Leo's- Cleaned up their 2 miles of adopted highway, trails at Russ Forest, and plan to volunteer at Newton's House Fall Festival on October 13th!





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Frankenmuth Leo's – The Frankenmuth Leo Club is off to a strong by helping to collect donations at the "I Support the 1% Pantry" food drive at Frankenmuth Kroger, supporting local veterans. Leos also presented handmade fleece blankets to the Saginaw branch of Sleep in Heavenly Peace.





Western Leo's- 2024-2025 Leo Board and awesome Leo shirt!



SD10
Vulcan-Norway-Loretto LEO Club teamed up with the Lions Club during the Leif Erikson events to sell food, assist with childhood vision screenings, and participate in the parade, demonstrating strong community spirit. Additionally, the LEO Club members created heartfelt cards for children in the Upper Peninsula battling cancer, they also promoted wearing gold, a symbol of strength for young fighters, and handed out gold necklaces at a Friday football game, with NHS cheerleaders joining the cause.





LIONS OF THE UNITED STATES & Its Affiliates

Growing Lions Workshop

Join Lion leaders from across Global Action Team Area 1E to learn tips & tools you can use to **start new clubs & grow membership in existing clubs.**

This Workshop is designed for your District Growth Team to work through the process of starting new clubs together & use these same tools to rejuvenate membership in current clubs — and, if all goes well, have a new club chartered, or well on its way to being chartered, by the end of the 6 week session or soon thereafter.

All sessions are virtual & begin @ 7 PM CST (Central)

Thursday, January 16
Thursday, January 30
Thursday, February 13

Advance Registration Required
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

https://bit.ly/AreaEGrow

Workshop Overview

- Session 1 - Mission To Grow, Resources, Clubs Types & Formats, Develop Your Team, Identify Areas of Opportunity & Site Research
- Session 2 - Promoting the New Club, Inviting A New Generation, Recruitment Models, Recruiting Tips
- Session 3 - Formation Meetings, Club Process & Approval & Launching the Club
- Each session involves a 120 minute virtual learning component, success stories, and an assignment to complete before the next session
- District Teams will work together during each session to plan & strategize
- Live participation in all sessions is strongly encouraged
- Session recordings will be available

> LIONS WHITECANE SCHOLARSHIP

2025 LIONS OF MI SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

2025 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

There will be three $3,000 scholarships awarded.

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office

Attn: Scholarship Committee Phone: (517) 887-6640
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 Fax: (517) 887-6642
www.lionsofmi.com
email: lions@lionsofmi.com

Scholarship Criteria

1.Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).

2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN JANUARY 12 2025
8. Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation.) Two weeks notice required.

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 _____
Zip _____
City _____
State _____
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)
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☐ Books
☐ Housing
☐ Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____
☐ Other (please specify) _____

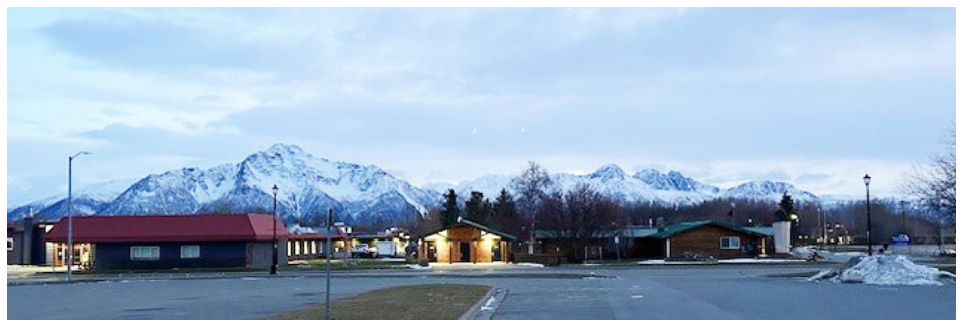
Organizations, Activities and Awards

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 _____
Date _____
Applicant's Signature _____

ID DAVE ATTENDS MIDWINTER CONFERENCE IN ALASKA!

SUBMITTED BY LION LINDY WINEMAN

ID Dave Wineman was guest speaker at the Palmer Alaska Midwinter Conference for Lions District 49A





With a three hour flight from Anchorage - Palmer is a hidden gem of a town in Alaska and the Lions of 49A couldn't be more friendly and hospitable. Not only was ID Dave made extremely welcome but the Northern Lights decided to put on a show over the towns water tower for us!



ID Dave shown here is teaching the Lions of 49A (and B) on the Lions University Course of Public Speaking. This class was originally taught by PID Esther Lamothe and more information can be found at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum website and also under Lions University.org.

ID Ski Marcinkowski (shown on left) was our guide and counterpart for the visit.

ID Dave also has a link to resources for any Lion interested in finding out more about this course at:
http://www.thumblions.com/Resourcesforpublicspeaking.pdf

it was a pleasure to be part of the ceremony for inducting 8 new Lions to the Palmer Lions Club - part of District 49A.
Photo shown here includes the current District Governor Russ Ingram III third from the right.





ID Dave was also key speaker for the Friday night banquet and held everyone's attention with his presentation on Servant Leadership. Lion Lindy also presented on the growing use of Artificial Intelligence and its expanding use in social media and marketing for Lions Clubs using Chat GPT and more. Special thanks goes to PDG Lion Daniel Marney Elkins for his help and expertise with **www.Lionsvirtual.org.**

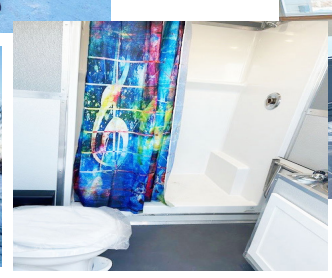


In Anchorage we were priviledged to be able to visit a brand new Lions Project called IOBY In our back yard! The lions have build 5 tiny heated houses in a mid town setting close to the towns amenities. It is specifically for retired unhoused people who have no where to go. Each little house includes 2 beds, a microwave, fridge, heating, hooks to hang belongings.



The adjacent trailer shown below also houses a laundry complete with washing machine, and drier and a two toilets and showers. For more information on this amazing project go to:
https://inourbackyard-ak.org/







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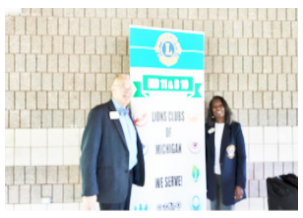
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Club Members from around the District fall-ing into service!
District Goals: 60 new members by June 1, 2025. Increase Service Activities by 20%. Clubs report Service Activities by 100%. LCIF – Every member donates $30.00 to LCIF by June 1, 2025. MAKE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



ID Dave Wineman and DG LaWonna Lofton-Colman at the District Cabinet Meeting
District 11A1 held their 1st Cabinet meeting in Plymouth at the Lake Pointe East Soccer Park. Together we shared ideals 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





Sleep in Heavenly Peace hosted their -Bunks Across America event at Lowes Allen Park where their goal is to build 7500+ beds for our neighbors. In SE Michigan, their goal was 100! We joined them and spent the day working to bring a good night's sleep to kids in our community. Lion Matt Collins, Lion Andrew Whidby Jr, Lion Alton Kirksey, Lion Michael Bowens, and Lion Rodney Young were in attendance. Together We Serve Our Communities!



Detroit Westown 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 the 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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Royal Oak Lions Club held their 17th Annual Pecky D. Lewis, Jr. Golf Outing at Glen Oaks Golf Club on Thursday, September 19, 2024. We had 36 foursomes, a beautiful day, a wonderful steak dinner and a most appreciative participation by all the golfers. Money raised will support our annual donations to Lions Charities and community needs. Pictured are Lion Marty McMillan, Co-Chair of the event, as he welcomed the golfers, and one of the Hole Sponsor Signs.



Rise Against Hunger - Food Packing at St. Stephen Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 21, 2024 Four Royal Oak Lions (Maureen Kennedy, Laura Mastracci, Cindi Wells and Bob Westbury) and one former Royal Oak Lion (Mary Lambrix) joined about 45+ others to pack meals for folks in Asia. Rise Against Hunger's motto is Feed them First, after which they teach people how to dig wells for clean water, how to farm, and how to be self-sufficient. Other Lions, students from Troy High School and many members of St. Stephen church worked together for about 2.5 hours to pack 15,000 meals.



Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event



Troy Community Lions held KidSight Screenings at 2 fire stations in Troy, in conjunction with the Troy Fire Dept. Open House. 62 children were screened.

St Clair Shores Lions Recognized as Model Club For Campaign 100. Congratulations!

Eastpointe Lions Club is celebrating 75 Years of Service with PID Justin Faber, LCI guest speaker and entertainment by the Macombers.



Christmas for Everyone is a charity dinner and auction held annually to assist Lake Orion Lions Club provide 240 holiday dinners and winter break meals for area seniors and community members. The event takes place in early November and is supported by several area businesses.



It was a great time at the Beverly Hills Halloween Hoot this year, with 1st VDG Mark Scicluna getting in on the fun!
Roseville and Eastpointe Lions Clubs teamed up to build an incredible ramp for a local veteran in need. It was work, but very rewarding to those who made this project a success.



New Baltimore Lions Club handed out candy to trick or treaters while selling raffle tickets to win a golf cart.



Many New Baltimore Lions Club members turned out to support Penrickton Center for Blind Children at the annual kickoff dinner.

Shelby Townships Lions Club: Get ready for an unforgettable night of fun and philanthropy! Join us for the Charity Vegas Night on Fri, Feb 21st, 2025 at 6:00 PM EST at The Palazzo Grande, 54660 Van Dyke Avenue, Shelby Township, MI 48316.
Experience the thrill of Las Vegas with casino games such as poker, blackjack, craps, roulette, and over 50+ slots. Enjoy live entertainment, delicious Hors D 'Oeuvres, and open bar while supporting a great cause. Ticket cost: $100.00



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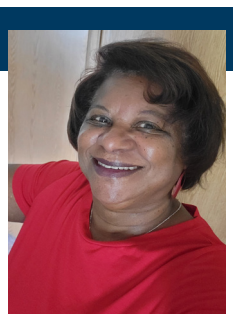




This photo dates back to the 1950's of Richmond Lions Old News Boys Richmond Lions Club: Since 1941 the Richmond Goodfellows program has assured that no area child goes without Christmas. Richmond Lions Club members will be at street corners and at area businesses with the 83rd edition of the Goodfellow Newspaper to accept donations. Special thanks to the 150 area businesses and individuals that purchased ads in support of their community. 100% of the collection goes towards assisting families with food, children with toys to assist during the holidays and year round.

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Vandercook Lake Lions Club held their 30th Annual Drawdown. It was a fantastic night with lots of people taking their chances at winning one of the various games. Thanks to everyone who came to the VCL Lions drawdown and a special thanks to the members of the Vandercook Lake Lions Club for working the event.



Manchester's Witches Night was a huge success despite the pouring rain. Manchester President Colleen A. Schoenfeld (right) won second place in the costume contest. PCC Barry Allen didn't even get an honorable mention for his effort!



Cereal City Lions visited Duncan Aviation in Battle Creek, the largest privately owned business jet service provider in the world.
Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club was established on Wednesday, 4 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. They were honored with the 2023-2024 District 11-B1 “Karl Sorrick Club of the Year” award at the Banner Exchange held at the Napoleon Lions Club.

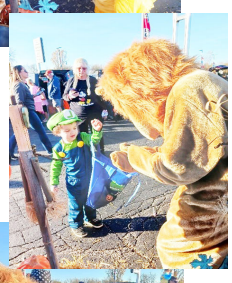


34 students participated in the Peace Poster contest.
Clinton Lions Club: Britton/ Deerfield Middle School held an assembly to recognize all the artists that participated in the Peace Poster contest. There were 34 overall entries. Ella had the winning poster and is now entered in the district competition. Good luck and congratulations Ella! The winner was declared! Ella will go on to compete in the MD 11 contest.



Beauty meet the Lion Beast at the Clinton Lions Club Lenawee County Halloween event - FUN WAS HAD BY ALL!







Jackson Lions Diabetes Service Club hosted a Talk and Taste event at the VCL Clubhouse. Mary Guttierrez presented how to make breakfast healthier for diabetics. The egg bits served were delicious and the decorations added to the atmosphere. Thanks to Vandercook Lions for sharing their Clubhouse.



Jackson Lions Diabetes Service Club members and Jackson Eyeopener members attended the Strike out Diabetes bowling fundraiser in Marshall which raised over $5,000 to benefit Breakthrough T1D.



North Jackson Lions Peace Poster 2024 entry from Kidder Middle School. Eli, on left with winning poster. Mr. Khon. art teacher with Gabriel’s picture, Harper and Mr. Brooks MS Principal. We gave prizes for the three top drawings.





PCC Barry Allen cleans up well Manchester Lions Club: Lions volunteered to clean up the Battle Creek Schools Outdoor Recreation Facility where we hold the Winter Camp for the Blind on February 7 - 8. Some raked/blew and swept leaves and others painted the entire backside of the lodge. Thanks to all who participated.



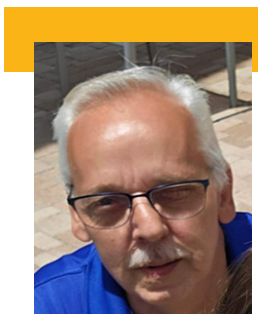
Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club: PID Esther LaMothe met up with Jelly Belly in Indiana on her way to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, KY. One never knows what adventures await us.



Lions Diane Schweda and Karen Hutton with the Interfaith Shelter manager,

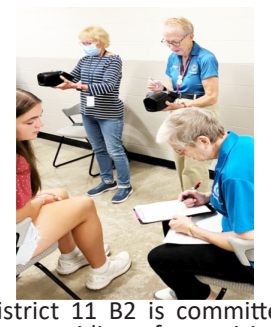
Jackson Eyeopeners also donated a device to help prevent choking to the Interfaith Shelter. It may be used with children as well as adults.

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District 11 B2 is committed to providing free visions 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.



Centreville 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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The Lyons-Muir Lions Club Hosted District Governor Cheryl Anderson on Tuesday, October 15th. DG Cheryl inducted 3 members into the club, including the club president! All received their official pins and certificates and are pictured with their sponsors. From Left: Amber Rux, Betsy Svanda, PCS Gwen Botting, FVDG Earl Howell and Karen Erskine. Another member, Lexi Green received her pins and certificate but was unable to attend.



Lyons-Muir Lions are gearing up for their annual Christmas gifts for children in need in their community. They purchase clothing (boots, coats, even socks and underwear) and a toy for children at the local elementary school who are identified by the school as low income. They gather the presents in early December, wrap them, and deliver to the school before Winter break. It's a fabulous service project!



Allendale Lions held a KidSight screening during a Back-To-School event. With the help from 4 members from the Allegan Lions, and District 11-C1 Project KidSight chair, Lion Sandra Graham, they were able to screen 36 children, out of which 2 were referred.

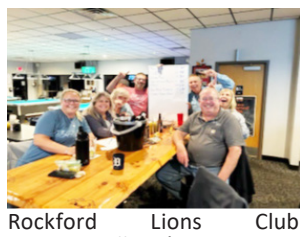
Middleville Lions volunteered for a KidSight screening at the Wayland Expo.

Fruitport Lions Club held their annual Fish Fry in October at the VFW Post 3734 in Fruitport. Several Lions Clubs were in attendance and enjoyed a delicious fish dinner along with a fun raffle and great fellowship! Their upcoming annual Old Fashioned Christmas event will be held on Friday and Saturday, December13th & 14th at Pomona Park, Fruitport.

Congratulations Ravenna Lions Thank you for your 70 years of service!



Not all service projects run smoothly, but Lions always accomplish their mission to serve! FVDG Earl Howell with Lyons Muir Club along with help from Lion Ken Adamy from the Alto Lions traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to pick up 54 mattresses that were to be used for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project (SHP). On their travels home they ran into some rough roads causing one of the mattresses to become loose of its bindings and roll off the trailer. While driving along the edge of the highway to find the mattress, they unfortunately ran over a piece of metal. After speaking with a highway worker who stated he observed another driver stop, load the mattress on their truck and drove away with it. With 2 tires on their truck beginning to lose air, they were fortunately able to make it back to Michigan in one piece. The next day after the tires were repaired, they delivered the 53 remaining mattresses safely to their destination in Grand Rapids. Thank you FVDG Earl and Lion Ken for your Kindness & Service – "Making sure no kids sleep on the floor in our Town!"



Rockford Lions Club -Occasionally, it's even more fun to throw in a social gathering for no specific reason other than having fun with friends! Here's the perfect example of a group of Rockford Lions Road tripping to the neighboring Sparta Moose Lodge to visit some Lions friends and participate in a game of trivia. Yes, we happened to win with the help of some extraordinary brain power and a little bit of luck, but most importantly we had a great time with friends! RLC was our team's name, which was short for Rockford Lions Club. The club also had a very successful Harvest Fest which included a Scarecrow building event with 1,100 build-your-own scarecrows being sold! Assistance was provided by the Rockford football team, Rockford Honors Choir and Cub/Boy Scouts. Donations were made to North Kent Connects, the Rockford History Museum and their charitable contribution fund. They have been busy with White Cane, a roadside cleanup, and on October 22nd they held a can drive.



Wyoming and Alto Lions assisted with Read Between the Lions program.

Read Between the Lions" is a screening for the eye movements used by good readers. The target population for the screening would be those learning to read (grades 1-3) and any students struggling to read up to any grade level. Lion members (13) from Alto, Fruitport, Muskegon Northside, Wyoming (District 11-C1 and Portage Lions Clubs (District 11-B2) sponsored a Project KidSight Free Vision Screening and Read Between the Lions at Muskegon Christian School and Marquette Elementary Schools in Muskegon County. 515 students were screened and 56 showed one or more eye problems. Children who receive a "refer" should be examined by an ophthalmologist or optometrist as soon as possible. Lions of Michigan KidSight program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in children. – Lion Sandra Graham



GRAND RAPIDS Lions Club provided a Tandem bike (side by side) that was needed by a client from Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired organization.
Since this is a custom bike, they would not make the bike unless it was fully paid for. The Grand Rapids Lions Club fronted the full $14,000 for the bike to be made. On Saturday, Nov 16th there will be a fundraiser "ride" in Millenium Park. Riders and spectators are needed. If each club would be able to send Lions to help Lion Osman Koroma ride the 50 miles it would make the ride successful! Each alternate rider will ride 2 1/2 miles with Osman down the path. Donations and pledges to the November 16th ride will help to help reimburse the Grand Rapids Lions for the cost of the bike.

Ravenna Lions held their annual Fruit-Coop Steak Fry and Raffle. This event began in 1968 remains a successful fundraiser to this day. Ravenna Lions Club Chartered on September 15, 1954 and celebrated their 70th Anniversary with a party, recognizing the club's rich history and honoring those who have passed. Fundraising projects over the years have been selling brooms, light bulbs, trees, pancakes, picnic tables, coloring books, and mints. Pennies have been pitched, cement poured, fences built, trees cut, highway and park litter picked up, bridges built and walking trails constructed. They continue to be leaders in the community they serve.



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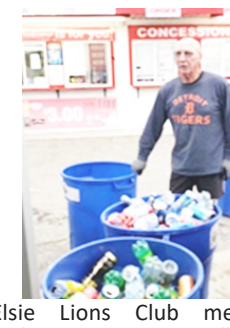
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Eaton Rapids Lions are at it again! This time doing Adopt a Highway cleanup! Great job Lions! Anyone interested in joining us for projects please message us!



Elsie Lions Club held a 50/50 at the Newly Renovated Owosso Speedway, all proceeds were donated to the Elsie Food Pantry. Also, every Sunday after a race Lions members pick up cans and donate proceeds to the Elsie Food Pantry!



Elsie Lions Club member, Arden Densmore, collecting cans from the Owosso Speedway Race Track, Elsie Lions Collected cans after all races this summer, donating all proceeds to the Elsie Area Food Pantry, for a total of $5,400!



Breton Woods Lions took part in the Halloween Trick-or-Treat Trail again this year. Over 700 kids were excited to get the Lions Fizzy Mints that were handed out. The event took place Oct. 9th at the Lansing Mall this year because of construction at Sharp Park.



Lansing Capital Lioness Lions Club recently welcomed new member Lion Angie Penner to their club.

On October 22, 2024, District 11-C2 held its second Cabinet Meeting of 2024-2025 at the Delhi Café in Holt. The meeting had a Halloween theme, and many costumes were quite inventive! Here are a few pictures from the event. The next Cabinet Meeting will be held Saturday, January 18, 2025 at the Perry VFW.



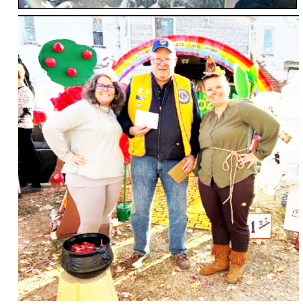
Breton Woods Lions Club-Lions worked along with many other volunteers building about 50 beds for local needy children Oct. 12th . The local non-profit, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, conducts bed builds and deliveries once a month. Lion Dave Grimes is shown sanding boards.

Vermontville Lions Club: In a great example of community partnership, the Vermontville Lions Club thanks the following for support and sponsorship of their 17th annual Trunk or Treat:

- Kelly Fuels Vermontville Express for donating all the hot dogs, buns, chips, condiments - and $225.00 of gift cards.
- The Village of Vermontville for the Great Park and outstanding support from Chris Rumsey.
- The Maple Valley Soccer Club - Taylor Cushing for providing the children's games.
- Maple Valley High School - Mr. Sari and the FFA for assisting the trunk contestants in parking their vehicles and policing up the park.

The Vermontville Lions Club is appreciative of everyone that participated. What a great Saturday afternoon!







Grand Ledge Lions Club: A big thank you to Kirk Venier for spending Tuesday evening speaking with our club about the WKAR Radio Reading Service. They offer a free service for those with difficulty accessing reading materials due to visual, physical, or cognitive conditions.

St. Johns Lions Club: Lion Dean Hartenburg, club president, presented Bill Tennant with a $500 check for the Clinton County Arts Council representing a portion of food trailer sales during the summer concert series. Thank you



Another successful Freedom Hunt took place October 16-19 at Fort Custer. Bretton Woods' Lion Mike Bokovoy was on the original steering committee and works at this event for veterans with a disability each year. Lion Mike starts the program with a hunter safety class. Wood carvings are raffled off, a banquet is held, and of course veterans hunt. Twenty hunters participated on Saturday and 40 on Sunday. A total of 11 bucks were bagged.



Olivet Lions Club visited the Lions Leader Dog Training Facility for a tour and presentation. It was a fun and informative day for everyone.

DeWitt Breakfast Lions President Tom Doyle presents a $2000 to Lion Gail Watkins who sits on the Board for Clinton Transit (the Blue Bus which services the Tri-County area with rides for seniors and the disabled.



DeWitt Breakfast Lion Treasurer Lion Sharon DeBar presents Heather from the Tri-County Office on Aging with $2,000 for Meals on Wheels.

to the Arts Council and the City of St. Johns for allowing us to be the exclusive vendor for these events -- also to the wonderful patrons who continue to support our food trailer fundraiser.

Bath Township Lions Club: Trunk and Treat was a big success and our club's mascot made some new friends. There were a lot of pictures taken with him.



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Buena Vista Lions Club members have been actively participating in October clean up, voter drives and trunk or treat. We were also fortunate enough to help a young man with his visual needs. We are currently preparing for an upcoming blood drive, Thanksgiving and the Christmas shopping spree in December.



Caro Lions Club spent one night a week for 3 weeks making 50 nosew blankets in October. Our blankets go to the State Police, the Sheriff's Office, the Methodist Church, the Homeless Coalition and the Child Advocacy Center to name a few. Pictured is Tony Szcygiel, Lions Club President giving 10 blankets to Kathleen Sweeney, Director of the Child Advocacy Center in Tuscola County. We started making no-sew blankets in 2019 and have made approximately 210 blankets to date, donating to those in need.



Fenton Lions Club member, Dave Dipka,, twice a month, drives visually impaired ladies to lunch. They appreciate all he, on behalf of the club, does for them. Also pictured is PDG Duane Wilcox inducting the new president of the club.



Flushing Lions Club started the month by attending the Fall Conference with a crew of Puppy raisers from the Club. The donation to the Leader Dogs for the Blind was donated the month before due to a matching grant which doubled the amount of $4,000 donated to the School. This was not included due to the September deadline for the doubling of donations. A donation was also made in honor of IPDG Bill Bauder to the Eastern Michigan Food Pantry. 12 members attend the Leader Dog School for a tour of the facilities. They also had the opportunity to be blindfolded and be led by a Leader Dog. The Leader Dog Puppy Raisers of our Club, led by District Chairman Kristin Shively have visited 5 clubs with dogs and one of our blind Leader Dog recipients have now given presentations to five clubs.

Hemlock Lions Club's annual chicken barbecue was followed by the presentation of four scholarships for Hemlock High School graduates of the Class of 2024. The recipients were: Hannah Borsenik, Lauren Borsenik, Emma Streich and Avery Ross. Pictured is President Pat Hagarty presenting the scholarships.



Frankenmuth LEO Club purchased 9 fleece blanket kits with monies they raised over the school year. During the summer they met at the Lion Haus and made the blankets. A Frankenmuth resident, Dan Redford, is starting a Saginaw County "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" Chapter and had a table at the Frankenmuth Health Expo in late September. Some of the LEOs were able to present the blankets to him at that time.





Goodrich Lions Club had 13 volunteers between Lions members and the local Boy Scouts participate in the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. They are working on the holiday decorations for Main Street, making sure they'll light up! We had Kristin, Peggy and Rob from the Flushing Lions come in and talk with us about how we can help/volunteer for Leader Dog, which all three of them are involved. Peggy has had several leader dogs and Kristin & Rob are puppy raisers!





Mayville Lions Club teamed up with the local Cub Scouts and hosted a Family Fun Day. Activities included fishing, roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, and being introduced to the Tuscola Co K9. A week later it was their 10th annual Made in the Thumb Showcase, and on Halloween served up cider and donuts for the trick or treaters

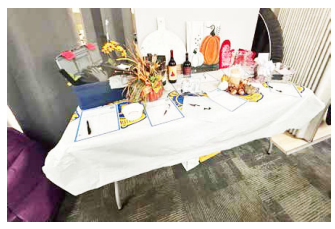












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Algonac Lions Club have several members that have served their community for over 50 years. Meet three of them pictured above :Lion Bob Morrow, Lion Jerry Gordon and Lion Carl Stieler.



Hadley Lions Club hosted the 2nd Annual Spooktacular event on Halloween with great support from the community. We estimated that we served over 400 people. A great time was had by all of us. The theme this year was spooky pirates. Hadley Lions Club has a creative way of selecting a winner of the LCI Peace Poster contest. They will host a spaghetti dinner and allow guests to vote on the posters. The winning poster will be voted upon at the MD 11 Council of Governors meeting in December.
Port Huron Host Lions Club members served cider and doughnuts to the Trick or Treaters at Sanborn Park. This is a great way to keep the children in a safe environment and provide a fun service to the community. No trick! Just treats!



MEMPHIS LIONS CLUB: Eighth grade Leo's helped hand out Constitution Booklets to local fifth graders. Questions about the constitution and elections were asked and correct answers were awarded with a candy bar. This was done in conjunction with the Memphis Schools. Teachers were in class when the upper classmates quizzed the fifth graders about the constitution





Memphis Lions Club also hosted a chili cook-off with many participants and lots of tasters for our second annual event. We even made a small profit considering we served free hot dogs, pop and hot chocolate. Looking forward to next year's event with a few changes. Instead of chili, it will be a SOUP COOKOFF, with anything pumpkin for dessert. This is a wonderful community event for kids and adults on Halloween. Memphis Lions scared up some good fun at their Halloween event!



Port Huron Host Lions had a spaghetti dinner on 10/17 to assist the District 11D2 Pediatric Oncology Project. Between profits from the dinner and donations from Port Huron Host Lions and District 11 D2, $6,000 was raised at this event.

Almont Lions sponsored a KidSight vision screening in Almont during the Almont Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 21 and again in Dryden during the Dryden Fall Festival.
Marlette Lions Club installed an aluminum ramp for a local community member. Shown are club president Ron Stevens and PDG Don Spinks.



Lions Ron and Don put the polishing touches on a new ramp for a local resident.



MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB: We were recently challenged by our friends at Algonac Lions Club to help donate items for patients receiving treatment in Pediatric Cancer Units at Children's Hospital in Detroit and Mott's U of M Hospital. Our club and individual members stepped up to assist. A special donation, of many knitted hats, was provided by ET Thomas. The club also donated to the Marysville's Youth Soccer Association and Safe Horizon. Both representatives shared information about their goals, activities and how they serve others.

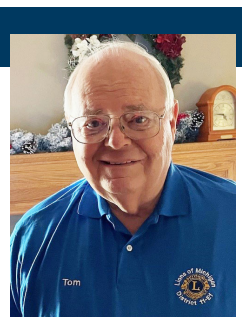


ALMONT LIONS CLUB Many families participated in the 27th Annual Spooky Time Bash! The weather was great and a fun time was had!



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PDG Jim Patterson led a presentation on the Lions of Michigan Foundation during the Fall Conference.

The Weidman Lions Club has been very busy. At their annual picnic, they presented four $500 scholarships to graduating seniors Ariana Todd (Chippewa Hills), Carleigh Thompson (Chippewa Hills), Payton Butkovich (Beal City), and Mackenna Sellers (Beal City). Other Club activities were Spring Wheatland, White Cane Fundraiser, Whitbecks Grocery (Clare) Fundraiser, Weidman Sawmill Days, Blood Drive, Fall Wheatland and District Governor, Jim Patteson inducted four new members to the Club, as well installing new officers for 2024-2025.



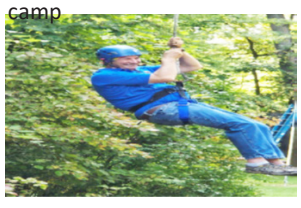
Lion Al Roeseler Moderates a Panel Focused on Increasing Membership during the Fall Conference



Lions Bear Lake Camp is a State Project that all Michigan Lions Clubs are asked to support. There isn't another camp like this in the state that offers the programs LBLC provides for the kids in Michigan. When budgeting for 2025, please designate funds and any additional donations for this very special camp.



Lions Bear Lake Camp is accessible to all! DG Tom MacNaughton casts a line with DG Carl Cozart and PDG Kurt Stromlund while spending time at Lions Bear Lake Camp. Lion Steve Glazier enjoys the Zip Line at camp



PCC Jeff Schafer's service dog in training, Captain, attended his first Forum.

Arcadia Lions participated in our twice-yearly road cleanup through Adopt a Highway. In addition, the club hosted a Pancake Breakfast over Labor Day Weekend and throughout that weekend, volunteered for the Minnehaha Brewhaha Music Festival, held annually in Arcadia, to benefit the Music Moves Me Foundation which promotes music education in schools.



Central Montcalm Lions had a busy September. We had our highway cleanup day on September 25th; which we do three times a summer. We also donated to the Stanton Rotary Club to help with repairs and renovations to Maddie's Park in Stanton, Mi. We look forward to hosting our zone meeting on Thursday November 7th at 6:00pm at the Stanton American Legion.

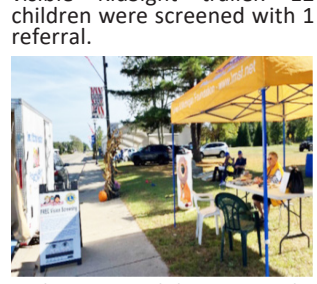


Four Coleman Lions members drove to Louisville, KY to attend the USA / Canada Forum September 5-7. They enjoyed seeing Lions from around the world, some of whom were current and Past International Presidents, Directors and their families. There were fabulous inspirational speakers at each meal. Lion Ann Roeseler participated in the Strides Diabetes Walk the first day along with several hundred other Lions! There were interesting and informative sessions each day. They learned about new opportunities to serve globally and ways to improve our work locally. PCC Jeff and PDG Sheryl Schafer's service dog in training, Captain, attended his first Forum! PDG Al and Lion Ann had their picture taken with the current Foundation Chair, Dr. Patti Hill whom they had met at another USA / Canada Forum before she became the Lions International President! Michigan Lions in attendance gathered for a group photo. IPIP Hill with Lion Ann and PDG Al Roeseler at the Forum.





Coleman Lions participated in the annual fall event, a Walk Thru Town was the biggest it has ever been with 74 businesses and churches setting up tables along four blocks of Railway Street. Coleman Lions participated in the local event by not only providing games and treats for kids as in the past years, but by also providing KidSight screenings using the highly visible KidSight trailer. 12 children were screened with 1 referral.



Luther Lions Club Bingo night was a great success with the proceeds going to the UPLIFT Program for the Pine River School Children. Special thanks to our amazing Kitchen Crew who cooked up and served the food at this event. Great Job!



Weidman Lions Club presented four $500 scholarships to graduating seniors (pictured). Left to right: Ariana Todd (Chippewa Hills), Carleigh Thompson (Chippewa Hills, Payton Butkovich (Beal City) and Mackenna Sellers (Beal City) and Walt Schneider (Lions President).



Big Rapids' Lions Club and Rotary Club joined hands and started a Mecosta County-wide Giving Day in 2020. This local event was inspired by National Giving Tuesday, which is always the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. The event takes place at local Big Rapids Eagle Lodge 2535. This year 46 non-profits serving Mecosta County will greet potential donors at the event from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Participation in this event is free to both the non-profits and the public. in addition, the non-profit executive directors are served a free lunch. The interaction between organizations and the attendees who donate their time, talent and treasure make it a fun day.

The clubs start in September getting non-profits signed up and then work with them on publishing their individual passions via radio and newspaper. This is a yearly event and has become a critical part of the non-profits' marketing campaigns. This style of event could easily be repeated throughout the State of Michigan. For more information on how your club could replicate this event, contact Lion Dave Hamelund at 231-598-2241.



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Boyne Valley Lions Saturday, Oct 19, was a great day for Adopt-a-Highway. Kecia Freed, Mike Cain, Gow, Richard Cook and Larry & Julie Taylor worked in great weather, and the 2 mile stretch of M75 is clean! Adopt-A-Highway most unusual item discarded: It is clear that Gow and Richard Cook win the most unusual item found on the roadside today with their tiny moose. — Honorable mention to Larry & Julie for the light bulb!



East Jordan Lions held a Kidsight screening at the Fall Festival. They screened 27 kids and had 8 referrals. Lions Linda and Paul Michael with the Lion (Bill Chase)



Lions Linda Gocha, Brenda Chanda, and Sally Lilak under the new EJ Lions canopy



District Governor Dennis Gocha and Lion Linda Chase East Jordan Lions received the Club Excellence Award for the 2023-2024 year. Lion Linda Chase was the president during the 2023-2024 year. This award is for meeting criteria in service activities, net growth, publicized activities, funds donated to Lions Club International and for being a club in good standing.



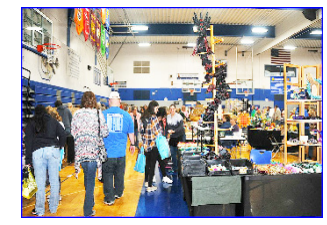
East Jordan Lions awarded Nevaeh Cahoon $50 for winning the Lions Peace Poster Contest. This is the second time in a row she has won this award. Her poster will now be judged at the district level on November 3rd.



East Jordan Lions welcomed Duane Derry as a new member. He is pictured with District Governor Dennis Gocha and his sponsor, Paul Michael.



The Oscoda Lions held their 23rd Annual Arts and Crafts Show. The show was another complete success with over 1,000 attendees and 90 vendors/Crafters. The Iosco County Humane Society was also there to showcase the animals they have up for adoption and accepted donations. The club will be making a donation back to the shelter of the door proceeds in the amount of $1,062 to help with the needs of the animals!



Tracy Danek receives a $1,000 check from President Tony Bol

At the regular meeting of The Oscoda Lions they had a guest speaker Tracy Danek from Toys for Tots in Iosco County. She explained everything about Toys for Tots. Before the meeting was over the club President Tony Bol presented Tracy Danek a check for $1,000 for Toys for Tots.





On Wednesday, October 9, the Oscoda Lions ramp crew built a 19' ramp and associated platform in the Villages of Oscoda. Lions Tony Priebe, John Novak, Tony Bol, Rick Stanley, and Chuck Andrina completed the project at 12:45.

One of the homes owners recently had a stroke and is currently going through therapy in Alpena. The ramp was requested to provide ability for the resident to get in and out of the house when coming home next week. The homeowners were thankful for the Lions quick response to their request for help. WE SERVE!

Pictures: Rick Stanley, Tony Prieb, John Novak, Tony Bo Pictures taken by Chuck Andrina





The Oscoda Lions Club completed their 17th project for the year to help meet area residents access needs. Tony Priebe, John Novak, Rick Stanley, Ann Bovan, and Chuck Andrina built an 18' ramp and 4x4' platform in AuSable township for a family where one of the homeowners is having serious health issues. The crew picked up the material at 8:00 and were all done by 11:45. OSCODA LIONS SERVE! Lions Anna Bovan, John Novak, Rick Stanley, Tony Priebe

Lion Bill Gaines Inducted two new members Cindy Fulton and Mike DeRosia into the Oscoda Lions Club at their regular Thursday night meeting. Always great to grow the club and have new members ready to join and be ready to serve! Welcome to Lionism Cindy and Mike!



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