

LION PRIDE ASK ONE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD 11

MD 11 State Convention Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City



SCHEDULE of Events

Thursday, May 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. Pre-Convention Picnic
Optimist Club Cabin Property
You must register in advance. Cost: \$10.00
Meet in hotel lobby @ 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 19, 2017

9:00 a.m. Council of Governors Meeting
Northwest Territory A

12:00 – 9:00 p.m. Exhibitor Displays Open
Foyer

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Off-Site Tour Dune & Winery
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park and
Black Star Farms Winery

1:30 p.m. District Governors Elect Planning Meeting
Northwest Territory A

6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception & Dinner
White Pine Ballroom
*Select a "decade" and dress in period-costume!
Prizes will be awarded!*

6:30 p.m. Silent Auction
Let the bidding wars begin!

8:00 p.m. Entertainment by the Moxie Strings
"Top-Notch Instrumental Wizardry!"

10:00 p.m. Lions Afterglow Hospitality
The Majestic Bear Suite

Saturday, May 20, 2017

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor Displays Open
Foyer

8:30 a.m. - 2017 Awards Breakfast
White Pine Ballroom
Guest Speaker, Lion Donna Townsend

10:30 a.m. Business Session
White Pine Ballroom

Lunch on your own
Discover beautiful Traverse City!

2:00 p.m. District Editors/
Publication Advisory Meeting
Eagles Landing

Breakout Sessions

Northwest Territory
2:00 p.m. Freedom Builders Missions
Mr. Skip Brown, Director, Traverse City
3:00 p.m. Steps to Forming a Leo Club
in your Community
PDG Terry Walters
4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Travel Tips to Chicago
LCI International Convention

Saturday Awards Banquet Keynote Address

White Pine Ballroom
6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception – Foyer
7:00 Memorial Service
7:15 p.m. Awards Banquet Keynote Address by:
PID Judge Haynes Townsend
9:30 p.m. Live & Silent Auction Wrap-up
10:00 p.m. Lions Afterglow Hospitality
The Majestic Bear Suite



For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING

Events:

April 17 - 23
Lions World Wide Week of Service

April 28 - May 7
White Cane Week

May 2
Lions Legislative Day at the Capitol
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
South Wing – State Capitol

May 18 - 21
MD 11 Pre-Convention Picnic
MD 11 State Convention
PDG Association Breakfast
Great Wolf Lodge

May 29
Memorial Day

June 17
Gift of Sight Golf Classic
Polo Fields, Ypsilanti

June 28 - 29
Leader Dog Tours

August 5
Lions of MI Hall of Fame Dinner
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids

MD 11 CENTENNIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN to Launch in May

May is the targeted date for the campaign to begin: Billboards, flyers, Facebook and other online marketing material will be popping up like spring flowers! Professional support from LCI, MLive Media, Outfront Media, and Lamar Outdoor Advertising has been outstanding. The MD 11 Public Relations Committee has worked

hard these past 18 months to roll this out and your contributions made it happen.

We have raised a total of \$36,725 which includes a grant from LCI and donations from our four State Projects. This is a brand-awareness campaign; our goal is for people to become more familiar with Lions and the significant impact

we make throughout the state.

Every District

will have a billboard located within their borders starting with MD 11-D1 May 8, located near I-69 & 32nd St. The majority of the others go up May 15, when online marketing begins.

Editable flyers for local use will be available on the www.LionsofMI.com website May 1. Clubs will have the ability to customize information on the flyer and print copies for display throughout their community. This flyer will be consistent with the rest of the campaign materials and

is the key to bringing this project home. We encourage you to put them up everywhere!

Finally, a video featuring our State Projects, Campus Clubs and Michigan Lions Clubs Service Projects will also be filmed for additional promotion.

For 100 years we have been serving communities throughout the state. We are excited to share our passion for Lions!

Lion Laura Hunt, PCS
MD 11 PR Chair



> MD11 News

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
Pride**
Wendy Burns, Executive Director



Convention Fever – that’s what I have!

District newsletters are filled with their convention celebrations and this issue of the Lion Pride is no exception. We’ve been planning for months to bring you an exciting and educational experience in Traverse City, and look forward to coming together to celebrate our accomplishments.

This will be my sixth MD 11 State Convention to plan for and attend. So much has changed since Grand Rapids in 2012! The addition of the pre-convention picnic has become a tradition, our Welcome Reception has become a great party and the exhibit and vendor area has grown. New this year, we’ll have a special room set up for those wanting to trade, buy or sell pins. We’ve also added a Friday Dunes and Winery tour, for those coming to town early.

As we know, LCI has announced a new call to service – Pediatric Cancer. Lions in attendance at the convention will have the opportunity to meet with one Michigan organization – Camp Quality – that has been serving kids with cancer for over 25 years through their free, year-round activities. Camp Quality will have an information table at the convention, and you are encouraged to stop by and learn more about this wonderful organization.

Naturally, we’ve kept our traditions of honoring Lions who have served in many outstanding ways throughout the years. You will meet these dedicated Lions at the Awards Breakfast and Banquet, both to be held on Saturday. This year we have two issues to vote on at the close of the business session: combining the District Editors and Publication Advisory committees, and a reduction in the cost of the Lion Pride subscription for our student members. The Council of Governors recognize the need to streamline our committees and assist where we can in making membership affordable for our younger, student members.

From the youngest member to the oldest, I am certain you will find something new to take-away from this years’ convention. I hope to see you all in Traverse City!

**Lion Wendy Burns
Executive Director**



Please Join the Lions of Michigan
for a

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Lunch provided

Tuesday, May 2, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Michigan Capitol Building, South Wing

Please RSVP to your District Governor or
Kristie at lions@lionsofmi.com

Meet with your local legislator on issues that matter most to Lions: addressing the roadway fundraising issue affecting many clubs across the state. Bus transportation provided from Lions of Michigan state office to the capitol. RSVP today – space is limited!

Centennial Campaign Thank-you!

It all started with District 11 A1 when they began a successful billboard campaign and introduced the idea at the state level. This was the start of a unique project which garnered support from all of MD 11. We are grateful to the “A1 News Team” which consisted of PDG Ron Coleman, PDG Marty Malone and Lions Willie Faison, Rick DeClaire, and Deborah Love Peel. Their shared knowledge and experience was vital to this exciting, state-wide “Centennial Media Campaign” which has been 18-months in the making.

Many thanks to Lion Laura Hunt for her tireless efforts, as well as PDG Diane Wehby, PCC Linda Tate, DGE Barb Stutesman, PDG Jim Farrell, Lion Wendy Burns, Lion Kristie Feldpausch, PDG Dave and Lion Noreen Boes their help. Lions working together makes things happen!

MD 11 Proposed AMENDMENTS

The 2016-2017 Council of Governors proposes the following:

Combine the District Editors Committee and the Publication Advisory Committee. The rationale for this action is that in almost all cases the sub-district members representing these committees are one in the same.

“It is therefore proposed that the By Laws of Multiple District 11, Article IX,

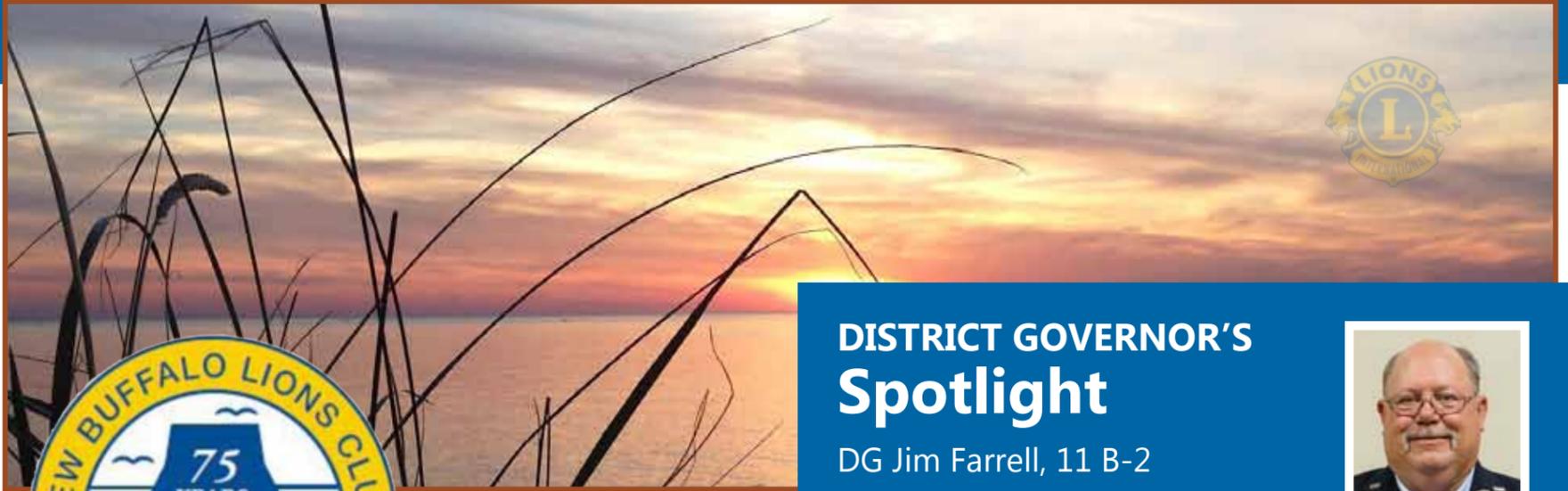
Section 1-a be amended as follows: Combine number 11 (Publication Advisory Committee) and number 12 (District Editors Committee) into a new number 11 and that the rest of Section 1-a be renumbered accordingly.”

The 2016-2017 Council of Governors proposes the following:

“Whereas, the subscription for the MD Magazine is currently four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) annually, And whereas, the annual dues for a student member is fifty (50) percent of a regular member, And whereas, the magazine subscription fee should fall in line with the fifty (50) percent membership discount, Now, therefore be it resolved that the By Laws of Multiple District 11, Article VII (Magazine) be amended to

include a section 2 that shall read - The annual subscription fee for the magazine for a qualified student member shall be two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) and shall be invoiced twice a year. The first billing shall be one dollar and thirteen cents (\$1.13) and the second billing shall be one dollar and twelve cents (\$1.12). This represents fifty (50) percent of the subscription fee for all other Lions.”

Both proposals will be voted upon at the close of the Business Session on Saturday, May 20, Great Wolf Lodge



B-2 District CLUB HIGHLIGHT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S Spotlight

DG Jim Farrell, 11 B-2



As I was preparing for my term as District Governor, I thought about what message I wanted to share with the clubs. I was looking for an idea that would help us focus on what we needed to do to continue to serve our communities. I came up with a three-part concept: Honor the Past, Embrace the Present, Envision the Future. I was encouraged to find that this was a part of our International President's message, also.

When I consider "Honor the Past", I think of the history and traditions we keep at each level of Lionism. History helps us remember our purpose and those who have served before us. Some of the lessons they teach still apply. Our traditions are the glue that keeps us connected with our fellow Lions and our history. They encourage us to identify as a group and to work together toward our common goals.

"Embrace the Present" reminds us to keep in mind the way things are today. Sometimes we can get stuck trying too hard to keep doing things as we have always done. Projects that were very important

to the community in the past may have faded into the shadows of new issues. Traditional fundraising efforts may be less effective than if we consider new ideas and methods. Peoples' approach to serving the community may mean we need to find ways to incorporate their needs and desires into how we do things.

Finally, we need to "Envision the Future". We need to consider where we want our clubs to be, identify our goals and create plans to reach them. We need to look at our communities and the people to be able to reach both for support of our efforts and to bring them into our association.

Lions International has looked to the future and created a framework that will keep the Association relevant into the next 100 years and help the clubs be successful into the future. Let us incorporate these changes into our activities and continue to serve our communities and the world.

DG Jim Farrell



New Buffalo Lions donate Thanksgiving baskets each year

New Buffalo Lions Club is a strong but little known club located in the southwest corner of Berrien County. It is on the shore of Lake Michigan and on the border with Indiana. The club is an active supporter of the New Buffalo community. This month they are celebrating their 75th Anniversary by hosting an event for the local community.

The club's biggest project is the administration of the Pokagon Fund Vision Grant. This grant provides a complete vision exam and glasses to all children in the area surrounding New Buffalo. It also assists seniors in the area on the basis of need. It is funded by proceeds from the local casino and the club applies for the grant every two years.

The New Buffalo Lions club holds various fund-raisers including a pickle ball tournament and a golf outing. They also support the New Buffalo Ship and Shore Festival and the Apple Cider Century Bike event that starts in nearby Three Oaks and draws riders from all over the country. The funds are used to sponsor local youth sports activities as well as Thanksgiving baskets and other assistance for less fortunate families in the area.

They may be unnoticed in Lions circles, but they are well known in New Buffalo. They represent Lionism in action.

LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

The Lion Pride (USPS 978-200) is published monthly for the Lions members of Multiple District 11, Michigan, except for the combined issues of January/February, April/May, July/August and September/October, at Lion Pride Magazine, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911. Lions receive the publication for annual dues/subscription rate of \$4.50. Advertisements must reach the above address by the 15th of the month for publication in the following month's issue. All clubs must send their own news and pictures to their district editor, allowing ample time for the district editor to forward the copy to meet the deadline stated above. Clubs or individuals must send their information to their district editor, not to the publication.

Periodicals postage paid in Lansing, MI 48911.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Lion Pride Magazine, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 Wendy Burns, Editor

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For information on State Projects or the State Office, contact 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911, (517) 887-6640, fax (517) 887-6642.

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MD 11 STATE CONVENTION



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Celebrate the Spirit of 1917
A CENTURY OF SERVICE 1917-2017

**97TH ANNUAL MD 11 STATE CONVENTION
REGISTRATION & TICKET FORM
GREAT WOLF LODGE, TRAVERSE CITY, MI • MAY 19-20, 2017**

Name _____ Lion Lioness Spouse Guest
Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Lioness Spouse Guest
Lions/Lioness Club of _____ District _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Home: () _____ Office: () _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? Yes No How many years a Lion member _____

QUANTITY		AMOUNT
_____	Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 18, 2017	\$ _____
_____	Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion	\$ _____
_____	Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lioness or Leo	\$ _____
_____	Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse or Guest	\$ _____
_____	Friday Evening Buffet @ \$20.00 per person	\$ _____
_____	Friday Night Welcome Reception @ No Charge	\$ 0.00
_____	Saturday Breakfast @ \$15.00 per person	\$ _____
_____	Saturday Night Banquet @ \$26.00 per person	\$ _____
_____	(Choice) of: Roasted Chicken# _____	
_____	Grilled Beef Tips # _____	
_____	GLUTEN FREE# _____ TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____	

Remittance or credit card information must accompany this form.
(Make checks payable to "Lions of Michigan.")

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: Visa Master Card Discover
Credit Card No.: _____ Exp Date: _____
Signature: _____ CVC/CID Code: _____

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.) _____

1. Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless (excluding Saturday Banquet) registration fee is paid.
2. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 8, 2017. No refunds after May 8, 2017.
3. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. They will not be mailed to you.
The registration desk will be open from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19 and from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017.
MAIL THIS FORM TO: LIONS OF MICHIGAN • 5730 EXECUTIVE DR., LANSING, MI 48911

MD 11 State Convention Tour
Sleeping Bear Dunes
National Park & Black Star
Farms WINERY

Friday, May 19 - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy the majestic beauty of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park and Black Star Farms Winery in Suttons Bay, while traveling along scenic M-22 aboard a private, 32-passenger Blue Lakes travel bus. It just doesn't get any better!

SCHEDULE:
Depart Great Wolf Lodge at 1:00 p.m.
Arrive at Sleeping Bear Dunes at 1:45 p.m.; Depart at 3:00 p.m.
Arrive at Black Star Farms Suttons Bay at 3:30 p.m.; Depart at 4:30 p.m.
Arrive back to Great Wolf Lodge at 5:00 p.m.

NAME _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Cost: \$25 per person X _____
Number of attendees = \$ _____

Please complete this form and mail with check to:
Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911



MD 11 CONVENTION DELEGATE FORM

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions International and the Multiple District are entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

The number of delegates your club is entitled to for the MD 11 Convention is figured from your Membership Report as of the end of March - provided it is submitted to Lions International in a timely manner. When you complete your Membership Report for March, you can compute the number of delegates and alternates your club is entitled to and select your representative(s). List their names below on the left side of this form. Also indicate whether each representative listed is a Delegate or an Alternate.

Your delegate(s) must register and obtain a name badge before they can be certified to vote. Then they must sign this form at the convention and receive a delegate sticker from the Certification Desk. All delegates must be REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED by 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in order to vote at the convention.
VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AT THE GREAT WOLF LODGE, TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

Return this form prior to April 28, 2017 to: Lions of Michigan State Office • 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

_____ **Total Number of Lions in YOUR Club as of April 1, 2017 who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day.**

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB SECRETARY	THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT CONVENTION SITE
Name	Delegate or Alternate
	Signature

I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11.

Lions Club of _____ District _____

President's or Secretary's Signature _____ Signature of Governor or Governor-Elect _____
(Valid only at convention and only if President/Secretary of club is not present)

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM. All Lions must register before they can be certified to vote. Please advise your delegates to arrive early. The Certification Desk at the Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, Michigan is open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 19, 2017 and from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017.
Any Lion who is not in line by 11:30 a.m. Saturday will not be certified as a delegate and will not be allowed to vote. Voting will take place between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017.



THE MOXIE STRINGS

Arriving in Traverse City on Thursday, May 18?

2017

PRE-CONVENTION GATHERING!

Join us for a PIG ROAST and catch up with fellow Lions and guests!
Cost of \$10
Includes pig roast and all the trimmings.
Meet in hotel lobby at 5:30 to car-pool to location.

Thursday, May 18, 2017

YES! I/We'll be there!

RSVP your attendance today or include with registration form to: Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911



Join us for the 5th Annual Picnic
To be held at Optimist Park, Traverse City.
Our International Guest Speaker has been invited to join us,
giving you the opportunity mix and mingle with our International
guest speaker and all of your Lion friends!

97th Annual MD 11 STATE CONVENTION




**MD 11 STATE CONVENTION – MAY 19-20, 2017
GREAT WOLF LODGE, TRAVERSE CITY, MI
ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS**

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the MD 11 State Convention Proceedings Booklet. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos your support of the Lions of Michigan!

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES
Overall Booklet Size: 8" x 5 1/2"

1. 1/4 page ad:	\$15.00
2. 1/2 page ad:	\$20.00
3. Full page ad:	\$25.00

Please note that all ads must be prepaid. Mail form to Lions of Michigan State Office, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911; email to lions@lionsofmi.com or fax: 517-887-6642

Name:
Business Name:
Billing Address:
City, State, Zip
Home Phone: Business Phone:
Email address: Cell Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> Included is a print ready ad or message <input type="checkbox"/> Please design my personal or business ad to read (please attach detailed information for your ad)
CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
Ad Size: <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 page <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 page <input type="checkbox"/> Full page
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$
CREDIT CARD:
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Discover
Card No.: _____
CID No: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

Thank you for your continued support! See you in Traverse City.



PDG ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 21 - 8:30 a.m.
Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City

*What a fantastic way to wrap up this year's
Multiple District Convention!*

The Past District Governors Association cordially invites all Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests join us for breakfast on Sunday, May 21, at 8:30 a.m.. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the PDG Association. A memorial service will honor all PDG's who passed away during the 2016-2017 Lionistic year.

COST: \$15.00/person
LOCATION: Maple/Orchard Room
MENU: Scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, breakfast rolls and toast, coffee and juice

Please RSVP to PDG Norm Stutesman with a check payable to PDG Association of Michigan, along with the names of those attending the breakfast no later than May 4, 2017.

PDG Norm Stutesman, Secretary/Treasurer
P.O. Box 103 • Three Rivers, MI 49093-0103



EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT - LIONS OF MICHIGAN MD 11 CONVENTION

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 Convention, at Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, MI. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$80.00 for Friday and Saturday, the fee includes a *business card sized ad* in the State Convention booklet. \$50.00 is the fee for a single day and for an additional \$20.00 the *business card sized ad* can be included in the State Convention booklet. The charge is fully refundable if, for any reason, the convention is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives.

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

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

EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT – LIONS OF MICHIGAN MD 11 CONVENTION 2017

Please reserve a display table for me on:

_____ Friday Only (May 19, 2017)	\$50.00
_____ Saturday Only (May 20, 2017)	\$50.00
_____ Friday and Saturday w/ad	\$80.00
_____ Ad Only:	\$20.00

Do you require an electrical hook-up? Yes _____ No _____

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**Please complete and mail to:
Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911**

Pin Traders And Individual Pin Enthusiasts!

Special arrangements have been made for a PIN TRADERS ROOM at the MD 11 State Convention in Traverse City

BUY + SELL + TRADE

Join us at Great Wolf Lodge - May 19-20, 2017
Free Display Table!

Must be registered for the convention to participate

> MD11 News

WALK THE WORLD with LCIF



LCIF is proud to partner with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies to provide Sight for Kids. Now, you can walk or run to raise money for Sight for Kids wherever you are in the world. Simply download the Charity Miles app on your smartphone, select "Sight for Kids," and take a walk! LCIF will receive a donation for every mile logged. Supporting this

vital initiative has never been easier! To date, Lions have raised more than US\$6,000 just by walking!



Lions Centennial International Convention MICHIGAN NIGHT

Sunday, July 2, 2017
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join your fellow Michigan Lions for an entertaining evening at



Tommy Gun's is Chicago's longest running interactive dinner show, featuring gangsters, flappers and You!

Your evening will include your choice of the following:
(please make a selection)

Prime Rib, Lasagna (meat or meatless), Boneless Chicken Breast (lemon herb sauce or mushroom sauce), Soup or Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert and Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink. Cash bar available.

The cost for show, dinner, tax and gratuity is \$57.00 per person.

Tommy Gun's is located at 2114 S. Wabash Ave., just one half mile walk or short taxi or bus ride from the Hyatt McCormick Place Hotel (Michigan delegation hotel).

Join us for a fun-filled Michigan night!

Please complete the registration form below and mail with check payable to
LIONS OF MICHIGAN to:
PDG Bill Simpson
706 River St.
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Names of Attendees _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

\$57.00 x _____ (# of registrants) = \$ _____

Entrée choice(s) _____

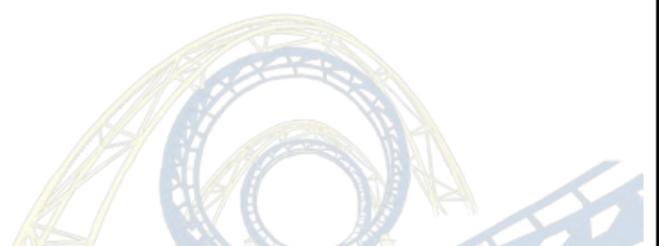
Reservation deadline is May 1, 2017

Headed to
LCI-CON, Chicago?

Marching in the Parade?

Parade shirts will be available at the

MD 11 STATE CONVENTION



Lions Day at Cedar Point *Lions Centennial Celebration*

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Grand Pavilion at Cedar Point
Sandusky, Ohio

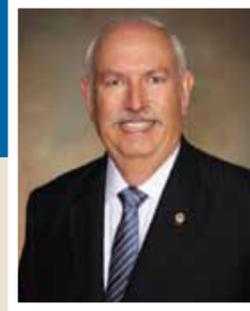
A once in a lifetime event of epic proportions!! Iconic speeches by Helen Keller, Melvin Jones and International President Bob Corlew. Dinner and photo opportunities in the actual facility where the Lions became the "Knights of the Blind."

This is an official Lions Centennial Event open to all Lions, Lioness, Leos, Family and Special Guests.

For more information go to OhioLions.org or MD13Convention2017.org



LCI Announces NEW GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM



It is my pleasure to inform you that the International Board of Directors voted to approve a new Global Volunteer Structure called the Global Action Team during their March meeting. Beginning July 1, we will add a Global Service Team (GST) alongside the Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Leadership Team (GLT) structures, to help us to reach our goal of serving 200 million people annually. The Global Action Team highlights the "power of action" needed to achieve our goals.

Service is the reason we exist. It is why members join and continue to remain engaged. Adding the GST renews our organization's

commitment to service. We are excited about this addition and the opportunities it provides us as the world's leading service organization.

GMT, GLT and GST will be connected and coordinated at the international level by a Global Action Team chairperson and two Global Action Team vice-chairpersons. On behalf of my fellow executive officers, I am proud to announce that PIP Wing-Kun Tam will be the chairperson of this important structure.

Let's finish our Lion year strong by continuing to grow and position Lions Clubs International for a successful Centennial year. Look

for more information regarding position appointments, job descriptions, tools and resources in the future.

Very truly yours,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President

MD 11 Global Service Team Coordinator POSITION OPENING

In an effort to prepare for the upcoming Lion year, the Council of Governors are now accepting applications to serve as the Global Service Team coordinator for the state. This newly-created position is part of the Global Leadership Team which includes the Global Membership Team. The GST coordinator will help us reach our goal of serving 200 million people worldwide annually. Service is the reason we exist. It is why members join and continue to remain engaged.

Please submit your resume, letter of intent and the attached application and submit by May 5 to: Lions of Michigan, GST Coordinator, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911, or email wburns@lionsofmi.com.

Interviews will be conducted at the Great Wolf Lodge during the MD 11 State Convention in Traverse City on Friday, May 19.



Grand Ledge Lions Club 17th Annual Golf Scramble At Ledge Meadows Golf Course 1801 E. Grand Ledge Hwy. (M-43) Grand Ledge



Saturday June 3, 2017

Featuring a

2017 Ford F 150 Pick up Truck *Hole in One Prize*

18 Hole Cost: \$50.00 per person \$200 per team(4 Person Scramble)
Includes 18 holes of golf, cart __ Lunch __ Raffle __ Prizes

Check-in 7:45 __SHOTGUN START at 8:30 a. m.

Contact: Lion Tom Goldsberry
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MD 11 Global Service Team Coordinator Application

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> MD11 News

Choosing the Right White Cane Submitted by Russ Ellis, Ann Arbor Host Lions

As a visually impaired specialist, I have been asked by many Lions Clubs what characteristics one should look for when purchasing a cane to donate for those who have had a recent change in their visual status. There are many factors a COMS, (Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist) or NOMC (National Orientation Mobility Certified) Trainer looks at before issuing a cane to someone. Several of these issues are height of the client, gate speed or how fast someone walks, and body habitus, so the cane is long enough to provide coverage. These are just a few items, but this shouldn't dissuade your chapter from providing canes, in fact providing high quality canes for individuals with visual impairments is very important to a person's quality of life and influences how often they get out of their house.

It is normal for an active individual who has a visual impairment (VI) to have multiple canes, just as many people have different foot wear (sneaker, snow boots, rain boots etc.) for different outings and environmental conditions. It is hoped that someone with visual impairments would at least have one additional cane as a backup should something happen to their primary cane.

So what to look for in a cane that you would like to donate?

1. Quality: Always find a NEW cane from a reputable vendor with a long history in the vision loss community that stands behind their product. Travelers will use this cane until it is worn out if it's a good fit, this is also why it is best not to re give used canes.
2. Size: For many experienced traveler's they usually know the cane length which is affective for them. For someone with advantageous vision loss, (New vision loss) this must be determined with their Orientation and Mobility instructor and may change as they get used to it. When purchasing a cane for a new traveler, the cane should be as long enough that the top of the handle reaches their arm pit, this is a good starting spot. The O&M instructor will be able to easily fit them with future canes by addressing the traveler's height, gate speed, and body habitus.
3. Folding vs. non-folding: It would be best to ask the client if they had a preference.
4. Weight: Ideally you want to keep the cane weight down to reduce fatigue
5. Adaptability: A cane will be with an individual for years to come. For a person with new vision loss, they

will be discovering what techniques work for them as they begin their education with their O&M trainer.

6. Tips: Many would like to know what tip to request to go with a donated cane. A good all-around beginning tip for a new traveler would be a large marsh mellow. As the traveler gains more experience with their O&M instructor they may eventually choose a more specialized tip such as a roller ball for constant contact or a glide tip for two-point touch. But many travelers will save their first tip in the event they lose their primary tip.

This article is merely meant to provide ideas for fellow Lions Clubs and their members who wish to purchase and donate canes. Like the many individuals we serve everyone's set up will be as unique as they are, which in time our recipients will change and adapt their canes as they're proficiency grows.

**Written by Russ Ellis
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WHITE CANE PROCLAMATION

White Cane Week April 28 - May 7, 2017



**WHITE CANE WEEK
April 28 – May 7**

MD-11 Leo Club UPDATE

PDG Terry Walters

The past three years have been great when it comes to starting new Leo clubs! We have added two more Leo Clubs this year with the possibility of adding four more by June. Thank you to all the Lions Clubs who have sponsored a new club in their community.

The response to Leos attending the International Convention in Chicago has been great. We will have

the largest group of Leos attending the convention -65 have already pre-registered. Without support from the Districts, we would be unable to make this happen for our Leo members. We are still in need of your support by donating trading pins for Leos attending the convention. If you would like to donate pins for trading at the convention, please contact me, Terry Walters, MD-11 Leo Chair or bring them to the MD-11 Convention in Traverse City.

The MD-11 Leo Committee has also been working on a MD-11 Leo State Conference to take place at Lions Bear Lake Camp within the next year. This will be the committee's 2017-18 goal to make this happen.

We encourage the clubs to consider sponsorship of a Leo Club in your District. There will be a break out session at the MD-11 Convention which will provide the tools to do just that: Building a Leo Club in your Community. Be sure to attend this informational breakout session on Saturday, May 20, at 3:00 p.m.

Thank you to all the members of the MD-11 Leo Committee for your commitment to Leo Clubs in your District. It has been a very successful three years!

PDG Terry Walters, Chairperson
MD-11 Leo Committee



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The fourth most experienced Spacefarer of all time, Pettit has spent 370 days in space & 13 hours walking in space. He is from Silverton, Oregon.

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Everything Is Possible - Born without legs, Bricker's amazing adoptive family gave her one simple rule, 'Never say can't, & helped her forge a life of triumph, not tragedy.

Naresh Aggarwal

The Power of We - 2017-18 LCI President Aggarwal will inspire all with his story & International Program.

Willie Jolley

Goals: Dreams With A Deadline - Dr. Willie Jolley is the number one motivational speaker in America today, according to the Zig Zigler 'Get Motivated Organization'.



The 2017 USA/Canada Leadership Forum Committee is made up of many – including our own PID Gary Anderson, and PCC Donald Brown! It's guaranteed to be a success – you won't want to miss a moment.



Centennial Community



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Lions around the world are connecting with their communities through Centennial Legacy Projects. Has your club founded a Legacy Project? We want to hear about it! Submit a detailed article on your project along with photos and we will publish your clubs' efforts in an upcoming issue of the Lion Pride.

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KENNETH E. LAUTZENHEISER FELLOWSHIP

Donations: \$500+

Honorees receive an acrylic plaque and lapel pin. Progressive honorees receive a certificate and progressive lapel pin.



Ken E. Lautzenheiser served Lions for over 45 years, and he was a charter member of the Inter-lakes Lions Club. Ken was elected to the Board of Lions Clubs International in 1985, and he has served Lions in almost every capacity.

Ken was instrumental in organizing the Lions of Michigan Foundation in the early 1980's. He believed there was a definite need in Michigan for an organization that could address the medical needs of individuals that had no insurance and nowhere else to turn. Ken knew that if Lions Clubs combined resources for a mutual cause, Lions could have a greater impact on their communities and do more to help people in need.



HELEN KELLER FELLOWSHIP

Donations: \$750+ - KIDsight Fund

Honorees receive a certificate, medal and lapel pin. Progressive honorees receive a certificate and progressive lapel pin.



Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf.

With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The Lions accepted her challenge, and our work, ever since, has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.



JOHN S. NOEL FELLOWSHIP

Donations: \$1,000+

Honorees receive a hardwood plaque and lapel pin. Progressive honorees receive a certificate and progressive lapel pin.



John S. Noel was a charter member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club in 1919, and he was Michigan's 1st President of Lions Clubs International in 1923-24. John helped establish much of the structure and many of the policies that we now enjoy as Lions.

The John Noel Fellowship is the highest honor bestowed by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. It represents John's many accomplishments in the advancement of Lionism in Michigan and throughout the world and his tireless efforts to help people in need.



IPDG Jeff Mayuiers of the Three Rivers Lions Club is presented with the Lions of Michigan Foundation John S. Noel Fellowship during the banquet of the District 11-B2 Convention in Holland on March 25.

L-R: PID Dr. Steven Tremaroli of New York, IPDG Jeff Mayuiers, District Governor Jim Farrell and Lions of Michigan Foundation Director Chad McCann.



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Lion members from 11-A1 partnered with Eversight at Secretary of State offices to register donors for the Gift of Life program.

Bedford Twp. Lions

enjoyed their display booth at Bedford Trade Fair in March which is hosted by Bedford Business Association.

Bedford Twp. Lions participated in the Bedford Trade Fair by providing an informational display,



showcasing their club's annual activities. The event is hosted by the Bedford Business Association.



Greater Metro Detroit Lions 7th Annual Scrabble Whist Fundraiser was another successful event chaired by Lion Deborah Love-Peel.



Volunteers -Making it all possible at the recent bowling tournament

Livonia Lions Club:

Metro Blind Bowlers and Livonia Lion Matt Collins held a successful 2017 Midwest Blind Bowlers Tournament at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia. More than 200 blind, visually impaired and sighted bowlers from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan participated in this fun event during March. This event requires many volunteers to make this event a fun, safe success.



Over \$16,000.00 was raised at the annual fundraising dinner for **Madonna University's** Family Literacy Program. Lion Toni Cannon-Mitchell and her son MJ, who is deaf, were presenters during this well attended event.



11-A2 District Governor Patti Barr shown here with ID Bruce Beck



District 11-A2 Convention

Region II Chair Wally Stamper, Region III Chair Shawn Blaszczyk, Zone II Chair Kim Lubinski, ID Bruce Beck and 2VDG Scott Berry

was held March 31 through April 2 at the Holland Doubletree. The Friday night mixer was well attended with special surprise guests PID Gary Anderson, ID Jenny Ware and PID Esther LaMothe. The keynote speaker was ID Bruce Beck who spoke concerning the importance of leadership in Lionism and to the necessity for clubs to encourage their newer members to become involved and to seek leadership roles.



Pictured left to right are 2VDG Scott Berry, 1VDG Jack Patton and DGE John Bingham, Jr.

Royal Oak Lions



For the third year in a row, the Royal Oak Lions Club received the top bell-ringer award for their work during the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, easily out-ringing every other service organization in southeast Oakland County. Twelve Lions and their family members logged 112 hours in 2016 to collect \$12,800, which includes an

astounding \$4,746.27 on the day before Christmas alone! Shown here are PP Bob Westbury and Club President Maureen Kennedy accepting the award from Salvation Army Captain Peter Mount on February 27, 2017. History has repeated itself as the Royal Oak Lions Club previously won the Bell Ringer Award for three years in a row (1992-1994).

Troy Community Lions

and RC Wally Stamper welcomed Ramadas, who is a member of the Lions Club in Mysore, India. He is visiting the U.S. for three months. Ramadas talked to the Troy Lions about Lionism in India and his club's projects of supporting a school and a dialysis unit in Mysore.



CLUB Happenings:



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District 11 A1 Convention will be held April 21-23 at Embassy Suites, Troy, MI. This year's convention will have a "Gatsby" theme, and Lions are encouraged to dress in your best Gatsby style!

Dearborn Heights Lions 33rd Annual Charity Golf Scramble will take place Friday, June 23 at Gateway Golf Course in Romulus.

Harper Woods – Grosse Pointe Woods Lions held their 29th Annual Lion John Smoke Memorial Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds are used to assist people in need.

Northville Lions recently inducted nine new Lions. 1st VDG Terry Treppa and PDG Sharon Jordan-Crowley conducted the installation.

Wyandotte Lions will be having their annual Indoor Flea Market. It will be held at the Yack Arena in Wyandotte during April.

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Lions District 11 A2 will hold their 100th Anniversary Celebration Dance on Saturday, June 3 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren.

Mark your calendars for **Fraser Lions** fun road rally event "Run Around Town". The exciting road rally will take place Saturday, May 20 with all proceeds to benefit Penrickton Center for Blind Children.

District Euchre tournament took place at **Fraser Lions Den** and was hosted by **Lake Orion Lions**. Congratulations to **Eastpointe Lions** for taking first place, they will host the tournament next year.

Eastpointe Lions held an all you can eat Steak and Shrimp Dinner during the end of February at Eastpointe Manor.

2017 White Cane Kick Off Dinner is being hosted by **Eastpointe Lions** at Eastpointe Manor during April.

Fraser Lions along with Freers Freers and Freers Attorney at Law held a successful fundraiser, Brats and Beer, with all proceeds going to the victims of the Fraser Sink Hole. Sink hole victims were forced to evacuate their Fraser homes when dramatic underground erosion caused their homes and neighborhood to become endangered. Over \$10,000 was raised from this

fundraiser, which included a donation from Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. Over 150 people attended and more than 70 sponsors helped to provide assistance to residents and businesses directly affected by this disaster.

Lake Orion Lions enjoyed their 3rd annual Winterfest Outhouse Race in February and A Night at the Races with The Lake Orion Lions during March. Winterfest Outhouse Race includes sponsoring a lion, dinner, drinks, raffle and best/most creative dressed lion contest.

A large crowd attended the 13th Annual Pancake Breakfast for Penrickton Center put on by **Lathrup Village Lions**.



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District 11 B1 Convention was very successful and fun with 15% more Lions attending this year. Hanover Horton Leos joined the fun. Breakout sessions were well attended. Attendees enjoyed a great presentation, convention materials and awards were given. What a great time with the costume contest!

Ceremonial cutting of the cake with a saber by the new U of M campus club president Christine Wagner and Master Sgt. Michael Nichols (Lion, Vandercook Lake).



41st Annual 11 B2 District Convention was held in Holland at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Lots of fun started the weekend on Friday with birthday cupcakes, magician and the presentation of some awards. There were many club displays for this year's Historical Theme.

Three Rivers Lion having fun at our District Convention

convention weekend pleasant. PID Steve shared the framework for the next century of Lionism developed by the International Board of Directors. We Lions continue our missions of sight, feeding the hungry, protecting the environment and new missions of diabetes and childhood cancers. We will continue to integrate Leos in all activities.

Special guests, PID Steve and Lion Marianne Tremaroli helped make the

DG Jim Farrell comments the best part of the convention is recognizing some of our Lions for their efforts in support of our mission.



Dexter Lions are proud to continue their sponsorship of one of Michigan's top robotics team....The Dreadbots.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the Dreadbots, they are an amazing group of innovative, smart, talented and dedicated young adults

who have spent countless hours designing, building and programming their way through the winter and are working their way to the state championships this April. To learn more about this program and the amazing kids who work it, go to <http://dexterdreadbots.org/>



Kal Haven Lions

in conjunction with Lions International 100th anniversary, participated in a national dictionary project that provided dictionaries to school children. Dictionaries were given to the 3rd grade classes at Bloomingdale & Gobles Middle Schools.

Edwardsburg Lions

Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast was held at the American Legion Post 365 in Edwardsburg during April. Project KidSight was there to perform free eye screening for children 1 to 17 years of age. Also available; free child ID finger printing. Kids enjoyed fun games and crafts and a visit by the Easter Bunny and Edwardsburg Lions Lion Mascot.



Tekonsha Lions

celebrated their 73rd anniversary at their February meeting with a potluck and game night.



Tekonsha Lions honored President Scott Long as our Lion of the Year in February

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Happenings:



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Spring Leadership Forum will be held on Thursday, April 27 and will be held at the Vandercook Lake High School in Jackson. There will be a special presentation by Lion Dr. Donna Wicker of Kellogg Eye Center.

Adrian Breakfast Lions Club Radio Auction took place Saturday, April 22 on WQTE Q95 Country broadcast 95.3 FM. There was a large amount of auction items available at this year's annual radio auction.

Albion Lions hosted their Annual Chili Dinner in conjunction with friends of Albion District Library and Delta Gamma Zeta Chapter Sorority at Albion College. Funds were raised for local events and

projects. This year's dinner served as a kick-off for a community wide read of "Love Where you Live" by Peter Kageyama, part of Albion Reads program. The dinner featured 18 different named chilis, mac 'n cheese and chicken noodle soup with sides of salad, bread, beverages and desserts.

Ann Arbor Host Lions and Leo's participated in the Eversight Bowling for Better Tomorrows and installed a new member. Lions, Leos, Ann Arbor YMCA, Ann Arbor for Independent Living collaborated to make 24 school supply bags to be donated to Ozone House Washtenaw ISD Education Project. The service project serves students experiencing homelessness and temporary living situations.

Bedford Area Lions held two events which involved a Soup & Salad Dinner and celebrated their 50th anniversary with a luncheon at their clubhouse. They donated \$1,000 to the Food Bank of South Central Michigan.

Clinton Lions continued their monthly donation to I92 Ministries and supported the food pantry. I92 Ministries is a non-profit organization that supplies meal packs to feed needy children during weekends in Clinton. They also donated towards a service dog for a 6th grader who has diabetes.

Dexter Lions staffed the high school basketball games and sponsored 15 Leos to attend the Eversight Bowling for Brighter Tomorrows. They also donated to the Dexter Scouts, Dexter sports teams, and the new University of Michigan Lions Club.

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District 11 B2 has a lineup of KidSight screenings scheduled during the month of April.

Lakeshore Lions will have their annual White Cane and had an Easter egg hunt for children during April.





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District 11 C1 Convention was held in April at the American Legion in Rockford. Attendees were honored for service to the district this past year, and looked ahead to future by celebrating our 100th Anniversary at the International Convention in Chicago this coming July.



Grandville-Jenison Lions offered many fun activities for kids during the Grandville Winterfest. Activities included an obstacle course with a tire run, balance beam and obstacle climb. Other highlights from the Winterfest were a chili cook off, ice sculptures, firemen and firetrucks and horse-drawn carriage rides. The local high school hockey team also provided kids with a hands-on lesson in hockey.

District 11C2 Convention

held its annual convention at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Mt Pleasant. District Governor Ken Ridalls presided over this years' convention with nearly 150 Lions, Lioness, Leos, guests and family in attendance over the entire weekend.

The Friday night party was a big hit with a "Sock Hop" theme and lots of dancing. Saturday got down to serious business with the Lioness Award Breakfast, the Lions Awards Luncheon and ended with the Saturday night Banquet. The Business Session, Breakout Sessions, Meet the ID and a class on technology were all part of the convention.



On Sunday morning the Lion and Lioness Memorial Service was held. Nineteen past Lions and Lioness were remember for their past service and contributions. The ceremony had many family members attending and participating.



Addison & Parker and "Governor Elvis"



District 11-C1

welcomed their incoming Governor and Vice District Governors during the convention.



DGE Julie May, Marne Lions; 1st VDGE Gregory Wehby, Thornapple Valley Lions; 2nd VDGE Dr. Paul Hodge with Allegan Lions

Hartland Lions and Hartland Leos

As part of Lions Clubs International President's special Centennial Service Hunger Week project, the Hartland Lion and Leo clubs worked at the local Gleaners food Bank.



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District Orientation and Training will be May 13 at Lyons Muir Lions Club in Muir, and will provide training for club officers, region and zone chair.

Cedar Springs Lions hosted a Pancake Breakfast at Cedar Springs United Methodist Church in March and April. They enjoyed fun times with great people at the Cedar Springs Euchre Tournament during the end of March.

Grand Rapids Lions held their 12th Annual Dinner in the Dark at Thousand Oaks in conjunction with Rx Optical. 100% of funds raised through the Blind Dinner will benefit local residents assisted by the following non-profit service

providers: Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health; Ken-O-Sha Early Vision Program; Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Grand Rapids Lions Fund; the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. This gala event and awards banquet recognize the achievements of professionals each year from the eye-care community.

GVSU Campus Lions will hosted Dinner in the Dark at Alumni House, Allendale Campus with proceeds going to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Holland Lions will hold a Barbecue Chicken dinner during Holland's Tulip Festival. Thousands of dinners are served during this annual event. A windmill cookie tops off the meal!

Marne Lions held a Lenten Fish Fry for 6-weeks at the Interurban Café. This is a highly successful fundraising event for the club, benefitting the entire community.

Muskegon Northside Lions held their chili/soup supper fundraiser and raised \$140 was raised. 6,000 plastic eggs were stuffed for the Library Easter Egg Drop!

Rockford Lions sold Easter ham and publicized both their club and Leo projects at Rockford Chamber of Commerce Community Expo.

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District 11 C2 Lions and Lioness hosted a fundraiser for Lions Bear Lake Camp with a fun evening that included dinner, prizes, silent auction and games. Club Officers and Member Training will take place June 19 at Holt High School Commons Area.

Michigan Lions Club Night to watch Lansing Lugnuts will be Friday, June 16. Lugnuts take on West Michigan Whitecaps.

DeWitt Breakfast Lions celebrated their 35th Anniversary with a community-wide Open House showcasing how we help people in need and an invitation to become part of the world's largest and most compassionate service organization.

Grand Ledge Lions were busy at their local high School preparing food backpacks to be distributed to needy school children in their school system. They are also selling tickets for a chance to win first prize of a John Deere Z540M riding mower, courtesy of Bader & Sons Co., or a \$2,500 cash prize.

Laingsburg Lions will hold their 34th Annual Springtime Festival May 18-20. There will be fun for the whole family and a chicken BBQ dinner will be available Saturday and Sunday during the festival.

Lansing Host Lions have partnered with Potter Park Zoo to maintaining the Sensory Garden (planted by the club) and sculpture area at the park. Lion's funds and sweat-equity-along

with grant money- have make the Sensory Garden possible.

Olivet Lions teamed up with Whitetail Farms Farm Fresh-Market for the 5th Annual Squirrel Hunt. There were 59 entries; categories included adult men, women and youth. Nearly \$1,000.00 was raised and donated to the Olivet Lions Club for local service projects. First place winnings were generously donated back to the club by Frank Kita and Josh Russell.



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District 11 D1
Convention



What a great evening in Mt. Pleasant at Comfort Inn and Suites Hotel and Conference Center.



District 11 D2
Convention

was held April 7-9 in Holland at DoubleTree by Hilton.

Memphis Lions

hosted a Sock-Hop fundraiser for Leo Jeramee White to attend the International Convention in Chicago. Leo Jeramee will perform in the Lions

of Michigan All State band at the convention. The community came together and supported the Sock-Hop to make it a success. There were several nice items donated by organizations and individuals. Lions



Dave Pearl Charlotte Pearl coordinated this successful event. Several Memphis High School band students showed their support by taking part in the fundraiser. It is exciting to see Lions come together and support their Leo Club.

Metamora Lions

are fortunate to have creative crafty members that offer their skill for the club. These drop boxes are for collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids.



Lion Chico built these beautiful collection boxes for eyeglass & hearing aids



Lion Gary Nowak created this fantastic box

Freeland Lions

helped Freeland Parent Support Organization (FPSO) at a fun family fundraising event of Pure Pro Wrestling at Freeland High School. This event will benefit FPSO for technology funding for high school and middle school students at Freeland Public Schools.



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Happenings:



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Bridgeport Lions received a portion of donations from Paczski & Polkas at Big Boy Restaurant in Bridgeport. Entertainment of accordion tunes of local musician Sandy Bauman were enjoyed!

Carrollton Lions will hold their 16th Carrollton Lions Club Walk/Run for the Blind 5K on Saturday, April 8. Leader Dogs for the Blind received benefit proceeds from this event.

East Flint Lions Auxiliary held their Annual Auction Goodwill Dinner at East Flint Lions Clubhouse on April 18. This event includes dinner and auction.

Fairgrove Lions welcome spring with their Bratwurst Picnic on April 30 at Akron-Fairgrove High School.

Fenton Lions KidSight screening took place at the annual Fenton Chamber of Commerce Expo. Lions from three clubs provided support during this event, clubs included: **Grand Blanc, Linden and Otisville.** 137 kids received eye site screening with 9 referrals advising parents to seek further medical advice.

Linden Lions are hosting their annual White Elephant Auction on Tuesday, April 25 at Hope Lutheran Church in Linden. Enjoy good food, fun, fellowship and a chance to take home a rare find. Linden Lions also sold raffle tickets at the district convention. The club in conjunction with Cass City Lions are selling Easter bunnies again this year.

Millington Lions are hosting 2017 Lions Club Community Golf Outing will take place Friday, June 16 at Willow Springs in Vassar. Proceeds from this event will benefit Millington Community Center and many other local needs.

Saginaw West Lions held a blanket raffle of a Michigan State and Michigan Fleece blanket at the District Convention. Both blankets were donated by DG Tom Hardt and made by Lion Shelly Hardt. All proceeds will go to the Special Needs Vision Clinic. Saginaw West Lions Club also sold embroidered Lions jackets at the district convention.

Swartz Creek Lions welcomed a new member this month by unanimously voting in Jim Barclay. The club has contributed \$200 toward the 100-year celebration billboard campaign and voted to sponsor two members of the All State band by giving \$50 to each.

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Algonac Lions will host their 1st Annual Good Friday Fish Fry at Algonac Lions Banquet Center.

Elkton Lions enjoyed their Awards Night with great food and friends while recognizing dedicated members of their club. Two Lions Melvin Jones Fellowship Award recipients were honored for their several years of devotion to the people of Elkton and Lions Club International. Honoree's and award recipients were: Lion Arnie Russell and Lion Donald Born. Melvin Jones Fellowship award recognizes member dedication, service and contributions to club, community and world.

Jeddo Lions hosted a Wine & Craft Beer Tasting Party during April at Jeddo Lions Hall. Proceeds to support autism and other Jeddo Lions projects, must be 21 to enter.

Marne Lions held their annual Tom Filo Memorial Wild Game Dinner. There was a limited amount of tickets and this successful dinner sold out dinners.

Memphis Lions sponsor a Euchre Tournament the 4th Saturday of each month. Make plans to join the April 22 & May 27 events.

Metamora Lions are hosting a fundraising event for a local family experiencing a family member with a rare blood cancer. A Pancake Breakfast Benefit and silent auction will take place Sunday, April 23 at Metamora Lions Hall. The funds collected from the benefit will help the family with uncovered medical bills and ongoing treatment and travel expenses.

Pearl Beach Lions held their annual Kids Easter Egg Hunt on April 15. Kids received free baskets, enjoy face painting and games.



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District 11 E1 Convention

was held in April at Park Place Hotel in Traverse City. Congratulations to the incoming officers and to those Lions who received awards and other forms of recognition. What a great way to influence people in the community by stepping up to a leadership position!



CONVENTION AWARD PRESENTATIONS
Lions International Leadership Award:
 PDG Lynn Mast, Fremont Lions Club
Lions International Presidential Award:
 PDG Pete Conarty, Midland Lions Club
Presidential Certificates, presented by International Director Alan Lundgren:
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 Fremont Lions Club

Baldwin Lions

distributed backpacks stuffed with non-perishable food at the Lions Michigan Forum. Students at Big Jackson Elementary School in Newaygo County were the happy recipients. Backpacks will be sent home on the weekends. Big Jackson Elementary School is unique in the fact it is a small rural elementary class. The young class currently has 16 students and they attend school Monday through Thursday.



Oscoda Lions

held their annual "Souper Dinner" where over 20 varieties of delicious homemade soups were served. Children at Richardson Elementary School in grades K – 5th grade made ceramic bowls that were sold during this fundraiser. All proceeds will be used to help those in need.



"Souper Dinner" Annual Event Success!



Deputy Josh Reed and Partner K9 Callahan

Big Rapids Lions Club was treated to a visit from Mecosta County Sheriff's Department Deputy Josh Reed and his "partner", K9 Callahan. Deputy Reed is the handler for Callahan, who serves as the only K9 dog in Mecosta County. He described the level of on-going training that he

and Callahan take part in weekly, along with the types of cases they are called to handle. Callahan lives with Deputy Reed and his family and makes the transition back and forth from trained K9 to pet to trained K9.

Rogers City

Barb Durlfingler organized this super day of fun and imagination with the two 5th grade classes. Each student used stones, beach glass, shells and many other items to make a Valentine's Day gift.



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Cadillac Lions held their annual fundraiser of "Sink the Shack". The fundraiser places a shack on Lake Cadillac and tickets are sold to people who guess the date and time when the shack will sink through the ice. The shack is eco-friendly and is retrieved from the lake. All money raised will go back to Cadillac area for eyeglass assistance to people in need.

Coleman Lions donated to a new, local business "Serendipity Ranch". Speakers Deb Praay and Marilyn Bowen explained the purpose of this program is to offer free equine therapy to veterans and children with special needs. **Empire Lions** participated

in Empire's Winterfest during February serving over 125 at the pancake breakfast. Upcoming events include a Pickle Ball tournament and Asparagus Festival.

Greenville Lions will participate in white cane sales during White Cane Week and plan to hold a Spouse/Special guest Night. On May 13, the club will host the Kreitner Memorial Golf Outing Classic. The Kid's Night Magic Show in March had a great turnout. Approximately 50 Lions and invited guests enjoyed the performance of magicians Christian and Bill Rasmussen.

Howard City Lions are buying

new benches for the city walkways as their Centennial Legacy project.

Onkama Lions will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, May 13 at Onkama Lions Den.

Mt. Pleasant Lions will hold their 63rd Annual Chicken Barbecue. This highly successful event has helped raise thousands of dollars over the past 62 years and remains popular today.

Stanwood Lions held a KidSight screening during Morley Stanwood Elementary Fun Night.

White Cloud Lions are busy working the KidSight program and have completed visits at nearly all of the elementary schools.

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Alpena Lions donated \$500 to five LMASB students attending the International Convention from the District. 1,500 pair of eyeglasses have been collected for donation to Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries. MOST Ministries is a faith-based organization that provides opportunities for people involved in mission work. MOST teams minister to the physical and spiritual needs of others.

Bellaire Lions has given over \$6,400 in donations to various charities in recent months: The local Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts sponsorship, Commission on

Aging dinners, American Red Cross, Antrim County Meals on Wheels Truck Fund, Michigan Diabetes Assn., Bear Lake Camp, Alzheimer's of Michigan, Hospice of Michigan, Leader Dog/Rochester, Eversight Michigan, LCIF, Lions Leadership Institute, Lions District Youth Exchange, and Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Fairview/Comins - Members participated in the packing and distribution of food through the food bank, and delivery of food to the homes of senior citizens. Visited Fairview School to distribute books to the third and

fifth grade classes. Donated to lodging for resident receiving cancer treatments. Donated \$300 to assist two students attending Interlochen Music Camp.

Oscoda Lions guest speakers Charles and Jane Negro presented information on the Compassionate Friends support group for parents whose child of any age has died. The club provided a monetary contribution to help them with this valuable service.

Rose City Lions donated \$500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind to commemorate the LCI's 100 years of service. The club is forming a convoy to take goods and money to the farmers in Texas and Kansas who have suffered from the wildfires. Well done, Rose City!

THANK YOU

Michigan Lions and Lioness Clubs for making Donate Life Day 2017 a success!



Thanks to more than **200 volunteers** and your continued support on Donate Life Day this year, we registered **1,364 new donors**

Your stories of hope, healing and life on Donate Life Day inspired Michiganders across the state to say YES! to eye, organ and tissue donation. Joining the donor registry is a promise to help someone in need, and Eversight Michigan couldn't be prouder to have partnered with Lions and Lioness Clubs in making vision a reality.

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