

LION PRIDE



WE SERVE



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Lions Service Project at the MD 11 Convention at Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire



Photo provided by PDG Ray Robins

Lions from across the state and above the bridge, from MD 11 to District 10, donated to the Bellaire Youth Initiative to benefit their student programs offered to student from Bellaire and beyond. Donations included guitars for their music program, storage containers for the Archery program, and fishing equipment which allowed the program to offer a new service – a youth fishing program. Many lego sets provided and cash donations will help with STEM programs and many other services offered. Thank you, Lions, for your generosity!

UPCOMING Events:

JULY 1, 2026
NEW LIONS YEAR BEGINS!

NEW! DEADLINE FOR REPORTING 2025-26 SERVICE ACTIVITIES
Record Service using LCI Portal to receive credit for 25-26

JULY 3-7, 2026
2026 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HONG KONG

JULY 31-AUG 1, 2026
1st COG Meeting & VDG TRAINING Mount Pleasant Comfort Inn

SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026
USA/Canada Forum Memphis, Tennessee

OCTOBER 2026
LIONS MEMBERSHIP GROWTH MONTH

OCTOBER 1, 2026
Deadline to Purchase Peace Poster Kit

OCTOBER 2-3, 2026
2nd COG Meeting & VDG TRAINING Cadillac Evergreen Resort

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2026
Lions Leadership Institute MacMullan Center, Higgins Lake

DECEMBER 4-5, 2026
3rd COG Meeting & VDG TRAINING Mount Pleasant Holiday Inn

FEBRUARY 26-27, 2027
4th COG Meeting & VDG TRAINING Grand Rapids Sheraton by Marriott

MAY 21, 2027
5th & FINAL COG Meeting Traverse City Park Place Hotel

See Page 5 FOR ALL THE DETAILS
Check our website for updates & additional information
www.lionsofmi.com



S.A. Dodge Recipients 2026

The MD 11 District Governors convened in December to consider an exceptional group of candidates for this year's S.A. Dodge Award. From a field of highly qualified nominees, two individuals stood out through their outstanding service and unwavering dedication. Both recipients embody the spirit of compassion, leadership, and commitment to others exemplified by Past International President S.A. Dodge of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

District Governor-Elect Larry Wegrzyn brings an extraordinary 55 years of service as a member of the Canton Lions Club. His legacy is defined by impactful, community-focused initiatives. He developed a program providing free eye exams and eyeglasses to children in need within local elementary schools and later established a low-vision reader program at the local library, offering assistive devices at no cost to residents. Additionally, he founded and maintains a medical equipment loan closet at the local fire station, supplying crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs to individuals recovering from illness or injury.



Beyond his local efforts, Lion Larry has contributed significantly at the state level, serving on the MD 11 Youth Exchange Committee and as State Chair of the Leo Committee. When District 11-A1 faced a leadership vacancy, he stepped forward to serve as First Vice District Governor, demonstrating his readiness to lead and his steadfast commitment to the organization. He now continues the path toward district leadership, bringing experience, humility, and dedication to the role.

One thing is certain: by June 30, 2027, we will all be familiar with how to spell WEGRZYN!

Immediate Past District Governor Cheryl Anderson has been a Lion for 22 years and is a proud member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club. Throughout her tenure, she has served



with distinction at the club, district, state, and international levels. As she concludes her term on June 30 as State Global Service Chair, she prepares to step into her next leadership role as Council Chair for 2026-2027.

Lion Cheryl's past awards reflect the depth of her service and leadership. She is a recipient of the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor bestowed by Lions Clubs International. Her additional honors include three Presidential Leadership Medals, four International Leadership Awards, the Ken Lautzenheizer Foundation Award, the Doc Barr and Charles Weir Eversight Awards, the Granville & Betty Cutler Leadership Award, and the Rod Prys Spirit Award. Alongside her husband, Past International Director Gary Anderson, she has traveled the world and participated in 24 Lions Vision Mission teams, serving communities across Mexico, Central and South America, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Kenya, and Morocco.

Lion Cheryl is deeply passionate about Lionism, leading with positivity, encouragement, and boundless enthusiasm. Her energy inspires those around her and exemplifies service above self.

> EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - NEWS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRIDE

BY LION WENDY BURNS



I'd be preaching to the choir if I told you how busy Lions are in the summertime! While you are out firing up the grill to serve thousands of chicken dinners around District 11 E2, flipping pancakes in District 11 C1, grilling hot dogs in District 11 C2, or manning a beverage tent at the community celebration in District 11 D2, literally thousands of citizens around the state are benefiting from the proceeds of your hard work.

Eyeglasses, hearing aids, wheelchair ramps, food giveaways, clothing and furniture donations to anyone in need - If there's a need, there most certainly is a Lions Club offering assistance.

GST Chair Cheryl Anderson recently shared at the Council of Governors meeting that service reporting is up to 97% in the state! This compares to 77% reporting just one year ago. You can easily bring that percentage up 3% by logging into the Lions Portal and reporting service. Think of it as bragging about your great club! We've had a fantastic year of service – if not a record breaking one. Service is what we do. The 2025-2026 Lions year may be winding down, but Lions are just winding up! New clubs have chartered in just the past couple of weeks as of this writing. New Lions are hitting the ground running and coming up with new ways to serve, adding renewed excitement as they go. Awards have been handed out, new leaders are being inducted into their roles for the coming year and are enthusiastic about the direction we are heading.

At the state level, we'll have new Governors taking the head seat at the Council table, 2nd VDGs will move into the 1st VDG slot and incoming 2nd VDGs will begin to learn what it's all about. The MD 11 Global Action Team is putting their calendar together and we welcome the following leaders: Lion Brent Beracy, Global Leadership Chair; Lion Roshni Patel, Global Membership Chair; Lion Becky Hamilton, Global Service Chair, Lion Dave Hill Global Extension Chair. Council Chair Elect Chery Anderson will lead us all beginning July 1.

International Director David Wineman has proudly represented our state for two years as LCI International Director, traveling the globe and working hard for Michigan and Lions worldwide. His travels may slow down a bit, but not his passion.

I value the work you all do in our state and the way you support those around you. By this I am referring to your community partners, those you serve, and your fellow club members. You truly are the best group of volunteers in the world.

Enjoy the summer, Lions!

Yours in Service,
Lion Wendy Burns

DG SPOTLIGHT

DG BEA FURMAN 11B1

YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!



If there is anything I would like to say to anyone as I've gone up the ladder' it's how much I appreciate those who have helped me succeed. Some think of the climb up the ladder as a lonely

trek. But, looking back, I'm reminded of just how many people it takes to help me move up. I am blessed to know just how many people it took.

First, there are those who believed enough in me that they asked me to become a Lion. My sponsor helped me move up. She invited me to come with her and participate in activities.

As my club got to know me, they began to see my potential and nominated me to the board of directors. I moved up position to position until I became president.

Because of my work in the club, someone in my district heard about me, and invited me on to the cabinet as a zone chair. While zone chair, secretary and treasurer of the cabinet are appointed positions, you're there because someone believes enough in you to want you to participate. After a while, my club and my district believed in me enough, that I then was nominated and elected to the leadership positions of 2nd, 1st and finally District Governor.

As I was nominated for each position at the club and district level, I began thinking about how much each person's belief in me mattered, and I realized, even at the time I felt like no one was there for me, I was never alone. My club and my district were behind me, helping me move up the ladder. I was never alone. Someone invited me to help with a service project. Someone talked with me about leadership and helped me move up. Someone believed in me enough to nominate me and/or second my nomination. Anytime I spoke anywhere, someone was there to remind me I was never alone.

I say that for you to think about how much we need each other to accomplish whatever you want to achieve. Lions serve you in every way, as well as others. You are never alone! We serve together, and we serve each other!!! We are never alone!!!

DG Bea Furman, Multiple District 11B1

LIONS CLUBS SPEYER GERMANY

SERVICE PROJECT



I was on the trip of a lifetime with 18 of my High School friends at the end of May. What a great adventure on a Viking River Cruise through parts of Europe! Always on the look out for the Lions emblem, I was thrilled when our guide one day said she was "so grateful to the Lions Club of Speyer, Germany, for their contributions to the community", one of which was a bronze replica of the inside of the Imperial Cathedral Basilica we toured.

Unfortunately, I was unable to find a club to visit in my travels, but I did find this article about the Speyer Lions Club's free toy rental box! Enjoy reading the article, below.

At the "Platz der Kinderrechte" in Speyer-Süd, the city's first public toy rental box was ceremoniously opened. The initiative was made possible by a donation of 2,300 euros from the Lions Club Speyer. In addition to representatives of the district association, Lord Mayor Stefanie Seiler, Mayor Monika Kabs and numerous children and parents were present at the handover.

The weatherproof box is equipped with high-quality sand toys and is available for all children to use freely. The aim of the project is to make the idea of sharing tangible in a playful way and to promote social participation regardless

of family conditions. The idea comes from Scandinavia, where such lending boxes have been used successfully for years. The Lions Club Speyer is pleased to contribute to the promotion of community, responsibility and playful learning in the city with this project.



**MD 11GST
LION CHERYL ANDERSON
DEAR LIONS.....**



Seeing as this will be my last article as your MD GST leader this year, I cannot express what this year meant to me as your MD11 GST Leader.

As I reflect on this year and see all the wonderful service activities that have occurred in Michigan, I am amazed at how creative and amazing all the different ways that you have served the public. There were so many unique and “thinking out of the box” acts of kindness that it just warms my heart with all the service that has taken place. We even had a Kindness Matters Service Award Recipient for District 11-A1. Only 30 Kindness Matters Awards are given out a year worldwide. Congratulations DG Kim Hoooper, 11-A1 and the Bedford Twp Lions Club!

I want to particularly thank all the clubs that reported their acts of service. Without reporting the service, how do we know what is being done and who is getting served. There are not many clubs that when they reported their service, included pictures. These pictures are so important in seeing the faces of the people served. Please include pictures when you report your service.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that there are still Lions Clubs that have not reported service this year. This just saddens me because we as Lions serve. “WE SERVE” is our Lion motto. Maybe you don't feel it is important to report the wonderful things that you are doing. It is VERY important for other clubs to see what is being done by other clubs and maybe this activity is something that they can do in their club too. Club service activities can get old and overdone, new ideas are always appreciated and could help to rejuvenate your club in service. It is always good to see other ways to serve and get excited about a new project.

Please keep up the great acts of service and report the service, including pictures. I look forward to continuing seeing all the acts of service the Michigan Lions are doing and have done. We are not done; we still have two months in this Lion year, to SERVE !!!!

Yours in Service,
Lion Cheryl Anderson

**HAS YOUR CLUB MADE ITS LCIF
DONATION THIS YEAR?
PCC TERRI HUFFMAN**



Has your club made its annual donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) this year?

Many Lions know LCIF as our global foundation, but not everyone realizes the tremendous impact it has on our local communities, our state, and communities around the world. Through LCIF, Lions are able to extend their service far beyond what any individual club could accomplish alone.

LCIF provides funding for disaster relief, vision programs, diabetes initiatives, childhood cancer support, hunger relief, youth development, environmental projects, and humanitarian efforts. When communities face floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, or other emergencies, LCIF is often there with grants that help Lions respond quickly and effectively.

Closer to home, Michigan Lions have benefited from LCIF-supported programs and grants that strengthen our ability to serve those in need. Every dollar donated helps create opportunities for service and expands the reach of Lions' compassion.

We encourage every Michigan Lions club to make a minimum annual donation of \$100 to LCIF. While this amount may seem small, when every club participates, the collective impact is extraordinary. We also encourage individual Lions to consider becoming recurring donors. A monthly gift of \$20 can make a meaningful difference throughout the year.

LCIF consistently receives high marks for stewardship and accountability, ensuring that donations are used effectively to support Lions service around the globe.

Together, we can continue to strengthen our communities, support those facing challenges, and demonstrate the power of Lions serving Lions and serving humanity.

If your club has not yet made its annual LCIF contribution, now is a great time to take action. Every donation matters. Every Lion can make a difference. Every club can help change lives.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE 2026
INTERNATIONAL COVENTION,
HONG KONG, CHINA**



**Official Notice
2026 International Convention, Hong Kong, China**

The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2026 International Convention.

ITEM 1: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA TO REQUIRE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS GRANTED VOTING RIGHTS BY A DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT TO BE MEMBERS OF A CLUB IN GOOD STANDING IN ORDER TO VOTE BY VIRTUE OF TITLE.

(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 3. CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA be amended by inserting “in good standing” as follows:

Each chartered club in good standing in the association and its district (single, sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district (single, sub- and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office of the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held, PROVIDED, however, that each such club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate; and FURTHER PROVIDED, that each district (single, sub- and multiple) may, by express provision in its respective constitution and by-laws, grant full delegate status to each past district governor who is a member of a club **in good standing** in such district independent of the club delegate quotas hereinabove specified. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote of his/her choice for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote of his/her choice on each question submitted to, the respective convention. The major fraction referred to in this Section shall be five (5) or more members. Any club which is newly chartered, and any other chartered club which takes in new members prior to the convening of any such convention, shall have its delegate quota determined on the basis of members who have been enrolled in the club for at least one year and a day as shown on such record date in the records of the international office. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

**July 3-7, 2026 • #LionsCon26
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LIONS HONG KONG 2026
INTERNATIONAL
108th Lions International Convention

> LIONS EXCHANGE NEWS



From the Desk of the District Governor – Colleen Maki, SD 10

District 10 Convention was EPIC thanks to the awesome Bay de Noc Lions Convention Committee! There was 175 registered for or more events. 127 registered were Lions representing 25 of the 46 Lions Clubs in the district. Having over 50% of the clubs in the district represented was outstanding!

Please talk with some of those who attended and make your plans to attend next year's convention to "Celebrate our Service".

Congratulations to the incoming District Governor Gary Perala, 1st Vice Chris LeBouef and 2nd Vice Dan LaMarche elected at the 105th Single District 10 Convention. All of you will have the support of the rest of the district leadership team as you take office July 1!

As the end of my term as District Governor is approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you:

YOU MATTER!

- To your local Lions Club – you represent 1 of the many Lions in your club working together to serve Lions projects and your communities.
- To your District – each of you represents an important part of 46 Clubs and approximately 1,320 members. Working together we can be certain we are NOT our communities best kept secret!
- To Lions International – you are a part of 1.4M caring men and women from more than 200 countries representing nearly 50,000 Lions Clubs serving together that can truly make a lasting impact on the world.

Make your service and fundraising purposeful and FUN! You will show others – especially future generations that WE SERVE and IT MATTERS!

Thank you to all who have supported me on this journey. I will not be fading into the sunset. I have accepted the position as the chair of the 2026-2027 Global Extension Team (GET) and will be focusing on helping to charter new clubs and also assist the smaller clubs in the district to become more vibrant and visible in their communities.

-DG Colleen Maki

WIN THIS LITTLE UNIQUE LION HE IS ON A MISSION TO CHANGE LIVES...

This little felted lion began as a simple bundle of wool...but with hours of shaping, needling and love, it became something truly special.

Now he carries a bigger purpose: helping support LCIF, our organization that brings hope, relief, and compassion to people who need it most.

TICKETS ARE \$10 and by buying one you are becoming part of a story of kindness. A story where small contributions create big impact. A story where creativity meets service.

On July 21, 2026, one lucky Lion will WIN

this lion. But every person who participates becomes part of the heart behind it. Thank you for helping this little lion make a big difference. Go to:

www.lionleo.win

and buy your ticket in time for 4 July 21st 2026 or text Lindy Wineman 11D2 at 989 450 3644



LCI YOUTH EXCHANGE HONORS LION ELVIE MARFIL



Yours,
Lion Elvie Marfil

"It is truly a profound privilege to be recognized as one of the top 10 Youth Exchange chairs out of 130 countries, and I am deeply grateful to the following individuals and groups whose unwavering support has been instrumental in this achievement: host/sponsor families, host/sponsor clubs, districts/chairs, and our multiple district for their selfless financial and physical contributions to this program. I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Lion Wendy Burns for her inspiring encouragement for me to chair this program. Special thanks to our PCC Terri Ann Pease-Huffman for nominating me for this prestigious LCI category."

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB AWARDED LCI KINDNESS AWARD

The Kindness Matters Award is one of the most exclusive service recognitions awarded by Lions International," Hooper said in a news release. "Only 30 awards are presented annually worldwide, and, this year, just seven clubs in the United States were selected to receive the honor."

The Bedford club was recognized specifically for its long-standing partnership with the Now I Lay Me Down Bed Ministry, a program operated by First Presbyterian Church of Monroe.



The ministry provides beds to children in Monroe County who would otherwise be without a proper place to sleep.

"For many years, the Bedford Township Lions Club has served as a platinum sponsor of the annual Bed Race to Aid Children, the primary fundraiser supporting the bed ministry," Hooper said. "In addition to financial support, Lions members have volunteered countless hours assisting with bed deliveries and helping ensure that children throughout the county have a safe and comfortable place to sleep."

2026-2027 DATES AND COG MEETINGS

July 31-August 1, 2026

1st Council of Governors Meeting
 July 31: VDG Training 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 July 31: Council of Governors 7:00 pm (VDGs welcome and encouraged to attend)
 Aug. 1: Council of Governors 9:00 am-4:00 pm (VDG welcome and encouraged to attend)
 Aug. 1: Lions of MI Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner 6:00 pm
 Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn Deadline to receive discount: June 20
 Call for Reservations at 989-772-4000

October 2-3, 2026

2nd Council of Governors Meeting
 October 2: VDG Training 10:00 am-4:00 pm
 October 3: CoG meeting 7:00 pm (VDGs welcomed and encouraged to attend)
 October 3: CoG meeting 9:00 am-4:00 pm (VDG welcome and encouraged to attend)
 Cadillac -Evergreen Resort 7880 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac
 Room Rate: \$109.00 ++ Cut off for group rate: Sunday, August 19, 2026

December 4-5, 2026

3rd Council of Governors Meeting
 December 4: VDG Training 10:00 am-4:00 pm
 December 4: CoG meeting 7:00 pm (VDGs welcome and encouraged to attend)
 December 5: CoG meeting 9:00 am-4:00 pm (VDG welcome and encouraged to attend)
 Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn Express (989) 317-8686 ID: Lions Council Meeting
 Room Rate: \$139/King \$149/Queen Cutoff for reduced rate: November 11, 2026

February 26 – February 28, 2027

4th Council of Governors Meeting & Lions Michigan Forum
 February 26 - VDG Training 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
 February 26 – Lions Michigan Forum Service Project – 7:00 p.m.
 February 27 – Lions Michigan Forum 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
 February 27 - Council of Governors Meeting 7:00 pm
 February 28 -Council of Governors Meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Grand Rapids Sheraton by Marriott- New Location
 Room Rate: TBD Cutoff date for reduced rate: TBD

May 21, 2027

5th and final Council of Governors Meeting
 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (No VDG Training)
 1:15 pm – 3:30 pm District Governor-Elect Meeting
 May 20-22, 2027 MD 11 Lions Convention
 Traverse City - Park Place Hotel
 Room Rate: \$139 ++ Cutoff for reduced rate: April 19, 2027

Additional Dates to Remember:

July 3-7, 2026

Lions International Convention
 Hong Kong

September 3-5, 2026

USA/Canada Forum
 Memphis, Tennessee

November 6-8, 2026

Lions Leadership Institute
 MacMullen Center, Higgins Lake

MARKETING GRANT PROGRAM

Share your club's good work

Our clubs do amazing work by improving health and well-being, strengthening communities, and supporting those in need through humanitarian service. Now, share your clubs' story and grow your impact with the Marketing Grant Program! Marketing grants provide funding for marketing efforts like advertising, social media, branding and PR to promote Lions International locally and globally. Explore the application eligibility, apply today and let the world see the incredible difference Lions make!

Program calendar and information

- July 1 •** New Marketing Grant applications accepted. Program funding Refreshes.
- July 15**
 - Post reports due for grant recipients of the previous fiscal year.
- September 15**
 - Last date to apply for a Marketing Grant for the current fiscal year.

Marketing Grant Program activities must impact the entire multiple or single district. Extra consideration will be given to programs that will be conducted by a higher percentage of clubs within the multiple district (MD) or single district (SD). All applications will be reviewed in October by the Marketing Committee for potential impact, reach, value and ability to increase public awareness. To submit your application or for more information, please contact PR@lionsclubs.org.

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GLOBAL LIONS FORUM

> CONVENTION NEWS

USA - CANADA FORUM MEMPHIS TENNESSEE SEPTEMBER 3 - 5, 2026



The 2026 Memphis Forum is being held at the Renasant Convention Center, which connects to the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel via skybridge across Main Street. The Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel is the headquarters hotel. Other Forum hotel options are within walking distance to the Renasant Convention Center.



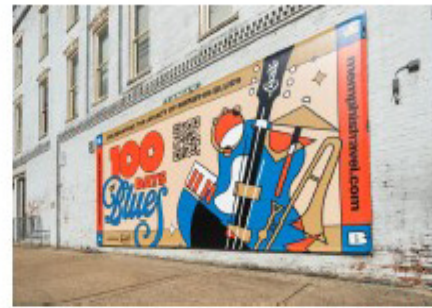
The front of the Renasant Convention Center at night.



The Memphis Area Transit Authority has 3 trolley lines that run through downtown. One of them stops between the convention center and the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel. Trolleys run every 30 minutes.



Memphis sign on Mud Island.



100 Days of Blues billboard on Beale Street.



Elvis statue at Memphis Welcome Center.



Since the very first Forum in 1976, the mission of the USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas and support programs and goals of Lions International.

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SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026

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Join us in Memphis, Tennessee, USA for the 50th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, celebrating 50 years of developing Lion leaders.

We'll have over 90 seminars to choose from, including the very popular "Speed Learning" session on Thursday morning. Prepare to catch up with old friends, make new friends and CELEBRATE A RECORD OF DEVELOPING LEADERS.



SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

THURSDAY EVENING

50th Anniversary Party!

Celebrate 50 years of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum with the unstoppable live energy of the Emerald Empire Band, fantastic food and fellowship with other Lions and LEOs.



FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Stephanie Krieger Graef and Leslie F. King, will address Lions on the human trafficking.



Graef is Founder of s7 Consulting, a small business exclusive to anti-human trafficking engagement, instruction and prevention.



King is a survivor of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, coerced into the lifestyle of prostitution at the tender age of 15. She was trapped in that lifestyle for 20 years. In 2005, King utilized her experience, expertise, and inspiring example of a renewed lifestyle to open Sacred Beginnings, a safe haven that offers hope, and healing to trafficking victims.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

International President Mark S. Lyon

2026-2027 Lions International President Mark S. Lyon shares his story, vision and goals as the leader of our Lions organization. He brings his broad and varied leadership experience to our amazing global service.



SATURDAY EVENING

Singer, songwriter and entrepreneur Floyd Armstrong with close out our 50-year Forum with the high energy only he can bring to a Lions convention.



A former member of the Grammy award-winner pop group The Fifth Dimension, Lion Floyd is a charter member of the All City Entertainment Lions Club featuring San Diego's top musicians and artists benefiting the 501c3 Music Therapy For Veterans. He is known for getting audiences out of their seats and dancing (and singing) in the aisles. Some may remember him from the opening of the Reno Forum in 2023.



The 2026 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM in Memphis, Tennessee is an opportunity for Lions and LEOs to gather, share old ideas and take home new ones for their communities. When Lions meet, positive power and energy just seem to happen! Join us—embrace new ideas and celebrate A RECORD OF DEVELOPING LEADERS.

Your Memphis Lions experience includes:

- More than 90 seminar sessions to grow Lions leaders at all leadership levels
- Service project with local impact
- Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness
- Forum Store to purchase Lions swag
- Exhibits—the latest ideas and products
- Meeting International Officers and Directors
- Pre- and post-Forum tours = mini vacations

LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES 2026

Lions of Michigan  **HALL OF FAME**

The Lions of Michigan Foundation officially opened the **LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME** on July 25, 2009 to begin celebrating the rich history that Michigan Lions have at all levels of our association - local, state, district and international. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to keep alive the memory of our great leaders and to document their service so that Lions in the present and future can share a sense of the service that our great state has given to our association. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than March 1 of each year.

The 2026 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 17th Annual, will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Lodging is \$120.00 per night, including tax, for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Comfort Inn (989-572-0473) or Lions of Michigan State Office (517-887-6640 or info@lmsf.net).

**CONGRATULATIONS
2026 INDUCTEES**

- PCC PEGGY ALLEN – 11-B1**
- PDG JULIE MAYUIERS – 11-B2**
- PDG DR. PAUL HODGE – 11-C1**
- PDG STEVE VAN TOL – 11-D1**
- PDG BERT RIVETTE – 11-D1**
- ID DAVE WINEMAN – 11-D2**
- PDG JERRY BRANDT – 11-E1**

2026 Hall of Fame - Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Registrant(s): \$27.50 Each = \$ _____

Choice of Entrée: Teriyaki Pork Loin #: _____ Grilled Shrimp #: _____ Pasta Primavera #: _____

Lions Club: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

DEADLINE: July 10, 2026

> MD-11 NEWS

MD11 CONVENTION 2026 RESULTS!



HUZZAH FOR THE MD CONVENTION!

MORE NEWS <

...AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE IT A SUCCESS!



2025-2026 Council of Governors



Council Chair
Becky Hamilton
MD 11



District Governor
Colleen Maki
SD 10



District Governor
Kim Hooper
11 A1



District Governor
Mark Scicluna
11 A2



District Governor
Bea Furman
11 B1



District Governor
Karen Bouwman
11 B2



District Governor
Earl Howell
11 C1



District Governor
Aleta Cozart
11 C2



District Governor
Jerry Whitney
11 D1



District Governor
Dave Fisher
11 D2



District Governor
Jeff Schafer
11 E1



District Governor
Marie Leathers
11 E2



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GOLD LEVEL
Fetzer Institute
Lions of Michigan Foundation
On-Site Construction

BRONZE SPONSOR
Council Chair Becky Hamilton
District 11-C2
District 11-E2

HEART OF A LION
Family of Council Chair Elect Cheryl Anderson
Lennon Lions Club
Lion Ed Weessies
Lions Bear Lake Camp
PDG Vicki Ruiz
PDGs Dan Gibbons & Pam Schroeder
Pearl Beach Lions Club

FLOWER SPONSOR
PDG Shirley Kelly



THANK YOU



Thank you to the
**MD 11 Convention
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> PEACE POSTER NEWS

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The International Peace Contests are made up of two unique contests sponsored by Lions clubs — the International Peace Poster Contest and the International Peace Essay Contest. Young people ages 11-13 can share their creativity in expressing what peace means through art and writing.

Grand prize winners for each contest receive an award, a monetary prize of US\$5,000 and an invitation to a Lions International event. For the International Peace Poster Contest, 23 merit winners will receive a certificate and a monetary prize of US\$500 2026-2027 theme:

Harmony in Humanity

When we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. This year, we invite young people to imagine a world where people of every culture and background live together peacefully — celebrating differences, finding common ground and creating true harmony in humanity.



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Build a Team of Leaders
Current Leaders: Identify who can carry out and lead the development of the strategy. **Future Leaders:** Include Lions who can serve as future leaders. Lions who have held leadership positions, who

can provide insight, support and are interested in the future of the club. **Members:** To gain a full perspective of your club's needs. Look for a cross section of members who represent the club or in smaller clubs involve as many members as possible (established members, new members, young Lions, professionals) to both understand their needs and engage their talent.

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Take your leadership to the next level with the Lions Learning Center, which offers helpful training courses for club officers, including:

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- Invite for Impact
- Member Satisfaction

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Governor Kim Hooper was presented the City of Detroit Proclamation signed by Mayor Mary Sheffield honoring White Cane Week (April 24 - May 6, 2026). The proclamation recognizes the importance of the white cane and encourages all citizens to recognize and support the efforts of Lions Clubs International and their programs. DG Kim in turn presented the city resolution to Dr. Daniel Rathbun so it may be displayed at the Greater Agency.

This is an annual celebration where the leaders and club members of District 11 A1, Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and CRIO (Civil Rights, Inclusion, and Opportunity Department) gather in front of the Spirit of Detroit Statue at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center.



District 11-A1 fulfilled one of its 5 Goals for its Membership Improvement Initiative. It was an Eyeglass Recycling Party hosted at Detroit Renaissance Lions Clubhouse.

It was so successful with 35 Lions, prospective Lions and friends sorting, cleaning, drying and packing close to 5000 pairs of glasses for delivery to "Most Ministries" next week. One new Lion with several others on the bubble after seeing Lions in action for Service!

Congratulations to 2nd VDG-Elect Deborah Love on completion of her MBA at Madonna University. She also had the joy of supporting her daughter, Lion Eboni Love-Peel, as she graduated the very next day from Gallaudet University (a college for the deaf) in Washington, DC, with family by their side. They concluded the celebration by walking arm in arm across her stage as she signed in ASL—a moment VDG Deborah will always cherish.

Congratulations to DGE Larry Wegrzyn on his S.A. Dodge Award. This is the highest honor awarded by Multiple District 11.

District Service Project Dates:
 Attention Lions! You are encouraged to contact friends and family to join us for a two opportunities to help with service. The ability to lend a hand, large or small, in fulfilling a major need as well as making a dream come true, is humbling and rewarding.
 Dates: Tuesday, June 16th and/or Thursday, June 18. Contact Lion Lula Gardfrey to sign up.

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- JUNE 2026 District A2 Upcoming Events**
 7 3rd Annual Paws for Service - Sterling Heights Lions
 726th Annual Penrickton Center - Ride for a Reason
 7 Euchre Torntmnt - Eastpointe Lions, Fraser Lions Bnqt Ctr
 7 Royal Oak Trivia - Berkley American Legion
 8 Bear Lake Golf Outing - Boulder Point Golf Club
 12 Sterling Heights Lions Euchre
 12 Bear Lake Baseball. See Lion Frank's email for details tickets.
 14 Detroit Renaissance Lions Pig Roast - Jefferson Yacht Club
 16 Fraser Lions Club - Tea & Scrumptious
 17-21 Warren City Fair Sponsored by the Warren Lions Club
 20 Washington Lions Golf Outing- Cracklewood Golf Club
JULY 2026
 10 Sterling Heights Lions Euchre



2nd VDG-Elect James Boomer was presented with the Paul Hemeryck Outstanding Leadership Award while attending the District A2 Convention. Congratulations!

Ortonville Lions Club was very honored to award 5 outstanding Brandon High School seniors a scholarship. These students exemplify what dedication to excellence means in so many areas. Grade point average, involvement in sports and other clubs but most importantly, in service. We believe the service is a key component to building the future of our community. Congratulations to you all.



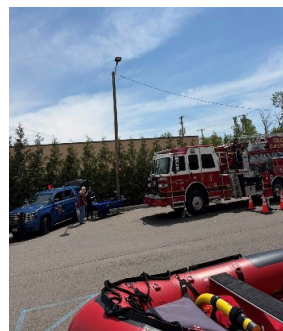
Royal Oak Lions Club in the 2026 Royal Oak Memorial Day parade. Members: Lion Rhett, Lions Renee, Nancy, Bob, Maureen, Laura, Karen and Maya,



Milford Huron Valley Lions Club hosted their annual Scholarship ceremony on Wednesday May 20, 2026. Members and guests gathered at the White Lake Dublin Center to honor five outstanding 2026 high school graduates. This year's well deserved scholarships were awarded to Jacob Beck, Brody Mayville, & McKinley Pietila. Brian McKee Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Ronan Fitzpatrick & Shelby Shindorf. The Milford Huron Valley Lions Club congratulates these extraordinary students and their families, and wishes them success as they pursue their careers and personal dreams.



Selfridge Chesterfield Lions Club - Many of our members purchased items to help stock the pantry at Lions Bear Lake Camp. We delivered them today to an appreciative staff as camps start next week and roll continuously to late August.



Selfridge Chesterfield Lions out at the Chesterfield Police Department open house today. Served up 100s of hot dogs and vision screened 30 kids with 7 referrals to get professional eye exams. It was a great day!



Ortonville Lions Club
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 The Ortonville Lions Club proudly donated \$750 for the Cert team of Brandon Township to purchase new equipment to continue to keep our events safe. So grateful for all they do for our community.



Centerline Lions Club still draws the crowds after 69 years of flipping pancakes!



Wixom Walled Lake Lions Club - Lena Willis & Dayle Henderson (of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority-Novi Chapter), presented a box full of 86 pair of prescription eyeglasses to club president, Roger Blackwell, ZC; at our recent club meeting. This was their "Strengthening Our Sisterhood Initiative" to support our club's ongoing eyeglasses recycling efforts.

Shelby Township Lions Club Annual Golf Outing!
 Monday, June 29th
 Greystone Golf Club
 67500 Mound Rd, Washington, MI 48095
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Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club participated in Cereal Fest by holding a KidSight screening.



PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser presented two Hanover Horton Seniors with Lautzenheiser Family Scholarships.



Annual Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club JAX60 Bowling Fundraiser Club members and friends were out in full force running their annual fundraiser, held in April at JAX60 Bowling Center. Activities included a 50/50 drawing and prizes. The two-hour event supports food pantries, eyeglasses, diabetes, Leader Dogs and Christmas family support.



Grass Lake Lions Club Hunger Service Project Completed by the

The Lions food kiosk was a hunger service project that aids our Grass lake community members and families with food. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held within Grass Lake's historic downtown on Thursday, 18 June 2026 in the Grass Lake Community Events Park pavilion, located at 120 Brown St. Whether you stopped for the hot dog barbecue, yard games and activities, or just to be a part of the celebration, we thank you for being there as we celebrate this exciting milestone together.



Paws with a Cause will hold a fundraising Golf Outing at Binder Park Golf Course, Battle Creek, in District B1. The outing will take place on July 11.

Standing: Lions ZC Club President Brian DuBois, Secretary Diane Grubbs, Al Rounds, and Owen Gleis, with Lion Judy Gleis seated. North Adams-Jerome Purse Bingo Lions operated a concession stand at event on 9 May 2026.



Michigan Center Lioness Club Darcy King led the Elephant Toes tent at the Carp Carnival. Lions Kaleen Green and Maggie Gilson helped throughout the day.



Saline Lions Club recently honored Lion Alan McDavitt with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Congratulations!



Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club Drive-thru Spaghetti Fundraiser The event was held at Barista Blues Café on 24 March and set a record with 206 tickets sold. Money raised will benefit the Franklin Food Pantry.

Union City Cleanup DG Bea Furman (Jackson Host) Representatives from nine clubs in our district participated in the cleanup efforts for Union City. I would like to thank Terri Ann Pease-Huffman for helping with the LCIF grant, both in writing the application for and the report which will be written later. Thank you also for serving today. Thank you to Barry Allen for spearheading the funds used by the Lions of Michigan grant and for serving today. Terri, Gregg Brindamour both had cars filled with stuff. James Phelan Jr. also had a car full of stuff. But, had room for me to sit up front. Hope Ruddock Swank and her husband Scott were there to serve as well. Their quiet determination was an inspiration to others that they served alongside of. Louvenia Shack-Seals, I am glad you were there with your smile, and there were others. It was a day I do not think any of us will soon forget! Each small thing we do creates a ripple that the entire universe is affected by. I am glad we were the skipping stones that created the ripples today.



Members of the Hanover Horton, JCPV, Quest South East Jackson and Vandercook Lake participated in the Community Health Fair.



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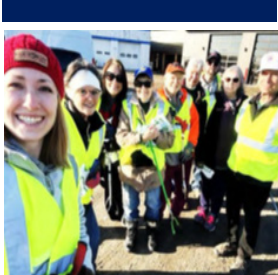
Lyons-Muir Lions Club was recently visited by representatives from Leader Dogs for the Blind. Michelle and Kevin, along with their puppy Canute, gave a very informative discussion of how and why their organization works. Canute's contribution was his cuteness the entire meeting



Rockford Lions Club kicked off its Start of Summer Celebration 2026 with Project KidSight, backed by the Alto, Rockford, and Fruitport Lions Clubs, empowering young minds with clearer vision; on Friday, June 5, 2026, 25 kids received screenings, with 2 referrals paving the way for a brighter future, and on Saturday, June 6, 2026, 49 kids were screened, with 4 referrals illuminating paths to success, as the vision for Sunday, June 7, 2026, screened 42 kids and 4 referral. Screened total of 116 kids and 10 referrals.



Lion Elvie Marfil presented certificates to PDG Ken Frary and Lion Gail McCready. Governor Earl Howell recently reported that the Lions who served in the Muskegon County School District have shown unwavering dedication to empowering their community. Through collaborative efforts, they provided vision screenings to 6,775 students, bridging the gap in early vision care for children across Muskegon County. As a result, 738 students received referrals for further evaluation, marking a significant step forward. This initiative showcases the transformative impact of Lions working together with purpose, compassion, and a shared vision, driving measurable change and enhancing young lives - one screening at a time. Thank you to the following Lions Clubs that participated and served the Muskegon School District: Alto, Fruitport, Muskegon Host, Muskegon Northside, Ravenna, Rockford, Wyoming Lions Club and Y Club of Muskegon.



St. Johns Lions Club Multiple members came out if full force for White Cane Days this year!



Lions in Eaton County hosted a "Lions Gathering at the Quarry" near Charlotte on Wednesday, April 8th kicking off a season of service and fundraising for the Helping Hands Food Pantry with all of Lions of Michigan District 11-C2. Many mid-Michigan Lions Clubs sent delegates to join in learning about E2TUG, the Charlotte Food Pantry, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation Hunger Grant. **SAVE THE DATE!** Look for information on a celebratory fundraising dinner to be held on Friday, September 25, 2026, at the Charlotte Senior Center!

Durand Lion Club Members Lions Kent, Becky, Ted, and Kathy are pictured here with Pastor John White of the Village Bible Church in Byron. Durand Lions held a food collection at their April 9 meeting and dropped the food off at the church's pantry. **WE SERVE!**

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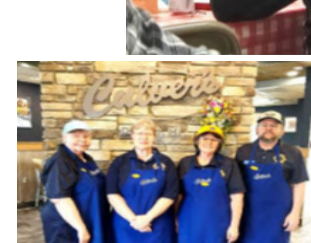
Four members of the St. Johns Lions Club traveled to Dutch Hollow Golf Course in Durand on April 24 for a Lions of District 11-C2 Cabinet meeting. It was the fourth and final meeting of the fiscal year for current District Governor Aleta Cozart who has been an inspiring leader. Next year, Lion Kenny Kinsey 1VDG assumes the role of District Governor. There was a good turnout, delicious food, and a lot of helpful information shared. Pictured below (L-R): Lions Carrie Hartenburg, Kenny Kinsey 1VDG (standing), Marilyn Witter, and Duane Witter PDG.



Eaton Rapids Lions were back at Family Fare collecting for White Cane and asking people to please consider a donation so we can continue helping the visually impaired.



Durand Lions Club enjoying Durand Hometown Days.



St. Johns Lions Club had a lot of fun at Culver's of DeWitt on Monday, April 13, participating in the "Share Night" fundraiser. Thank you to servers: Lions Pauline Baert, Laurie Blackmer, Jeff & LuAnn Cannell, Kim Chapko, and Bob & Gwyn Jansen, and to our onsite coordinator, Lion Nancy Presocki.

Thank you also to the other Lions Club members who showed up with their family, friends, and neighbors to support this fundraiser. There were a lot customers throughout the evening who were generous with their tips. It was especially busy between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. with daddy's and their beautifully dressed daughters who stopped by Culver's before heading off to a daddy-daughter dance. A big THANK YOU to Culver's of DeWitt for supporting our club. Money raised will help fund the \$500 community service scholarships we award to two deserving St. Johns High School seniors.



Vermontville Lions Club honored our veterans for the America 250 Semi-quincentennial Celebration in the Vermontville Syrup Festival Parade.

A fundraiser for Lions Bear Lake Camp was held in Grand Ledge on April 3, 2026. This great event featured dinner, a silent auction, raffles, and fun!



Special thanks to Grand Ledge Lions Club for hosting this district-wide event!

Mason Lions Club Rachel VanHouten of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan spoke with members of the Mason Lions Club on Wednesday, April 22 at Bestsellers Extra. She noted that Mason has about 130 girls in the Girl Scouts!



Service work with great Lions and the Kidney Foundation on April 22 at Catholic Charities.



Four members of the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club participated in the health screening on April 22 at Catholic Charities: Lions Sharon DeBar, Mae Luchetti, George Walter, and Tom Doyle.



Eaton Rapids Lions Club members keeping it clean at Oak Ridge Park!



Out and about with the Grand Ledge Lions Club!



Hartland Lions Club worked for Environment Week. Cleaning up Settlers Park in Hartland -- pictured Left to Right: Lion Larry Ciofu, Lion Angela Yarber and PDG Kurt Stromlund.

Heartland Lions Club member PDG Kurt Stromlund provide an Earth Day Expo collecting glasses during this event.



Owosso Lions Club This fantastic group of Lions logged a total of 24 volunteer hours on April 18. They started the day cooking breakfast and packing lunches. Then they moved to the other side of town and screened lots of kids eyes for Project Kid Sight.



Congratulations to Jade Queen! The Grand Ledge Lions are proud to recognize Jade as our Student of the Month! Your remarkable skills, dedication, and hard work truly set you apart. We are excited to see all the amazing things you will accomplish in the future—this is only the beginning! Keep shining and inspiring those around you.



Lions Tracy Temple, Karen Routson, Jeff Routson, and Kay Olson were with the Mason Lions Club Mason, Mi. at the Spring Fling Courthouse Show in downtown Mason on Saturday, May 2, 2026. They helped the community know more about Leader Dog, Eversight, Braille Transcription, Bear Lake Camp and other state causes. It was fun, but very COLD!

Mason Lions Dar and Amber VanAntwerp sort eyeglass cases for a new display of how to reuse empty cases for personal care and storage projects. The display was presented for the first time at the Lions booth at the Mason Spring Fling Show.

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Leader Dog Puppy Raiser Camp 2026
 Leader Dog would like to thank Lions Bear Lake Camp for hosting Puppy Raiser Camp for the second year. We had approximately 60 puppies in training and around 100 human campers, 4 Leader Dog clients and their working Leader Dogs. We enjoyed outdoor games, a campfire, educational activities, crafts and more. Everyone had a great time, and we look forward to having camp again next year.



Thank you Lions who served at the Spoonful of Plenty recently.
 Tony Sczygiel, Mel Romain, Holly Romain and first-timers Tim Wood and Becki Bates.

4 Members of the Caro Lions Club attended the District D1 Convention this spring!



Buena Vista Lions participated in the Sickel Cell benefit concert hosted by Health4Mation. They also participated in the Carrollton Cornhole tournament.



Millington Lions Club, on May 12, hosted our annual Carless Car Raffle fundraising event. The evening's successful raffle included dinner with an open bar and various cash prizes.



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2nd Vice District Governor Deb Keighen receives a leadership award from International Director David Wentworth and Governor Dave Fisher.



During the recent Lions Thumb District 11-D2 convention, International Director David Wentworth and 11-D2 Governor Dave Fisher presented Elkton Lion Marty Baker with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the 4th highest award in Lions. Marty is a true example of Lionism, not only serving his community and those in need, but also serving the Elkton Lions Club for many years. Lion Marty has served as Committee Chair on several projects, Club Trustee, Secretary, Treasurer, President, and Administrative Assistant. You will most likely find Marty behind the scenes supporting and guiding the club and members any way he can. Congratulations Lion Marty Baker for your many years of dedication and service.



Memphis Lions and Leo's celebrated Arbor Day by distributing Red Pine seedlings to third graders at Memphis Elementary. Students also enjoyed a visit from future leader dog pup Prudy. This always makes the third graders happy and the classmen do not mind either. • After several years of raising Leader Dog pups, Lions Deb and Mike Kaminski makes their future leader dogs available. This is a learning experience also. It is about people learning just how much Lions clubs help support the community. When people ask "what do Lions Clubs do" these two things is a good start. Memphis Lions work closely with the Memphis community Schools. We are going to hand out pocket constitutions for the 5th graders. This will also involve the Leo students. They work close with the under classmen along with advisors Lion Nancy Thomson and Lion Lori Sanford. These two Lions spent decades teaching and accomplishing objectives



Legends: PDG's Peggy Farnsworth, Terry Bowerman, Chuck Belesky, Jerry Howard, David Hacker, Wes Wagester, PID Justin Faber, Donald Spinks, Dr. Sami Makhoul and Judy Keller.



Emmett Lions Club had a very successful Blood Drive on April 16 and collected 37 pints of Blood for the American Red Cross. The Emmett Lions held their 1st Blood Drive in Oct. Of 1975. The Blood Drive that we just had on April 16 was our 121st Blood Drive. We have now collected a total of 4,592 pints of Blood. Each pint collected Helps 3 people, which means that we have helped 13,776 people. The Emmett Lions held a very successful Reverse Raffle on April 25th with around 300 people in attendance. The Emmett Lions will be selling our White Canes on Thur. & Fri. April 7th & 8th. The Emmett Lions did our part at the "Lions Bear Lake Clean up" on Tues. April 12 Which consist of moving & spreading a simi load of mulch around trees, shrubs, play ground Equipment, and the obstacle course. The Emmett Lions will be starting our annual Gun Raffle very soon.



Algonac Lions purchased their own specialized KidSight Trailer. It's beautiful interior is something the kids really enjoy! KidSight is a very effective project and saves parents a lot of later issues with glasses and good eyesight.



Anchor Bay Lions hosted their annual pancake breakfast on April 25th for the Ira township little league baseball teams. We served up 200 people who enjoyed either pancakes or French toast along with sausage links and beverage. Each player in uniform received a pack of baseball cards and could buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win Tiger tickets! We also had Kid Sight on hand to test 41 kids!



Applegate Lions donated \$1000 in support of the annual Flamingo Fling event for Eva's Place.

Elkton Lions hosted their annual White Cane campaign. White Cane sales have been very important to provide funds for Leader Dog for the Blind. The Uptown Detroit Lions club started Leader Dog for the Blind back in 1935. They were instrumental in all aspects of vision impaired sighted citizens. The Lions Clubs help support these disciplines.

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Lake Ann Lions serving up the best pancakes to some of the best Lions! Lion Kelly Beauchamp, his wife Mary Lou Beauchamp, CC Becky and PDG Ted Hamilton



Leader Dog Saylor (raised by DG Jeff and PDG Sheryl) is shown with her new client, Gena Garcia of Hawaii. Earlier this year Saylor along with LD Liala (yellow female Lab) was delivered to two clients in Hawaii. Gena is so glad that LD Saylor has another Leader Dog to have some play dates. Gena stated that LD Saylor is a real sweet dog with lots of energy.



Congratulations to Elijah Purchase (in photo), Kadance Hottman & Alexander Grimaldo for each receiving a \$1,000 College Scholarship from the Greenville Lions Club.



Stanwood Lions Club nominated Lion Steve Cole as the Mecosta Volunteer of the Year. During the 2nd Annual Volunteer of the Year Dinner hosted by the Mecosta VFW, Lion Steve Cole was presented with the Mecosta Volunteer of the Year plaque.



Congratulations to Lion Mike Kreitner for being named the Greenville Lion of the Year for 2025 – 2026. President Ed Milam (left) with Lion Mike Kreitner.



Onokama Lions Club has been busy during the months of April and May this spring. Photo on the left shows their participation in the "ONE" Onokama community service day put on by Onokama Consolidated Schools on May 8th. The Lions worked with 3rd, 4th, 7th and 9th grade students to clean up the fairgrounds by pruning, weeding, painting and moving material. In the photo on the bottom the Onokama Lions held a very successful Quarter Paddle Auction on April 25th.



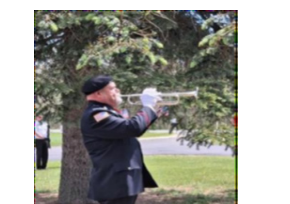
Arcadia Lions Club gave out four \$2500 scholarships for college/trade school students. Congratulations to: Olivia Johnson and Shawn Parker of Frankfort High School (not pictured), Jacob Miller of Bear Lake High School and Hailey Hart of Onokama High School.



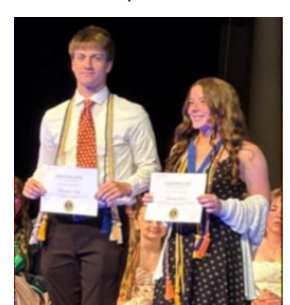
PDG Laura Johnson had a great time at the MD-11 State Convention held at the Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan in May 2026. Pictured above on the left is PDG Laura, PID Gary Anderson and IP A.P. Singh. Middle photo is PDG Laura and a handcrafted Lion created by Lion Lindy Wineman. Tickets to win Leo Lion will benefit LCIF.



Greenville Lions deliver used eyeglasses to Ferris State University Thank you to Lion Mike Hurst who delivered 14 boxes of used eyeglasses to Ferris State University. These will be cleaned and evaluated, then available for future mission trips around the world to provide improved vision. Lions Town Hall meeting – Luther Lions Clubhouse 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. All Lions are encouraged to attend!



Scenes from Luther Lions Memorial Day Celebration



Onokama Lions Club gave out two scholarships at the Onokama Consolidated Schools Awards Night and recipients were Hailey Hart and Mitchell Falk.



Onokama Lions Club recently celebrated 59 years of being a Lions Club, where special recognition was given to Heather Schlappi - Helen Keller Award Recipient and Bob Wendt, Lion of the year recipient.



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East Jordan Lions Governor Elect Dennis and Lion Linda Gocha enjoyed the convention with other governors at the MD 11 State Convention. Lions participated in the kickoff picnic held in Central Lake at Cellar 1914, as well as the Awards Banquet on Saturday at the MD 11 Convention.



Central Lake Lions hosted a Service Carnival on Saturday, May 30, connecting community with service! The Central Lake Library, Bellaire Conservation Club, Paddle Antrim, Chain of Recovery, CLEO, Central Lake Trojan Wellness Program, and Antrim SFRA were all in attendance, with over 100 community members coming through to interact with each organization.



Six East Jordan Lions members worked on splitting wood for close to 7 hours. It will be used to sell to campers at Tourist Park for \$5 a bundle as a fundraiser.



Oscoda Lions Club is well known for their "ramp crew!" The crew was building 3 ramps recently, one was a 20' ramp for a family in need. The lady of the house has been going through rehab to help recover from cancer treatment. She needed a ramp to access her home with a wheelchair before she was allowed to come home. The crew built the ramp to the front deck and installed a small wedge to get from the deck into the house.



Alpena Lions Club: The newly chartered Alpena Lions club enjoyed fun, food and fellowship as they celebrated together! Welcome to this group of new Lions!



13 East Jordan Lions completed the 2 mile stretch of M-66 Adopt-A-Highway clean up. Thank you Lions Bob Pursel, Linda Gocha, Kim Burzych, Bill Chase, Linda Chse, Kurt Tesnow, Adam St. Onge, Dan Miller, Faye Miller, Michael Burr, Mike Brown, Tom Geddenow and Denny Gocha (Taking Photo) We serve!



The Beaverton Lions Club recently completed another successful White Cane Drive, raising just over \$3,800 to support vision and eye-care programs for those in need. "This is a great boost for the club and will help us continue the many eyesight-related projects we undertake," said Lions Club President John Andrist. "We provide assistance for eyeglasses and support a variety of Lions of Michigan programs that help the visually impaired, including the Leader Dogs for the Blind program." The Beaverton Lions Club, chartered in 1943 and is still going strong!



Central Lake Lions Club: 4 seniors from Central Lake, Ellsworth, and Bellaire were awarded college scholarships. Joelyssa Hayden and Evelyn Keast from Central Lake received the Veda Harris Memorial Scholarship and the Cal & Denise Shooks Memorial Scholarship, respectively - two longstanding scholarships given in honor of their namesakes from their families each year.



Congratulations on a great year to the outgoing District Governors!

Thank you for your dedication and leadership during the 2025-2026 year. Your service to your community is inspiring.

SD-10: Colleen Maki

11-B2: Karen Joy Bouwman

11-D2: Dave Fisher

11-A1: Kim Hooper

11-C1: Earl Howell

11-E1: Jeff Schafer

11-A2: Mark Scicluna

11-C2: Aleta Cozart

11-E2: Marie Leathers

11-B1: Bea Furman

11-D1: Gerald Whitney

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