

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

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MD 11 PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER!

The 2024-25 LCI Peace Poster theme selected was "Peace Without Limits."

The Council of Governors felt that Josslyn Handy from Tecumseh expressed just that in her art and her message, stating "No matter where you live or what heritage you have, peace can be achieved, but we have to do it together."

Josslyn attends Clinton Middle School and is an 8th grader this year. Clinton Lions Club sponsored the contest and District 11 B1 voted on a number of submissions, declaring hers the winning poster. The Council of Governors voted to award a \$300.00 prize to Josslyn Handy in appreciation of her winning submission. The poster will now be forwarded onto LCI for consideration of the overall contest winner.



UPCOMING

Events:

- December 25**
 Christmas 
- January 1 2025**
 New Year's Day
- February 28-March 1 2025**
 Lions MI FORUM
 VDG Training
 Council of Governors
 Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo
- February**
 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- February 1 2025**
 Lions Bear Lake Camp Ice Plunge
- February 28-March 1**
 4th Council of Governors Meeting /VDG Training
 Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo
- February 28-March 1**
 Lions Michigan Forum
 Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo
- February 28-March 1**
 Lions MI Forum Service Project 7.00pm
- March 1 2025**
 LIONS MI FORUM
 With PIP Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori Sheehan
- April 2025**
 Family & Friends Month
 Environmental Awareness Month
 Leo Club Awareness Month}
- May 2025**
 MAY 16, 2025 5th and Final Council of Governors
 Meeting Double Tree Hotel Bay City
- 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**
ORLANDO FLORIDA
July 13-17 2025

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





EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRIDE CHRISTMAS!



CELEBRATING THE HEART OF LIONS- A TRIBUTE TO OUR MEMBERS!

In a world that often feels divided and hurried, it's a true blessing to work with a service organization such as Lions who embody the spirit of compassion, selflessness, and unwavering service. I'd like to use this space to take a moment to recognize and appreciate our remarkable members whose dedication has made a lasting impact on communities throughout the state.

Lions have embraced our mission to SERVE beyond what is required. Who else can you turn to when a request is received from a stranger in need of assistance with transportation out of town for a doctor's appointment? Lions. The food pantry is running low and in need of additional food to provide those in need. Lions are ready to serve.

Whether it's volunteering at a local shelter, fall clean up at Winter Camp for the Blind's facility, helping with a Boy Scout fundraiser or serving up a delicious spaghetti dinner to raise funds for pediatric cancer patients, you're there. All year round, with a positive attitude and a helping hand.

Your impact of service has a ripple effect throughout the community, inspiring others to take action – and if reading the Club Happenings section of the Pride doesn't inspire your club this month, then you need to read it again! Each act of service – simple or grand- contributes to the Lions collective effort to live our motto of WE SERVE.

Thank you, Lions, for your unwavering dedication, your boundless compassion, and your remarkable graciousness, not just during the holiday season, but all twelve months of the year.

Wishing you all a beautiful holiday and a year full of the joy that comes with service!

Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

Merry Christmas



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



GREETINGS FROM COUNCIL CHAIR TERRI HUFFMAN



HAPPY HOLIDAYS, LIONS OF MICHIGAN!

To the 8,664 Lions who tirelessly serve our communities, thank you for your dedication. A special welcome to the 380 new Lions who have recently joined one of Michigan's 333 clubs in SERVICE. Together, we have achieved so much this year:

- 290,473 individuals served in our communities.
- 46,917 hours of service committed to making a difference.

Just imagine what we can accomplish in 2025!

We face an exciting challenge: conducting a SERVICE ACTIVITY focused on VISION SCREENING or ANYTHING RELATED TO SIGHT during the week of January 12–19. This is in honor of the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones. Here are a few ideas to inspire your clubs:

- Host a vision screening event.
- Collect eyeglasses for recycling.
- Distribute or set up eyeglass collection containers in your community.
- Or get creative—any activity related to sight can make an impact!

MD 11 and SD 10, you truly make a difference. It is an honor to serve as your Council Chair, and I am excited to see the incredible things we will achieve together over the next six months.

Travel safely this holiday season and live with PEACE, JOY, and LOVE.

PDG Terri Huffman, MD 11 Council Chair 2024-2025



SPOTLIGHT DISTRICT GOVERNOR DG CHERYL ANDERSON 11-C1



Happy Holidays Lions!

Hopefully you all had a thankful Thanksgiving with time to reflect on all that you have and for all that you are

grateful. Now, December is a time to enjoy a "Joyful Holiday Season".

This time of year means various things to different people. For many, it is filled with fun festivities, lights, and time with family or friends. There can also be the stress of getting things done; making sure presents are bought, preparing meals, or decorating the house. I love this season because of all the joy we bring to those around us, as individuals and as Lions. I encourage you to remember the faces of those we serve. It is important to help make a Joyful Holiday Season for those people in our community who don't have the resources to overflow a table with hot food or cover a floor in presents.

The true magic of the season is the love and cheer you share with those around you. Wishing you a blessed Joyful Holiday Season of cherished memories and may your start to 2025 be filled with more acts of kindness.

Hugs to all,
DG Cheryl Anderson



READING ACTION PROGRAM PDG DON SPINKS CHAIR



For all our present and future District Governors:

Having a district reading project could ignite a world of reading passion within your district. Recently I was invited to district 11D1's Fall Convention to talk about the Reading Action Program.

There was powerful and personal testimony given on how important a reading program is. I would also like to thank Governor VanTol for inviting me. When you show that you care about the education of old and young, you start a trend within your Lions clubs to do the same.

If you are not aware, the State of Michigan is dealing with a major literacy crisis in its schools—with over 50% of all third-grade students reading below grade level. This troubling statistic is one of the reasons why our legislature recently passed the "Read by Grade Three" law; a law that places a major emphasis on early literacy in our schools, in hopes of increasing the number of children reading at or above grade level.

I had a video created recording me as District Governor in 2019/2020. I launched a reading program challenging all the 11D2 Lions clubs to take the book of my choice and read it to all third graders within their school district. I contacted Little Brown Books For Children and shared my idea. They in turn sent me 49 books for free. I gave each club enough books to cover their school districts. The title of the book I chose was Hello Lighthouse, a Caldecott winner. Clubs would read the book and take pictures or videos of them reading in class. I challenge all District Governors and future District Governors to jump on board with this program. Strengthening our students' reading skills must be a Lion priority!

PDG Donald Spinks, MD 11 D2



GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR IPDG STEVE MURCH

As was discussed in the space a few months ago, our goal is to have 100 percent of our clubs reporting service. The ultimate goal is to have 100 percent of our clubs' reporting 100 percent of their service. A pipedream? Sure, but what good is setting

goals if they are so easy a caveman could do it (sorry for the Geiko reference, but those ads have made a comeback).

Let's set a couple of New Year's resolutions when it comes to service. They are easily attainable; they just take a little effort.

First, as we head toward a new calendar year – and we are halfway through the Lions year – here's hoping our clubs make reporting service a priority. As of December 10, 61 percent of our clubs in the multi-district have reported service for this Lions year. We have been gaining momentum the past two months with our clubs reporting service.

You ask what the big deal is with reporting service, so I'll use words from International to help explain it:

"For every club, service reporting benefits include:

- * Enabling stronger club communications
- * Demonstrating your club's effectiveness
- * Providing insight to current and future Lion leaders."

The second resolution is to try and have every club submit a service project for the Kindness Matters Service Award. Make each of our districts select a project to be voted on by the Council of Governors next year.

This year the CoG had an easy task, there was one entry, and they simply had to approve it. Last year there were two, which made it twice as difficult but still relatively easy.

If there are 35 clubs in your district, hopefully there are 35 entries. And if there aren't but your club does submit one, then your club's odds increase. It would be great to have 10 applications representing each of our district in MD 11.

There is still plenty of time to do that kind of service; plenty of time to make a difference. Plus, your club is already doing service, so why not aim for a recognition. While we don't do it for any glory, it's always nice to know that someone is watch and appreciates what we do.

Thanks for all you do.

IPDG Steve Murch, Global Service Chair

SPOTLIGHT

GLT MD11 PDG TRACI TRIBLEY TEAM COORDINATOR



Life has a way of throwing us curveballs when we least expect it. When everything feels like it's spiraling downhill, even the strongest leaders can

feel overwhelmed. In those moments, true leadership isn't about handling it all alone, it's about trusting the people around you and knowing when to lean on them for support.

When personal challenges pile up, it can feel like you're falling short, especially if others are depending on you. But no one is meant to carry everything on their own. The strength of a team is in its ability to support one another, to share the weight when someone is struggling. Whether it's your Lions family, your friends, or your loved ones, the connections you've built are there to steady you when the climb feels too steep.

Leadership doesn't mean having all the answers or never needing help. It's about creating an environment of trust, where your team can step in when you need them most. The people around you can remind you of your purpose, your strength, and the bigger picture when life feels overwhelming.

When you're running on empty, it's impossible to keep giving to others. Taking a step back, refilling your own cup, and leaning on your team isn't a sign of failure, it's what allows you to keep going. These moments of vulnerability and connection don't just build resilience; they strengthen the bonds that make your team thrive.

Life's challenges aren't meant to be faced in isolation. The people around you can walk beside you, help you see the path forward, and remind you that you're never truly alone. Leadership is not about doing it all, but about trusting in the strength of the bonds you've built to carry you through. So, when life gets tough, lean on your team. They're there not just to serve alongside you but to lift you up when you need it most. Together, you'll find the strength to overcome challenges and keep moving forward, stronger than before.

Yours in Service,
Lion Traci Tribley PDG
Multiple District 11 Global Leadership Team Coordinator

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM LCI RESOURCES



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH

The Global Membership Approach is a four-step process that has been proven to increase both member satisfaction and new member recruitment, as well as new club chartering. The four steps are build a team, build a vision, build a plan and build success. Visit the Global Membership Approach webpage to learn more about how the Global Membership Approach can help your district develop and achieve its growth goals.

As part of the build a vision step, you'll need to visit the Membership Reports Toolbox to find the current status of membership in your district. It features reports on five-year growth trends, club and district health reports, and more.

Zone and region chairpersons play important roles in achieving your membership growth goals. The Global Membership Approach for region and zone chairpersons webpage has resources to support them. <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/gmt-and-get-toolkit>

Starting new clubs

The start a new club webpage has everything you need to know about starting a club. We recommend starting with the New Club Development Guide.

Consider making specialty clubs a part of your new club strategy. These clubs are organized around a common interest rather than geography. <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/gmt-and-get-toolkit>

Recruiting new members

Lion leaders have found the following resources to be helpful in bringing in new members. Always remember that everyone in your community is a potential Lion!

- Membership Development Grants: Districts and multiple districts can apply for funding to recruit new members and/or start new clubs.
- Just Ask: New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs: This comprehensive guide uses the Global Membership Approach process to show you how to recruit new Lions.
- Membership Growth Event Toolbox: Find helpful information about how to plan and host a successful recruitment event.

We're all in this together – Let's Get Growing!



Dear Lions United Vision (LUV) Days interested Lions,

You are reading this because you were either in attendance for our Dec. 4 LionsUSA LUV informational Zoom, or you expressed an interest in LUV week and LionsUSA, or you are listed as a current KidSight vision screener, or you are just learning about this event.

LUV days (Jan. 12-19, 2025) screening information and logos for LionsUSA and LUV days

Can be sent to you by email. Request from service@lionsusa.org

Please go to each of the links below:

1. The Dec. 4 LUV week informational meeting, now posted on You Tube <https://youtu.be/mjlyPhlm0E>
2. Link to Google Sign Up Form to register your participation in LUV week

Fill out the [My LionsUSA #LUVSight Event Notification](#)

After downloading all the vision screening info and logos, PLEASE open the LUV PR Template.

1. Page 1 & 2 is a template you can easily customize for your club or district and use as a press release or for social media BEFORE your event. This is a great tool to bring public awareness in our communities to our event and Lions service.
2. Page 3 has 3 links. The first will take you to Lions Virtual where you can create your own specific media posts if you desire. The second takes you to LionsUSA Facebook page. Join if you haven't already. The third will help you make your own Facebook Profile frame like the one you see for VP Mark Lyon. Even if you are unable to host an event, create a Profile Frame, post it and help raise awareness.

Thank you for your participation in our first LionsUSA nationwide service event, LUV Days

2025. **Please share this information with others. Help spread the word on this event and all the great things we all do as Lions or Leos!!!**

If you have questions, please contact us at: service@lionsusa.org

Thank you for your continued service!

Your LionsUSA Service team,

Lions Joyce Middleton, Dr. Ed Cordes, Dr. Gary Anderson

"United in Service. Empowering Communities – LionsUSA"

Email: info@LionsUSA.org
www.LionsUSA.org

> SERVICE NEWS

SERVICE EXTENDS BEYOND OUR DISTRICT BORDERS!



VDG Santa Whitney! At the recent Council of Governor's meeting MD 11 D1 VDG Gerald Whitney announced his upcoming medical mission trip to Guatemala. He will be accompanied by VDG Kim Hooper, A1, and Lion John Cousino from the Bedford Township Lions Club.

Dr. Jeff Chapman, an ER doctor from Wayne County currently residing in Monroe County, has organized over 100 of these mission trips. Dr. Jeff shared, "The team is set to provide care to thousands across seven rural clinics...including 2 ER doctors, 2 nurses, 2 medics, 2 surgeons, and several dentists! A group of non-medical volunteers will also be on hand to fit 3,000

pairs of glasses." He added, "We even have our very own Santa to help distribute toys to the local children. See the attached photo."

VDG Hooper stated that having personally participated in two of these mission trips, he considers this to be one of the ultimate Lion service opportunities.



PARTNERS IN SERVICE!



DG Denny and Lion Linda Gocha, MD 11 E2, make a great team! Whether attending their own club events, district-wide events, or the Council of Governors meetings, you can plan on the two of them to be there, ready to serve!

ID Dave and Lion Lindy Wineman, another great team currently at work! Seen here at the Matanuska Glacier whilst recently attending the Lions 49A Winter Conference in Alaska. They both agree that it's an honor to be able to meet with Lions from the United States and all around the world. "It's very inspiring and humbling when you see just how much Lions get up to and the work they do!"



Serving Together has new meaning this year for DG Carl and 1st VDG Aleta Cozart! VDG Aleta was there when DG Carl was sworn in during the LCI convention in Australia as Governor of MD 11 C2. Since that time, they have traveled throughout the district and state attending Council of Governor meetings, fundraisers, service projects and making club visits. Both DG Carl and VDG Aleta attended the Lions Leadership Institute, graduating from the Graduate and Leadership programs.

NEWS FROM SD 10 ACROSS THE BRIDGE

DG SCOTT KWARCINY



IPDG Dan Perkins presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Alden McDonald from Northern Michigan University for her work in developing the composting partnership with Partridge Creek Farm/Compost. NMu is the largest restaurant in the Upper Peninsula, serving over 7,000 meals per day. Also presenting are PID Jenny Ware and DG Scott Kwarciany.



PDG Gretchen Preston officially announced the retirement of Leader Dog Floyd. Photo shows the ceremonious removal of Floyd's harness and leash. PDG Gretchen will move forward with her white cane until her next Leader Dog is trained and ready for service.

Thank you Leader Dog Floyd for your dedicated years of service to PDG Gretchen!



The Norway-Vulcan LEO Club recently met and adopted their Leader Dog, "Bosco". Their Leader Dog puppy will be traveling with their club for the remainder of the lions year, journaling their adventures and promote Leader Dog's programs.



YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM

BY : LION ELVIE MARFIL, MD 11 STATE CHAIR



Camp Dilemma:

In August 2024, we reserved a week-long stay at Lions Bear Lake Camp. However, in October, I was informed via email that the camp could only accommodate us for three days. As per Lions International requirements, a youth camp stay must last at least 10 days. We had already adjusted our schedule to a reduced six-day stay but unfortunately had no choice but to decline the three-day option.

Note: If you know of any camps that may be suitable, please let me know. Outgoing Participants Interested in experiencing life in a different country? Join the exchange program where you can participate in the day-to-day life of a local family and meet other students from around the world.

Filing deadlines for all applicants vary by country. Most Countries have a filing deadline range from February 15 to March 30 depending on the country you pick. Please choose your country early and contact us right away.

A \$100 Youth Exchange Supplies fee is required with all applications. Fee includes shirt, backpack, MD11 Youth Exchange pins and banners and orientation booklet. There may be additional charges for camps within your chosen country that are not included in the price of our program. You will be required to purchase your own airfare and international travel insurance. The travel insurance must be accepted in the country you are visiting.

Age requirements are typically 15 - 21

Our students usually depart the U.S. the last weekend of June or beginning of July for a 3 to 4 week stay depending on the Youth Exchange program in those countries. Please note that all countries are on a first come basis and fill up fast so the sooner you apply the sooner we can confirm your acceptance.

Deadline for outgoing students application form: March 30, 2025

Multiple District Youth Camps & Exchange Chairs

11 A1- PDG Roshni Patel, 313-570-3371, Roshni77777@gmail.com

11 A2- Vacant

11 B1- Vacant

11 B2- Lion Janet Wartman, 219-614-3282, jpwartman55@gmail.com

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11 C1- PDG Jim and Lion Bev Farrell, bevandjim73@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Lions Mark & Susan Graves, 231-343-6215 gravesms1951@gmail.com

11 C2- PDG Traci Tribley, tracitribley@gmail.com

Co- Chair: PDG Brent Beracy, pdgberacy@gmail.com

11 D1-Lion Debra VanTol, 989-496-3541; liondebravantol@gmail.com

11 D2- PDG Pat Bowerman, 818-724-0818, tandpbowerman@yahoo.com

11 E1- Lion Lori Shelby-Hall, lorishelby@yahoo.com

11 E2 – Vacant

SD 10- PDG Judy Goltz, 231.420.5144, dj5644@alphaacomm.net

2025-2026 COUNCIL CHAIR ELECTED



At the December Council of Governors meeting held in Lansing the 1st Vice District Governors interviewed three candidates for the position of Council Chair, 2025-2026. They are pleased to announce PDG Becky Hamilton, MD 11 C2 will serve as their Council Chair for MD 11.

Greetings, Lions of Michigan!

I cannot put into words how excited and grateful I am to have been elected to the Council Chair position for the 2025-2026 Lions year!

The support I have already received is heartwarming! We are going to continue with the Mission 1.5 membership drive,

with a special focus on creating "My Club, My Way" new Lions Clubs. Service projects and reporting service will remain one of our highest priorities as well. And let's not forget about LCIF and the Lions of Michigan Foundation and what an impact we can all make through publicizing and supporting them along with all of our other worthy Michigan projects.

Buckle up, Michigan Lions, we're going places!

Yours in Service and Lionism,
Lion Becky Hamilton, Council Chair Elect



LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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> LIONS FORUM NEWS

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025
FORUM SERVICE PROJECT**

Sacred Beginnings is an organization with headquarters in MD 11 C1 Grand Rapids, and in District 10. They are in need of items for their clients and their winter closet. Items for their “blessed bag” program include hair care products, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash, lip balm, umbrellas and winter gear.



A list of items needed from your district will be provided, and your club is asked to bring your donation to the Lions Michigan Forum Service Project on Friday, February 28. This event will take place at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo.

Contact your District GST or State Chair, PDG Steve Murch for a complete list of supplies: stevemurch49707@gmail.com



**MI LIONS FORUM WELCOMES
KEYNOTE
SPEAKER PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN!**



FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2025, LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM, KALAMAZOO AT THE KALAMAZOO DELTA MARRIOTT HOTEL. ICHIGAN LIONS FORUM - MAKE YOUR MARK!

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.

FUNDRAISING GUIDE – LCI SERVICE TOOLKIT

Fundraising is not only ongoing but a way of life for Lions! LCI offers a service toolkit easily located on their website with a quick click of the keyboard using the “search” tool. Request an insurance certificate online and copy off the “how to” guide located in the toolkit.

This is a session topic to be covered at the Lions Michigan Forum for a more hands-on learning experience.

Use this link to create your insurance certificate.....
<https://lionsclubs.jotform.com/24234591941867>

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

SERVICE TOOLKIT



Lions Clubs International

Fundraising guide

Fundraising is a valuable strategy to bring your community together and effectively serve local needs. There are many ways to fundraise; from approaching a local business for donations, to hosting a club benefit event, to soliciting pledges for fun challenges and beyond. This guide will help you think through and plan for two of the most common forms: an online fundraiser and an in-person event fundraiser.



Online fundraiser

Online fundraisers can range from crowdfunding campaigns to online charity auctions. These fundraisers are low cost, fast to organize and require less volunteer input than events.



Event fundraiser

Event fundraisers offer a variety of ways to raise funds, from ticket sales to donations to sponsor or challenge formats. They offer great opportunities to think creatively and directly connect with club supporters, but they also require more planning and investment.

Next steps

You can use the worksheets on the following pages to plan either an online fundraiser, or an in-person event fundraiser:

- » Page 2: Online fundraiser planning checklist
- » Page 4: Event fundraiser planning checklist
- » Page 6: Volunteer planner
- » Page 7: Club service story
- » Page 8: Promotional checklist

After each fundraiser you complete, you will be able to set new goals, imagine more creative fundraising opportunities and strategize how to best reach potential supporters. Soon you'll be an expert in raising funds to support impactful service projects in your community and around the world!



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

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 Marriott Delta Kalamazoo
(269) 375-6000 Rate: \$114.00 Use Code: Lions Michigan Forum 2025
Alternate Hotel:

Best Western Suites 269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$114.00

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!

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
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5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911
PHONE: 517.887.6640 FAX: 517.887.6642 EMAIL: wburns@lionsofmi.com

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> LEO NEWS



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Join the Lions of Michigan All State Band for the 2025 Tour! The tour will include performances and sightseeing in Nashville, Tennessee and Orlando, Florida!

Auditions are open!



Please visit lionsmiband.org for complete itinerary and tour costs!



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PR MARKETING GRANT FROM INTERNATIONAL APPROVED

As state PR/Marketing Chair, MD11, Lion Doug Klein, submitted proposal for an enhanced Lions of Michigan public relations effort for 2024-2025 was approved by the Marketing Committee of Lions International. They have already disbursed \$10,000 of the \$15,000 grant to Lions of Michigan.

We are now putting together a public relations campaign we are calling "Localeyes." The grant will cover the costs of having a professional Michigan-based public relations agency assist us in developing and disseminating publicity materials that will help in boosting our visibility in more local TV media news markets in Michigan.

Since our primary global cause is vision, most of the general public strongly associate Lions Clubs with collecting eyeglasses, KidsSight, support for Leader Dogs and Eversight, etc. Therefore, it makes sense to "play to our strengths" in first promoting our many service projects related to such activities. The best way to do this is by having our local Lions Clubs publicize their projects through localized media.

Local TV stations not only broadcast stories on air, but they also send them along on websites, e-mail, and social media. In the absence of local newspapers, these localized media are the best ways to get our local stories out to our local communities. News releases, backgrounders, and other materials are being developed to aid our local Lions Clubs in this effort. With the materials and templates, and subsequent training, this year's campaign may also be used as a guide for enhanced public relations efforts by local Lions Clubs to better promote our other causes in future years.

Plan to attend Lion Doug Klein's breakout session at the Lions Michigan Forum and prepare to Make Your Mark in the world of media!

LEO NEWS

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. B2

Buchanan-Galien Leo's- The Buchanan-Galien Leo club made blankets to donate to the Riley Children's Hospital.



South Haven Lion Cubs- Lion Cubs Zoey and Granville continue to read every Wednesday at River Ridge Senior Living. Lion Cubs Max, Trevor, Zoey, and Granville also got together to work more on their recycled crayon project, bags for Kids Hunger Basket, and Kindness Rocks for their future Garden at the local Library.



Sturgis Leo's- The Sturgis Leo's made Christmas snack bags for the residents at Thurston Woods.



SD10

Vulcan-Norway-Loretto LEO Club- Welcome new Leo Club officers! Leo's Leia and Tori also attended the Lions Club Christmas party to share updates on their activities.





39th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

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Grand Prize - \$5,000
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Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

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Lions of Michigan Foundation - Gift
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In the spirit of the season, we extend a heartfelt thank you for all you do to support your community and our Lions association, and we wish you and your family a healthy and peaceful New Year

Happy Holidays

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> LIONS WHITECANE SCHOLARSHIP

2025 LIONS OF MI SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED
2025 WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE!
SIGHT CONSERVATION/WHITE CANE

Hey Lions! It's that time of year, when not only the leaves falling (or have fallen) from the trees, college football teams are battling it out on the gridiron, and yes, the Lions of Michigan White Cane Scholarship applications are available for distribution.

The State Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee is committed to supporting the educational needs of students with blindness or visual impairments seeking a secondary education. To that end, the Lions of Michigan distribute 4 scholarships of \$3000 each year to deserving students who are blind or visually impaired. These scholarships are targeted toward secondary education, and the funds can be used based on the needs of the student. Many use the funds for tuition, books, or equipment such as braille writers, readers, etc. The main requirement for application is residency in the state of Michigan, acceptance to an institution of higher learning, and a diagnosed visual impairment. Other requirements are listed on the application.

The funding comes from the Grace Lang Memorial fund. The Grace Lang fund was established in the late 70's through the estate of Grace Lang with the intention to use the funds to assist blind students to obtain their educational goals. Because we have had more deserving students apply, the committee was able to secure additional funding to offer a 4th scholarship in 2024.

An accessible, fillable PDF form can be easily used by students using screen readers or other assistive devices. Previous versions were not as compatible and might require assistance from a sighted individual to help fill out the application. Thanks to Lion Charis Austin (District C-1) of the committee for creating this form. It is available on the Lions of Michigan Website (Link below).

If you know of students who are blind or visually impaired, and would need this scholarship, please refer them to the Lions of Michigan Website or the state office. Electronic copies are available to the district White Cane representatives (from each District) who are asked to forward to those who could use the scholarship in their respective areas.

Please note, there is some information gathering to be done to apply for this scholarship, and the deadline for submission is January 12, 2025.

The link to the form is:
<https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/pdf/documents/2025.fillable.wc.scholarship-2.pdf>

Thank you!
 The Sight Conservation/White Cane Committee



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.

2025 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship Form for the Visually Impaired

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). _____

Education Information

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

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals. _____
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 Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIP

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District A1 Lion members attended the recent ribbon cutting ceremony for the Greater Detroit Agency for Blind and Visually Impaired persons. The Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired hosted their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony along with the Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Mayor of Southfield Kenson J. Siver, Linnie Taylor, local retailers, clients from across the 7 counties served, staff, administration, board members and the Lions Club members. Thank you to all who attended the event to support their agency.



Bedford Lions Club decorated the tree at the Bedford Public Library. All are invited to see the beautifully decorated trees and buy tickets to try and win one of the great gift baskets. "We Serve"



Detroit Westtown-Hartford: Lion Michelle Turner-White and the Honorable Leslie Love, Former State Representative, now a US Senate candidate served as emcee for the Inaugural Winter Gala of Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The money raised from this event will help serve those in need.

Save the Date!
 District 11 A 1 Convention
 April 19, 2024 to April 21, 2024
 Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel
 8000 Merriman Road
 Romulus, MI

Greater Highland Park Detroit Downtown hosted a Diabetes Awareness event on November 14 (National Diabetes Day) for Seniors. Screenings for both Diabetic Retinopathy and Kid Sight were held during the event.



Members of Bedford Township Lions Club, along with friends and family, served 23 local families with food baskets. Each family received at least two large boxes of food collected by the students at Bedford Junior High School. Along with the boxes of food each family received a bag of potatoes and a whole ham. Sixty-three senior citizens also received \$90 food gift cards.

11 A2



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Bedford Lions Club hosts Breakfast with Santa – and more!



KidSight Screenings were offered at the event.



Santa's Elves keep it festive in the kitchen while cooking for a crowd!



Richmond Lions Club Breakfast with Santa incorporated a visit with Leader Dog Puppies, KidSight Vision Screening, activity time at the coloring table and of course, breakfast with the man of the hour, Santa!



The Royal Oak Lions Club hosted a meeting for Region 2 of District 11-A2 and per DG Rhonda's request, a service project was conducted in the place of Club Reports. The 32 Lions in attendance packed 300 Snack Pack bags for a local non-profit preschool, Crescent Academy in Southfield - in less than 30 minutes.



Lion Erik Haack (Claws), Richmond Lions Club mascot was recently featured on Richmond local TV. Overheard by a participant attending the recent Halloween event: "You're the best Lion ever!"



Lion Bob Westbury



Attendees at the recent dinner and raffle Royal Oak Lions Club: Century Club Dinner and Reverse Raffle was held at Glen Oaks Golf Club in Farmington Hills. Over 100 Lions and guests enjoyed a lovely dinner (picture) and participated in a silent auction and 50/50 drawing. As the numbers for the big raffle were drawn, Lion Bob Westbury (pictured) announced the names of the ticket holders; many didn't win, but the lucky ones won Special Prizes or cash. The last number in the drum won the grand prize of \$4,000!

Romeo Lions Club will be holding the 4th Annual Pack-The-Bus event benefitting Samaritan House on Sunday, December 15th. We want to thank the Village of Romeo, Thee Office Pub, Youngers, and Romeo Community Schools for their continued support, and the use of their parking spots and buses.

This year we will be raffling off two Detroit Lions jerseys. We have partnered with Local Downtown Businesses to offer multiple donation drop-off locations. Early donation drop-off locations are FAMS Screen Printing & Embroidery, Vera's Balloons -R- Fun, Main's Treat Coffeehouse, and inside the Village Hall. The club will also host a hot cocoa and cookie tent at the annual Romeo Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting on December 5th. Over the last 3 years, our community has helped us raise over \$10,000 in food and cash donations for Samaritan House and those they serve. We look forward to another successful year!



> REGION NEWS

11 B1



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District B1 Lions and guests celebrate Jackson Host Lion Ed Rockwell to celebrate his remarkable 107th birthday! Lion Ed joined the Jackson Host Lions Club 5 years ago – at the age of 102. He is a valued member of the club and was moved to tears by the turnout and the love he felt during his surprise party.



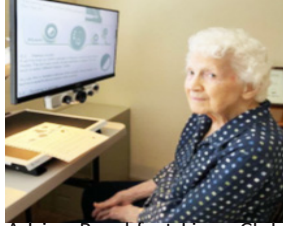
District 11-B1 was represented by five Lions including: 2VDG Teresa Gest (Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club), Homer Lions Club President Tom Nelson, and ZC Roger Yoder (Jackson Cascades Lions Club) for the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute, along with ZC Hope and Scott Swank from Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club who participated in the Graduate Institute.



11 B1 Lions held a fall clean-up at the site of Winter Camp for the Blind, Clear Lake Camp. Camp Program Director Matthew Santner provided all equipment needed. The first group worked on final scraping and painting the lodge. The other group cleared leaves around the dorms, lodge and parking lot with a leaf blower, rakes, and tarps.



Lion Jesse Blair delivers the 80 stockings to Taylor Wiley



Adrian Breakfast Lions Club has a focus to purchase eye exams, glasses, and visual aids for those in need. Local resident, Mable Baty, contacted Club President Terry Hicks for assistance. Baty is in her 90's and has been diagnosed with a degenerative eye condition. The club provided her with a new video magnifying reader valued at \$2,100.00, free of charge. She was extremely appreciative of the clubs' efforts.

Ann Arbor Evening Lions Club recently donated \$300 to the Fortis Academy, a public charter school. Ann Arbor Host Lions Jesse Blair and Joyce Blair assisted by delivering 80 Christmas stockings to the school. The club will also provide three baskets (cookies, fruit, gravy, stuffing, vegetables, and rolls) to families receiving assistance from the University of Michigan Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools. A Meijer gift card to buy a ham or turkey, or an item needed for their household went with each basket.



DG Louvenia Shack-Seals on a recent visit to Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club. Members collected and delivered 1,034 coats to the Charitable Union in October.



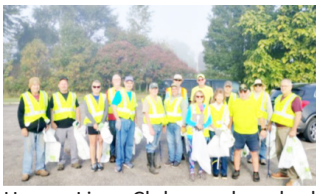
Lions Nancy Gallant and 2VDG Teresa Gest were two of the Cereal City Lions team that conducted KidSight visual screening at a recent Battle Creek event.



Dexter Lions Club sponsored a Peace Poster contest with 60 entries. This year's winner is Violet Careless, a 6th grader at Creekside Intermediate School.



Dexter Lions Club came to the aid of the Dexter High School Athletic Department on Friday, November 1, 2024. Lions PDG Dick Dettling, Bill Etzel, and Bob Steptoe staffed the back gate at Al Ritt Stadium.



Homer Lions Club members had a big turnout for the bi-annual highway clean up. They completed the task in just one hour, thanks to the enthusiasm of the group! Lions also assisted the Homer High School Drama Club by selling 50/50 tickets at the door for their fundraiser.



Lions from several clubs turned out to support the Jackson Lions Diabetes Service Club "Strike Out Type One Diabetes" bowling fundraiser. The event raised \$5,714. Thank you bowlers, sponsors, and supporters for the raffle prizes and donations for this important fundraiser.

Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club supports the local Jackson Interfaith shelter. Lion Diane Schweda, Lion Karen Hutton, and Rick Morgan, Jackson Interfaith Shelter Ministry Director. They recently donated a device to help prevent choking to the Jackson Interfaith Shelter. The piece of equipment can be used on children and adults.

Quest South East Jackson Lions Club held their Fourth Annual Family Fun Day. This free family event brings the community together for fun, games, prizes, refreshments, and food. 1VDG Bea Furman conducted a Human Guide and Cane Demonstration.

Huron Valley Sunrise Lions Club Serves Holiday Meal at Erickson Elementary- Lions have been providing a holiday meal to the special education classroom at Erickson Elementary School, 1427 Levona St., Ypsilanti, Michigan, for close to 20 years now. A teacher roasts the turkey at home, as Lions arrive to the school at 8 a.m. to prepare for serving the meal to the students at midday, as all have a fun time.

11 B2



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

11 C1



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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, December 13th & 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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Grand Ledge Lions Club: DG Carl Cozart spoke at a recent meeting. He was presented a beautifully engraved wooden keepsake box from GL Lions president, Chuck Wriska. The box was created by Lion Steve Peake. Governor Cozart was accompanied by Vice-District Governor and Carl's wife, Aleta.



Laingsburg Lions Club recently donated \$500 to the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers. 1st picture has all the Recyclers present that day along with Lions Mike Danek and Tom Turke holding the BIG check to be presented to the Recycler's



Lions of District 11-C2 were "stocking stuffing" in Bancroft on December 3rd. There was a large turnout of Lions who enjoyed a potluck dinner before filling 80 Christmas stockings with shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, lip balm, crayons, toys, and more. The stockings, along with bags of coloring books and sacks of candy, will be delivered to three area domestic violence shelters: EVE in Lansing, Siren's in Charlotte, and SafeCenter in St. Johns/Owosso.



This past summer, Laingsburg Lions donated \$4,441.49 to Sleepy Hollow State Park for the purchase of Mobi-mats pictured above. On the Mobi-mats are l-r Lion Dane Nickols, Park Director Jodi Vyer and Past Pres. Lion Mike Foster.

Eaton Rapids Lions Club Peace Poster winner is Libby Gruebeck! We had the pleasure of awarding Libby a check for \$100 and get to thank all of the other participants in this project. Libby's art will now be entered into the National competition for a chance to win \$5,000! Congratulations Libby! We also want to thank Eaton Rapids Teen Space for bringing this to the kids!



Owosso Lions Club held a Soup-er Food Drive on November 10, 2025. In just two short hours, more than 250 pounds of food were collected, and later donated to a local food pantry.



Charlotte Lions Bob Phillips and Connie O'Neill transported 1,000 pieces of cheese on 9/4/24 from Shipshewana, Indiana back to Lion Nancy Lampman's garage in Charlotte to sort and process pre-orders. All 1,000 pieces of cheese were sold by nearly all the Lions in the club. Lions Dean Steward and Kathryn Conrad sold cheese at TSC. The Olivet Lions Club invited Lion Dianne to attend one of their meetings to sell cheese. Zone Chair and President of the Olivet Club, Chuck Vasilion shows off the cheese he purchased. The final profit from the cheese sale is estimated to be approximately \$1,500.



Olivet Lions Club Pictured is Gale Knoll, Olivet Lions treasurer presenting a check for \$1580 to Marie Steele of the Olivet Good Neighbor food pantry. The proceeds are from the Olivet Lions annual Harvest Dinner which included participation by area churches and University of Olivet students.



Bath Township Lions Club: In preparation for the Holiday tree lighting event members of our club braved the cold and snow to put up the Nativity Scene in the park. A little history note: this tradition started over 40 years ago, when our member Raymond Eschteuth made it and would make sure it was on display every year. We honor this tradition and hope the community will enjoy.

The Mason Lions Club is helping sponsor Roland. He is a Leader Dog puppy and very cute. Our sponsor packet arrived just the other day. BEST PUPPY EVER



On November 9, 2024, a great group of District 11-C2 leaders posed for this picture. They attended and staffed the Institute in this year in Roscommon. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Bancroft Lioness Lions Club Three carloads of food and a check for Durand Loaves and Fishes picked up from Bertha Neal kiddos and staff. All delivered to Durand Loaves and Fishes by the Bancroft Lioness LionsClub. Thanks to all for your generosity.



Charlotte Lions Club sponsored and decorated their table with pictures of Lions "serving their community". The lions purchased silent auction items and raffle tickets to help increase the proceeds, which will go to Eaton Siren Shelter.



Vermontville Lion Club Student of the Month Chairman, Jeff Fisher, presents Maple Valley 8th grader Easton Hansbarger with the Student of Month Certificate for November along with a Gift Certificate. Easton's favorite subject is math while enjoying basketball, baseball, football, wrestling, fishing and Hunting.

Lions Club of Wacousta Our club has celebrated 36 years of service with a great group of friends, and we're loving every minute of it!

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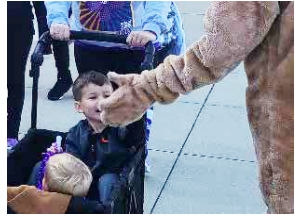


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Bay City Lions Club Celebrates a Fun-Filled Fall! The Bay City Lions Club had an incredible autumn, packed with community engagement, impactful service projects, and inspiring events! Together, we dedicated 207 service hours with the help of 114 amazing volunteers—all working to make our community stronger and brighter. a team of 14 Bay City Lions, including our beloved mascot, volunteered at a Saginaw Spirit hockey game. Through ticket sales for a 50/50 raffle, we raised over \$1,100 for the Bay City Lions Club, with a matching donation going to the Saginaw Spirit Foundation. This fun event brought our club together while raising funds to continue our service work.



Caro Lions Club participated in the Downtown Christmas Tree Decorating organized by the City of Caro Parks and Recreation Department. It was a great time despite the cold weather. Thanks to John Riley for taking the group photo! Thanks to Lions Tony Szczygiel, Gene & Kathy Eskelson, Steve & Jean Brinkman, and Martha Wright (pictured with her granddaughter) took a part in decorating and to Susan Sayers who brought it all together! We continued our Gift Card Raffle Ticket sales at the local Bueche's Super Market the five days over two weeks from the 11th through the 21st of December



Flushing Lions Club: The Leader Dog Puppy Raisers of our Club lead by District Chairman Kristin Shively, have so far visited 9 clubs with dogs and one of our blind Leader Dog recipients have now given presentations to nine clubs and have requests to the remaining clubs in the district with several more scheduled. Margaret Goebel gave a presentation on taking care of the LD mother Dogs and is preparing to deliver two more litters in the coming month. The club is also preparing to have a concession stand open to sell brats, hot dogs, hot chocolate and other warming food for two nights. We have also started work on our 8th Annual Car Show. Sponsorships and door prizes need to be solicited. We have a new chairman and a new member to support him to be sworn in. We also have a new member who is a legally blind retired police officer who works with the Federation of the Blind.

Frankenmuth Lions Club recently donated \$750 to the local campaign for Toys for Tots. The funds came from the many fundraiser events conducted this summer through the efforts of club members and friends.



Hemlock Lions Club Pictured is Hemlock Lions Club President Pat Hagarty (left) inducing new member Robert Wheeler (center) along with sponsoring member Steve Haltom (right) during the November meeting. The business meeting included discussion of the successful fundraising activities and where to make contributions in the community to use the funds. The party includes Lions from the Merrill chapter, with whom we share fund raising activities for the Great Lakes Loons during their baseball season.



Millington Lions Club donated \$2,000.00 to the Millington High School Robotics Club to assist with the club's 2025 competition robot build. We also donated \$500.00 to the Millington Youth Cheerleader organization to assist with new uniform purchases. A \$1,000.00 donation was given to the Millington Community Center to assist with its operations.



Shields Lions Club draws the winning tickets for the scout's fundraiser. As their Charter Organization we also presented them with a check and talked to the scouts about Leader Dogs for the Blind and giving back.



Zilwaukee Lions Club: At a recent meeting 2nd Vice District Governor Toby Webber swore in new members Rich and Ricky Orozco as President and sponsor Gene Jolin looks on. We are happy to have them aboard.



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Hadley Lions Club has the spirit meter turned up to high, this season! There was a wonderful turnout for the Christmas tree lighting-special thanks to all that volunteered their time!



Bad Axe Lions Club assembled at the Huron County Medical Care Facility to sing Christmas carols for residents gathered in the second-floor activity room. The tradition dates back to the late 1930s, according to Lion Don Clark. More than a dozen Lions participated in this beloved event!



Algonac Lions Club sends cheer to children facing long hospital stays. Members collect and assembled donations of crayons, activity books, card games, and more to send to young cancer patients at two local pediatric hospitals. What a great effort by Lion Wendy Wojtas, our pediatric oncology chair. (And who doesn't enjoy a Barrell of Monkeys?)

Almont Lions Club hold a blood drive: Since 2005, 3,301 units of blood have been collected at blood drives held in our clubhouse. Potentially 9,903 lives have been saved, Blood drives in the Almont Lions Hall have resulted in 156 units of blood collected during 2024.



Minden City Lions Club Elves out on deliveries! Lions Dale Halifax, Dave Horan, and Bob Kaufman were recently caught spreading Christmas Cheer across the city.



District 11D2's Pediatric Oncology Project was a huge success! Gifts for young patients and supplies for long-term stays were delivered and required a U-Haul to transport them all. They had volunteer help from many, including pediatric cancer survivor Eli who battled leukemia and spent several years at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Eli is now age 19 and cancer free. Children's Hospital of Michigan and CS Mott Children's Hospital were the beneficiaries of a combined \$8,000.00 donation from the Lions of District D2.



Hadley Lions Club hosted the Peace Poster contest and had 6 entries this year. This year's winner was sponsored by the Lapeer Lions Club. Here she is with the winning poster, Porsche Leon. The judging of peace posters is always accompanied by Hadley Lions famous spaghetti dinner.



Santa's "modern" sleigh is one of 4 vehicles filled with toys for good girls and boys!

CROSWELL LIONS CLUB: Toys For Tots received a grant from Harbro Toy Company and were gifted 27 pallets of toys! Unable to distribute such a large load, they reached out to the Crosswell Lions and offered as many toys as the club needed. On November 8th members of the club went to the warehouse in Marysville with two pickup trucks and two SUV's and loaded them up to the gills. The toys are to be shared with other clubs and non-profits to be further distributed to children less fortunate this season and beyond. Pictured is but one of the trucks piled high!



Marlette Lions at the 2nd Annual Merry & Bright night in Marlette.

Marlette Lions Club participated in a big way during "Merry & Bright", held in downtown Marlette. Hot chocolate & popcorn were provided and over 300 kids and families took part in the lighted ATV parade and Chili Cookoff. Oh! What a Night!

Port Huron Host Lions Club held a Spaghetti Dinner in October to help raise funds for the D2 Pediatric Oncology Project. Members collected \$2,000 in dinner ticket sales and donations with the Port Huron Host Lions donating an additional \$1000 for a total cash donation from Port Huron Host Lions to the assist with the project of \$3000.00. It was a great turnout for a great cause!



Almont Lions hosted "Cookies with Santa for the Almont Cub Scouts.

MINDEN CITY LIONS CLUB: Tickets are now on sale for the 2024-25 52/52 Firearm Raffle. Cost per ticket is \$50, which gives the buyer 52 chances to win. The winning numbers are based on the Monday evening daily 3 Michigan lottery drawings. The first winning number will be drawn on January 6, 2025, and will continue each week until the final draw on December 29, 2025. Contact Lion Dale for tickets at 989-670-0394.



Elkton Lions Club officially welcomed six new members at their Nov. 20th business meeting. First Vice District Governor David Fisher conducted the induction ceremony. Welcomed Deb Smith, Pat Hundersmarck, Pat Tesh, Morgan Swartzendruber, Anna Miller, and Sarah Brooks to Lions Clubs International.

Treasurer Steve Langford of USA Lions Club presents a check for \$1000 to Sherry Fuerst for Caring and Sharing for Christmas presents for children this year.

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Move over Sock Monkey! Lions have a brand new design! Don't throw away those old socks! They might be needed to make dog and cat toys at our District Convention in April. Cotton socks are best. Colorful socks are very welcome! Don't worry, socks with holes can be used for stuffing! I have contacted a few animal shelters in our district and have gotten a green light for homemade pet toys. Start collecting old socks. Save the date and plan to attend our awesome District Convention on April 25-6, 2025, in Clare.



Coleman Lions Club recently had two interesting speakers at their meetings. Julia Weglowska is an exchange student living with Lion Billie Jo Parker. She showed us all about Poland with slides and video clips and even got us up dancing a traditional (easy) step! Julia also gave us a taste of her homemade pierogi! We also learned about Lions of Michigan All State Band from Amelia Ward who traveled to Melbourne Australia last July to march in the Lions Clubs International convention parade. Amelia also showed slides of her trip and told us about some of the awesome experiences she had performing for children at a hospital and a school. Amelia, who is a senior, plans to attend this year's convention in Orlando, Florida in July 2025. Pictured from left to right are Lion Billie Jo Parker, Julia Weglowska, & Amelia Ward.

Central Montcalm Lions are having a busy December. We were happy to donate to the Central Montcalm High School band program. We recently filled two more eyeglass requests for local students. We volunteered to help an elderly gentleman move into his new home here in our area. We are also in the process of putting together 50 gift bags that will be delivered to folks in the area that may be alone or may have lost a loved one this past year. We look forward to hosting DG Tom at our December meeting later this month. Happy Holidays to all!



Congratulations to our newest members to the Coleman Lions Club. Matt and Kathryn (Katie) Huber were inducted into Lions during our regular club meeting on Monday by District Governor Tom Mac Naughton. Each received a certificate of membership, Lions pin, and ball cap. In addition, their sponsor, Lion Billie Jo Parker received a certificate of sponsorship and a Lion sponsor pin. Pictured from left to right: President PDG Al Roeseler, Lion Billie Jo Parker, Katie Huber, Matt Huber, and DG Tom Mac Naughton.

Congratulations to our Lions for their length of service Chevrons. Lions Pam Render and Wendy Gross each received their 10-year chevron and Lion Chuck Dinsmore received his 20-year chevron from District Governor Tom Mac Naughton.



Fremont Lions Club is in the midst of one of their biggest fundraisers selling Koeze Nuts now through December 30, 2024. 100% of the proceeds support the many ways the Lions give back to the community. These fine Koeze Nuts and Chocolates are available from any Fremont Lions member

Fremont Lions Club gathered at the Shack Retreat and Conference Center in White Cloud for their annual Christmas Party on Tues Dec. 3rd. Twenty-eight members and guests enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner and a festive time Christmas caroling led by none other than PDG Jim Patterson. All in attendance brought unwrapped toys for our local Toys for Tots collection at True North. Club members enjoying a holiday celebration!



Greenville Lions Club recognized Mary Ane Krum for her 10 years of Lions Club Service and Kyle Madole & Mike Kreitner for 35 years of Lions Club Service each! Club Members compiled food baskets and donated frozen turkeys for our Thanksgiving Food Project.



Hart Lions Club inducted four new members at their December meeting. L-R: Sponsor Lion Craig, New Lion Mike, New Lion Jamie, New Lion Gladis, Sponsor Lions Paula, New Lion Dan, Sponsor Lion Bruce.



Hart Lions Club celebrated their 45th Anniversary at their December meeting. Lake Ann Lions Club: Honor Flight of Michigan gave a presentation as we honored several of our members who served in the military. Our only remaining charter member, James K. Morse Sr., a Korean War era Veteran and Honor Flight participant gave a firsthand account of his experiences in Germany from 1950-1952 and going on the Honor Flight in 2022.

Five members of the L.A. Lions help direct traffic and keep pedestrians safe as the Village of Lake Ann welcomed Santa Claus on November 30th. Lake Ann Lions were honored to help Santa with the Great Cookie Challenge! We Serve!

Midland Lions Club: In 2011, the club started their Coats for Kids coat drive and since then, they have donated over 600 coats, including donating 60 coats in this year's drive. Throughout October and November, their chapter conducted six Kidsight Screening events where they screened 370 children. Stanwood Lions Club is sponsoring a new extracurricular monthly Art Club at Morley Stanwood Elementary. There are 27 students so far involved who are provided a snack and art project led by Lions members. The club sponsored a Peace Poster Contest with Morley Stanwood Middle School. Here the kids are enjoying their hot chocolate bar as a reward for participating and the winner with her certificate.

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The Alpena Lions Club presented a check for \$2,500.00 to the Salvation Army of Alpena from funds raised through the Old Newsboys Campaign, a nearly century-old partnership with the Alpena News.



Accepting the check, from campaign chair Gary Stevens and President BJ Sanders, is Salvation Army Major Prezza Morrison.



Annette Trelfa, representing Most Ministries, accepts a check for \$1,000.00, a donation from past President Al Guest and current President BJ Sanders. Alpena Lions Club raised funds to assist Most Ministries with the purchase of sunglasses for distribution in South America. The Alpena Lions coordinate with Most Ministries to distribute used eyeglasses donated by the Citizens of Alpena. The need for sunglasses was brought to the attention of the Club this past year. Most Ministries distribute 600 to 800 pairs of sunglasses with each mission trip. The sunglasses are used to protect eyesight from the adverse effects of cooking over open flames and the intensity of the sun in their region. A donation to the Northeast Michigan Community Foundation, earmarked for the Alpena Lions Club Memorial Fund was presented to Patrick Heraghty by Alan Guest.



Alan presented the check on behalf of Rodney and Maryanne Guest who made the donation.

Money will be used to help fund programs of the Alpena Lions Club. Some of the major programs include sight preservation, hearing aids, juvenile diabetes, pediatric cancer, hunger and McRae Park adoption.



Boyne Valley Lions Club sold 367 pasties with gross sales of \$3,016. Last year 506 pasties were sold, totaling \$4,000.

Pictured are DG Dennis Gocha and Lion Linda Gocha at the Jordan Inn. East Jordan Lions Club is busy selling Christmas trees at the Jordan Inn this year. Money raised from the sales will go toward community projects the club supports.



District Governor Dennis Gocha awarded Lion William Curnalia from the Roscommon-Higgins Lake Lions Club a 50-year Charter Monarch Chevron pin. Congratulations Lion William and thank you for your dedicated service to the Lions!



The Oscoda Lions Club ramp crew completed yet another ramp for a resident of Alcona County.



Tony Priebe, Bob Drogosch, Scott Busich, John Novak, Tony Bol, Rick Stanley, Eric, and Chuck Andrina all worked on the large project. The crew built two platforms of 4x4' and 4x8' and over 40' of ramp. An elderly couple are having mobility problems with the husband currently in rehabilitation in preparation for coming back home. The ramp eliminated the steep set of stairs which made access to the house difficult. Oscoda Lions Club serves the needs of many with their on-going ramp projects.



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