

LION PRIDE ASK ONE

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MD 11 State Convention

MAY 19-20, 2017

Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City

Welcome to the 97th Annual MD 11 State Convention

Meet us in beautiful Traverse City May 18-21! The convention begins with the 5th Annual Picnic on Thursday evening. Invited to join us from Dalton, Georgia, Lions International candidate for 3rd Vice President, Past International Director Judge Haynes and Lion Donna Townsend. PID Haynes and Lion Donna will be our International guests at this years' convention.



100th Celebration? Tips on what to expect at the convention will assist you in getting the most out of this celebration.

Attend the Business Session to hear all the latest in our legislative efforts to address the roadway fundraising issue which has negatively impacted many clubs in our state, get updates on the

launch of our Centennial PR/Media Campaign, and listen to our State Projects and the great things they are accomplishing in our state. So many exciting events and happenings are taking place at the convention – you won't want to miss an exciting moment. Register today.

Read more on page 9 for complete details of schedule of events:

This years' theme, "A Century of Service: 1917-2017" will be carried out at the Welcome Reception and Dinner on Friday evening and all are encouraged to dress in costume that depicts the past century. You'll be amazed by the sounds of "The Moxie Strings" on Friday night – a group compared to

none! A live & silent auction will be included in this years' convention, and an off-site tour is in the works for Friday.

Learn about *Freedom Builders Ministry of Traverse City* and how they are helping to "re-build lives" in their community, during the first of 3 breakout sessions. *Building a Leo Club in your District* is a session to guide you in starting and working with a Leo Club – the future of Lions. Heading to Chicago for the



Feared by The Grand Rapids Press as "top-notch, instrumental wizardry," The Moxie Strings offer listeners the unique

opportunity to experience some of the world's best-known instruments through a young, progressive lens. Playing a contemporary 5-string violin, a newly-invented electric cello, and a mix of world percussionist instruments and drum kit,



the band brings 19th century parlor music into the sound of today.

Legislative UPDATE

Fellow Lions:

As Council Chair Justin Faber announced last month, Michigan Legislative Consultants began representing the Lions of Michigan at the start of 2017. It has been a pleasure getting to know many of you personally as we work to raise the Lions profile with legislators at the State Capitol. In the short time we have represented the Lions, great progress has been made raising the overall awareness of Lions Clubs to legislators, as

well as addressing the roadway fundraising issue affecting many clubs across the state.

As you know, Attorney General Bill Schuette issued an opinion to clarify whether or not the fundraising activities conducted by the Lions and other charitable organizations are legal under state law. His opinion stated that roadside fundraising was illegal under both the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Uniform Traffic Code. In response to this

action, State Representative Shane Hernandez (R-Port Huron) introduced House Bill 4160, which would give charities the ability to engage in roadway fundraising activities if they meet several criteria. You can read the legislation at www.mileg.org.

House Bill 4160 was referred to the House Transportation Committee and we've had several productive conversations with the Chairman, Representative Triston Cole (R-Mancelona). I

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For mail returns see ID statement.

UPCOMING

Events:

MARCH 2017
Membership Focus: Women
Eye Donor Awareness Month

APRIL 2017
Family & Friends Month
Focus on Leo Clubs
Protecting our Environment
(Centennial Service Challenge)

April 21-23
SD 10 Convention
Harris, Michigan

April 22
Earth Day

May 2
Lions Legislative Day at the Capitol

May 18-20
97th Annual MD 11 State Convention
Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City

May 21
PDG Breakfast – Open to All!
Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City

June 30-July 4
LCI Centennial Convention –Chicago

July 2
Michigan Lions Night
Tommy Guns Garage–Chicago

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



Women's History Month. What started as an effort to make Women's History a part of the school curriculum in a California community in 1976 began to catch fire throughout the country, and by March of 1987 Woman's History Month became history!

Long before this, of course, women were making their mark. Among the long list of extraordinary women is Helen Keller. A woman without "vision" yet she created a vision for Melvin Jones and all Lions in attendance at the 1925 Lions International Convention, giving her now-famous speech which challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Her challenge defines us today - 92 years later.

Did you miss out on this historic moment in Lion history? You have the opportunity to attend a re-enactment of the 1925 LCI Convention at the Grand Pavilion at Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio. Listen to speeches by Helen Keller, Melvin Jones, and IP Chancellor Bob Corlew. Find registration information on page 6 of this issue. This is an opportunity you won't want to wait another 100 years for!

Celebrate with Michigan Lions at the MD 11 State Convention in Traverse City May 18-21, where we'll kick-off another great convention on Thursday with our pre-convention picnic. The Optimist Club of TC has partnered with us for an evening of great food set in the beautiful surroundings of the Optimist Club Cabin property. I can't say enough about the beauty of this rustic area, complete with covered pavilion and babbling brook. Experience it first-hand. There will be a silent/live auction this year, to add to the festivities. You'll be amazed by the Moxie Strings, a local band making it big in the musical world, and billed as "Top Notch Instrumental Wizardry!" Learn how to form a Leo Club, and hear how one non-profit located in Traverse City, Freedom Builders Ministry, provides support to those in need in. Complete schedule of events are included in this issue and on our website: www.lionsofmi.com

I make no claim to have impacted the world like Helen Keller did, but I will take a small amount of credit for stepping up to a school Board of Education in 1975. My "challenge" to the board was to allow for female tennis players on the all-male tennis team, given the fact we did not have a girls' team at the time. It worked! Two of us joined the team that year. I played horribly, but what came from this experience was the formation of a girls' tennis team within a couple of years, allowing my younger sister—the better player—to be a part of the team during her high school career.

Women continue making history throughout the world and in Lions. I'm proud to be a part of it!

**Lion Wendy Burns
Executive Director**

A Proposed Amendment to the Multiple District 11 By Laws by the 2016-2017 Council of Governors

"Whereas, the subscription for the MD Magazine is currently five dollars (\$5.00) 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."



CC Justin Faber, Wendy Burns and Michigan Legislative Consultants Matt Sowash

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have personally met with 11 of the 14 committee members that serve on the House Transportation Committee. I have received positive response to our legislation from the overwhelming majority of the committee and will be meeting with the remaining 3 committee members in the coming days.

In addition to working with legislators, I have been meeting with key stakeholders to minimize potential opposition to this legislation. Out of those meetings, several key best practices will be added to the bill, which are already done by Lions clubs across the state. These include:

- Requiring all volunteers collecting donations to be 18 or older
- Requiring all volunteers collecting donations to wear reflective apparel

- Only permit fundraising efforts to occur during daylight hours
- Requiring volunteers collecting donations to be at a stop sign or a traffic signal where vehicles are stopped
- Require appropriate liability insurance to be carried by the charitable organization

We will continue to work with key legislators and legislative staff to move this proposal forward. Our message will remain that this common-sense legislation will allow the long-standing efforts of local Lions clubs to continue in Michigan in a safe and appropriate manner. If you have any questions, please contact me at matt@mlcmi.com or 517-372-2560.

**Matt Sowash
Michigan Legislative Consultants**



2017 MICHIGAN FORUM



Pictured left to right PDG Tom Thompson, PDG Dick DeLong, DG Hardt and ID Jenny Ware

Congratulations **DG Tom Hardt!**

New Mountains to Climb...New Ways to Serve

DG Tom Hardt, MD 11 D1, was honored—and very surprised—with an LCI Presidential Medal during the Michigan Forum.

Over 300 Lions and guests participated at the Michigan Forum in February. With 16 breakout sessions to choose from, 20 exhibit tables full of information, presentation of student White Cane Scholarships and a moving Keynote address by Mr. John Drake, Lingap Orphanage, it was an overall successful Michigan Forum once again.

Friday night's PROJECT: BACK PACK, led by PCC Donald Brown, was met with enthusiasm and plenty of food and back packs to load up 250 packs in just under 45-minutes. The completed packs went back with Lions for distribution to their local schools and churches for students in need of food to bridge the gap between school-provided meals over the weekends. We don't always think about this but it is a growing concern in many schools today. Qualified students rely on meals provided during the week—typically breakfast and lunch. The Michigan Forum PROJECT: Back Pack helped to make weekend meals a little easier for many. The MI Forum committee is grateful to the clubs, districts and even individuals who were moved to provide financial support, and to all who helped in any way during the events of the weekend.



A Proposed **AMENDMENT**

To be voted upon at the MD 11 State Convention May 20, 2017

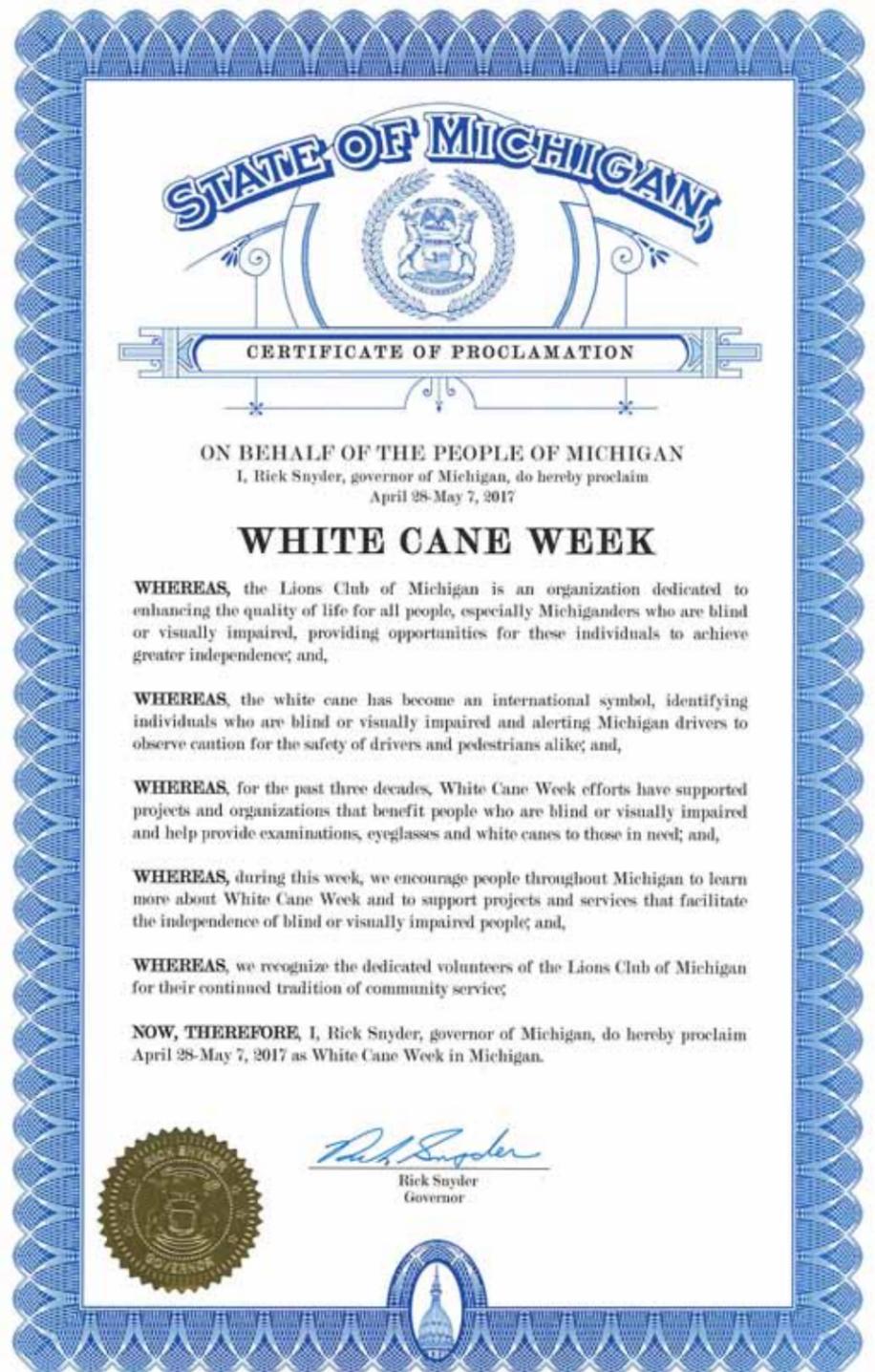
The 2016-2017 Council of Governors proposes the following:

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) be combined into a new number 11 and that the rest of Section 1-a be renumbered accordingly."

WHITE CANE PROCLAMATION

White Cane Week April 28 - May 7, 2017



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.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Please notify your post office and club secretary immediately if you change your address so that your Lion Pride copy can be mailed to your correct address. New labels are prepared by Lions International and usually require 2-3 months before taking effect. For advertising rates, please contact Lion Pride Magazine, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911.

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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Thanks to your generosity, we can continue
to place Assistance Dogs with people
with disabilities.

Club presentations are available.
Please call 800-253-7297.
pawswithacause.org

Paws With A Cause Lions Open House

Saturday, August 19, 2017 ~ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Come visit our campus, tour our facilities,
learn about Assistance Dog training and
meet some PAWS® clients!





Past District Governors Association of Michigan PDG Bob Jenkins

With only 120 days left in the 2016-2017 Lionistic year time is short to complete your leadership and growth goals. You can still meet all your goals; however the dead line of June 30, 2017 is fast approaching. Teamwork is one guaranteed way to meet your goals. Work with your seasoned and senior members in your district to map out a plan of action.

As the District Conventions come about and new district leaders are elected they may have already tapped qualified leaders for key positions. If asked to serve for the 2017-2018 Lionistic year please agree to step up and be a part of moving and growing your district. If you have not been asked then VOLUNTEER to serve!

Membership growth is the key to any successful organization, there is no secret formula in recruiting new members for your club (Lions, Lioness & Leos). You have the expertise of the GMT at the district, state, and International level to call upon for ideas and assistance in putting together a successful membership drive. Remember all you have to do is ASK. Work with your membership if you have members that may be a little shy in approaching potential new members. The more members you have the easier the work load is and you're not tapping the same members over and over for the same jobs.

Participating in club or district fundraisers will assure the budgeted charities and projects goals are met. And we as Lions, Lioness and Leos can continue to provide

the much needed humanitarian services to those truly in need. Where would those in need turn to if not the Lions? Our motto "We Serve" is not just a motto, but a way of life for those Lions that are Lions for life.

UPCOMING: Join us at the MD 11 State Convention in Traverse City for the annual PDG Association Breakfast, Sunday, May 21. All are invited to attend! Please RSVP your attendance by May 12 to: PDG Norm Stutesman: thespian49093@yahoo.com

Two Important PDG Events to Take Notice Of!



LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP SEASON OPENING

The date is set for **Saturday, May 6, 2017** beginning at 8:00 a.m. Motivated by coffee and donuts, the real work will begin by 9:00. We'll all be treated to lunch on-site and complete our projects immediately following lunch.

Please contact PDG R.G. Bamum to RSVP your attendance: 989-871-9083

DEADLINE May 1, 2017



Sponsor a Camper

Sponsor a special child for camp this summer to help them gain self confidence, independence and learn outdoor skills.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Blind and Visually Impaired Youth Session**
One week at \$350.00
- **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth Session**
One week at \$350.00
- **Juvenile Arthritis Youth Session**
Sponsored by Arthritis Foundation of MI
One week at \$275.00

To sponsor a camper:

- Go to our website- www.bearlakecamp.org and complete online form (click on sponsor a camper)

OR

- Cut out the reply form below, send in with payment

A project of:



Please send to:
Lions Bear Lake Camp
3409 N. Five Lakes Road
Lapeer, MI 48446

Organization Name _____
Contact Person _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

# of Campers	Session	Fee/Camper	Total
	Visually Impaired 1 wk	\$350	
	Deaf/Hard of Hearing	\$350	
	Juvenile Arthritis	\$275	
		Total Enclosed	



PDG Breakfast Sunday May 21, 2017

Welcome Lions and guests to



The PDG Annual Breakfast Meeting

EVERYONE WELCOME

At the MD 11 Convention
Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City
May 21, 8:00 a.m.

RSVP Your Attendance to:
PDG Norm Stutesman

PO Box 103, Three Rivers, MI 49093
Make Checks payable to: PDG Association

Number of Persons Attending
\$17.00/Person = \$ _____

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS

May 12 2017

Questions? Email thespian49093@yahoo.com
269-506-2620

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SAM'S CLUBS Partnership Announced

Dr. Robert Hong, Lions Hearing Center, and Michelle McMath, Sam's Clubs, announced the newly formed Sam's Club partnership with the Lions Hearing Center, Lions of Michigan Foundation and the Lions of Michigan at the recent Michigan Forum in Lansing.

Sam's Clubs will post signage and two collection boxes in their Optical and Hearing Aid Centers. Each local Lions club is asked to designate a person to monitor and collect the boxes. After pick-up of a full box, both hearing aids and eyeglasses will be dropped off at the following: Oakland, Macomb, Wayne or Monroe counties: Lions Hearing Center of Michigan. All other clubs will contact the Lions of Michigan or the Lions of Michigan Foundation to arrange drop-off.

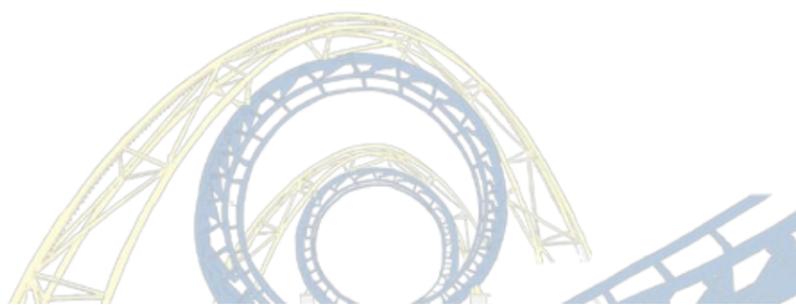
With the support of Sam's Clubs, we will be able to promote our eyeglass and hearing aid services and awareness to a higher level in our state.



Congratulations to the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest WINNER

Lakkana Meepara from Thailand is the 2016-17 International Peace Poster Contest winner! The theme was "A Celebration of Peace." Thirteen year-old Lakkana, who is in her school's art club and passionate about volunteering for environmental issues, says she "wants everyone to build peace together, because peace is something that makes everyone happy." Lakkana will receive a cash award of \$5,000, and will be honored at Lions' upcoming International Convention in Chicago.

"The Future of Peace" will be the theme for 2017-18. Peace Poster kits are on sale now. Don't miss your opportunity to engage youth in your community. Visit lionsclubs.org/peaceposter today to learn more!



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



Own a Limited-Edition Lions Clubs

Centennial Commemorative COIN



Our Centennial Commemorative Coin went on sale January 18, 2017. The first week of sales was encouraging, with a total of 30,456 coins sold. But sales for week #2 dropped considerably from week #1, to just over 8,000 coins. If sales continue to decline in the first 60 days, the U.S. Mint may cease production of our Centennial silver dollar as minting additional coins is based entirely on sales expectations.

We can't let that happen, and here's why. Once the U.S. Mint has surpassed the break-even point of the program (approximately 200,000 coins), US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF for every coin sold. If we sell all 400,000 coins of our planned mintage, US\$4 million will be given to LCIF to support our global humanitarian initiatives. Just imagine how many more people we could help!

With your help, we can make this program a success! Purchase your coin today from Lions Club Supplies or the United States Mint.

International Convention PDG Bill Simpson

*MICHIGAN LIONS at the
LCI CONVENTION, CHICAGO*

Welcome to your Lion's 100 year Convention! I'm sure you are going to have a wonderful time, whether it's your first convention or your tenth. From the opening plenary session and keynote speaker of Vice President Al Gore, the not-to-be missed "Flag Ceremony," nominations for 3rd International Vice President, the International Parade of Lions, an opportunity to meet the new and current ID's, to the possibility of finding a speaker for your next home district convention – there is something great in store for everyone in attendance! Visit the "Peace Poster" exhibition, the Lions Store, see the pin traders with their expansive display of current and past pins.

On Thursday, June 29th, participate in the "Vintage Golf Outing." It's a shot-gun start at 12:00 noon at Jackson Park Golf Course, where you'll play golf as if it were the early 1900's. Just bring your shoes, everything else is provided: sticks, balls, cap, box lunch and a bucket of dirt to form your tee!

Also on June 29th the New York Yankee's and Chicago White Sox will be playing a night game with special seating and prices for Lions.

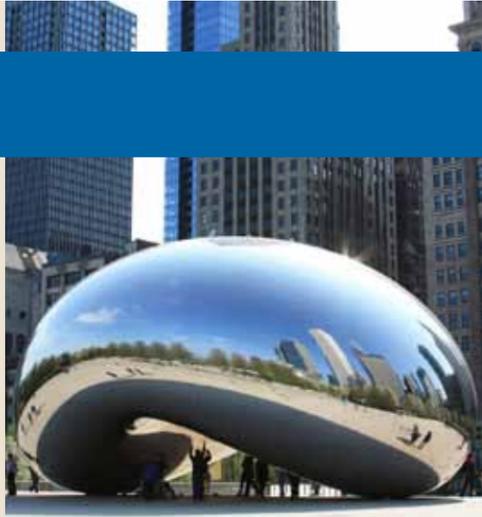
On July 2nd, the German delegation along with the Host Committee will sponsor a concert featuring a 30 piece Brass Band from Germany. The concert will be held at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago with all proceeds going to the Lion Quest program.

July 2nd is our Michigan Night at Tommy Gun's Speakeasy, for great entertainment.

I've attached a list of some other possible activities while you're visiting the Chicago area. There will be people located at the convention information booth that can help you get information and make reservations to complete your stay in Chicago.

- Tour of LCI headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois; available through LCI @ \$35.00 per person, reservation required, includes bottle of water and round trip bus ride, limited time at headquarters
- Navy Pier, lake and downtown views, amusement rides, entertainment, walking, snack food, restaurants and bars
- Wrigley Field, home of Chicago Cubs, world baseball champs
- Soldier Field, home of the Chicago Bears
- Shedd Aquarium, Aquatic creatures from around the world
- Art Institute of Chicago, located in Grant Park, one of the oldest and largest in the United States
- Field Museum of National History
- Chicago History Museum, Chicago history brought to life
- Museum of Science and Industry, interactive educational museum
- Adler Planetarium, museum with high tech-tech exhibits and shows
- Millennium Park, green space with art, theatre and ice rink
- Lincoln Park Zoo, free zoo with interactive farm
- Brookfield Zoo, sprawling zoo with thousands of animals
- Magnificent Mile & Hancock Building, shopping, walking, architecture
- Willis Tower (Sears Tower), super tall skyscraper with Skydeck and city view
- Cloud Gate, mirrored, bean shaped sculpture
- Buckingham Fountain, elaborate Rococo landmark from 1927
- Chicago Riverwalk and Architecture Cruise
- Chicago Skyline dinner cruise
- Grant Park green space and exhibits

Please check for admission prices that might apply.



LCI-CON

The last day to register for the convention at the reduced rate is **MARCH 31**
Visit lionsclubs.org for complete schedule of events and updates to the convention activities



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



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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
_____	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 MasterCard Discover
Credit Card No.: _____ Exp Date: _____
Signature: _____ CVC/CID Code: _____

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

- Everyone MUST pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless (excluding Saturday Banquet) registration fee is paid.
- Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is May 8, 2017. No refunds after May 8, 2017.
- 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 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.



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.



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!

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

MD 11 State Convention Tour

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park & Black Star Farms WINERY

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.

Sleeping Bear Dunes – Black Star Farms Winery Tour

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*



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!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MD 11 State Convention

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Pig Roast

(Pre-registration required for this event)
Cost: \$10, meet in hotel lobby at 5:30 p.m. at Optimist Club Cabin Property

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

1:30 p.m. – District Governors

Elect Planning Meeting – Northwest Territory A

OFF-SITE TOUR

Sleeping Bear Dunes & Winery Stop at Black Star Farms

(Pre-registration required for this event)

6:30 p.m. – Welcome Reception & Dinner, Entertainment – 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

8:30 a.m. – 2017 Awards Breakfast

White Pine Ballroom

Guest Speaker, Lion Donna Townsend

10:30 a.m. – Business Session

White Pine Ballroom

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 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

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

PDG Breakfast



MD 11 STATE CONVENTION – MAY 19-20, 2017

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The 2017 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 9th Annual, will be held on August 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 5700 E. 28th Street - Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lodging is \$79.00 plus tax per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net or by calling the Crowne Plaza at 616-957-1770 and requesting the Lions of Michigan Foundation group rate.

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11 A1

DG Martha Brown
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Detroit Mid-City Lions

attended the Penrickton Christmas Party. They showered their adopted child and family with toys and clothing. The members that attended for the first time were very impressed with the tours. The children and the adults had a joyous evening.



11 A2

DG Patti Barr
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New Baltimore Lions

has much to be proud of as they look back upon 2016. In addition to raising \$18,000 to add a large new ramp to the Skatepark in town, the Lions club banded together and raised \$107,000 to add a landmark to their Anchor Bay waterfront; a 160 foot flagpole! The fund-raising began in March and the flag pole was dedicated on October 15 during a ceremony that attracted over 500 people, including Congresswoman Candice Miller. The flag pole is the tallest in the state of Michigan! This new landmark will show the civic and national pride of the new Baltimore community and their extraordinary Lions club!



Richmond Lions

held their annual fun bowling event, Bowling Fundraiser/ Chili Cook-Off. The scholarship program is one of the numerous community projects that this fundraiser supports.



Lion Derek Habel's chili gang received "best flair" medal based on their wild west theme



GMT/GLT Area Training

took place in Indianapolis, Indiana on February 4-5, 2017. LCI 's explains the GMT/GLT Area Training for DGEs provides an

opportunity for 1st VDGs/ DGEs in a GMT/GLT area to come together to share ideas, challenges, best practices and successes

with each other. This training also enables the GLT and GMT Area Leaders to establish relationships with the incoming governors early, and to provide direct guidance and support to each 1st VDG/DGE. This is a one-day interactive training workshop.



Great turnout at the Lions Michigan Forum - Friday's Back-Pack Project

filled 251 backpacks to be distributed through Lions Clubs that attended the Michigan Forum. After filling the backpacks the leftover food was donated to the local food pantry in the Lansing area.

CLUB

Happenings:



District A1 • District Editor: Linda Tate
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District 11 A1 Convention will be held April 21-23, 2017 at Embassy Suites, Troy.

Bedford Township Lions Organ Donor Day to take place on Wednesday, April 12.

Garden City Lions held their 26th Annual Pancake Breakfast March 19 at Garden City Moose Lodge #538 with special Garden City Firefighters as special guest cooks.

Harper Woods Gross Pointe Lions recent activities included helping 30 families in need at this past Christmas, donated 1,909 pair of used eyeglasses during 2016, Annual Bottles & Cans Fundraiser, Fall Pasta Dinner Fundraiser, Goodfellows Newspaper Sale, Candy Canes Christmas Funraiser and hosted presentations from Penrickton, Kids on the Go and EverySight.



District A2 • District Editor: James Boomer
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District 11 A2 Convention will take place in Holland on March 31-April 2.

independence and provide support services.

Lions District 11 A2 Celebration will be at DeCarlo's Banquet Center on Saturday June 3.

Richmond Lions visit Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Michigan during February. It was great to learn more about a service project the club has supported for several years. Penrickton Center for Blind Children specializing in treating blind children in Metropolitan Detroit area ages one through twelve who are multi-disabled. Each treatment program is individually designed to promote





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11 B2

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Adrian Evening Lions

were busy making pasties for an annual fundraiser with proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity.



District 11 B2

was very well represented at the Lions Michigan Forum. Breakout sessions for the Forum included three speakers from our district. PDG Norm Stutesman of Three River Lions Club talked about "Getting Out of the Club Box", Lion Margaret Shultz of Three Rivers Lions Club explained how to "Keep it Clean, Keep it Legal" and Don Brown of Paw Paw Lions Club demonstrated "How to Organize a Club Service Project".



PCC Don Brown (blue shirt) overseeing this fun event to feed hungry children

Battle Creek Area Lions



welcomed campers arriving in Battle Creek to attend the 44th Winter Camp for the Blind (Adults). Dinner, concert, bingo, technology center, white cane

maintenance, craft room and comradeship are some of the activities campers take part in. Camp highlights included sled rides on an antique sled pulled by magnificent horses around camp and through the woods and a talent night where they can show off their talents of playing instruments, singing, dancing and comedic skills. The camp is only possible with support from clubs. The camp is funded solely by club donations and volunteers to make this great experience possible.



What an excellent Lions Michigan Forum 2017!



Friday's Back-Pack Project filled 251 backpacks for clubs to take to distribute to children in local communities. This year's luncheon count of 312 is the same number from last year. Be sure to mark your calendar for 2018 Michigan Forum at Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids.

Mattawan Lions and Mattawan Lions Club Foundation

held an Art Night and Soup Supper in February at Antwerp Township Activity Center. Attendees were the judges and proceeds from this event went to help support Lions club community projects.



Pictured are some of LMF KidSight Coordinators

District 11 B2 KidSight Trailer

upgrading trailers which include: new air conditioner, new inside walls an added step at the side door

and other new items to make them similar to other trailers in our district. Lions of Michigan Foundation KidSight Committee recently met to discuss goals for 2016-2017. Key points from the meeting include: data collection from PKS

Coordinators, suggestion that each club sponsor at least one KidSight annually and educate parents about their children's eyesight to catch potential issues of kids at an early age that may be treatable.

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Adrian Evening Lions held a fundraising event; 5th Annual Potato and Salad Bar in March.

Albion Lions partnered with Friends of the Library for a Chili Dinner which was a great success with assistance of Delta Gamma Zeta Sorority from Albion College. Legacy Project is planned for April to redo three walking bridges in Victory Park.

Ann Arbor Host and Evening Lions held their annual Euchre Party on January 29.

Ann Arbor Host Lions donated to Wild Swan Theatre to purchase 20 audio recorders to provide audio descriptions during the shows to be used by the visually impaired.

They are also sponsoring bowlers for Eversight Bowling for Brighter Tomorrows.

Battle Creek Cereal City Lions held a Spaghetti Supper at Lakeview High School. A check of \$1,350 was presented to Kathleen Moore, Chair of the "Raise a Reader Program. They also held a Pancake fundraiser. Cereal City Lions presents 'Dinner in the Dark' for turkey dinner and all the trimmings, stage play, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Experience part of your meal 'In the Dark' to understand a little of the difficulties blind and visually impaired people face every day. The event takes place March 17 with proceeds sponsoring three children to attend Diabetic Camp.

Dexter Lions is proud to continue

to sponsor one of Michigan's top robotics team, Deadbots. \$1,000 was donated to Dexter High School (DHS) Robotics - Deadbots from Dexter Lions to this amazing group of innovative and talented young adults. Students build robotics and compete against their peers. Coaches and mentors oversee team members and offer encouragement, advice and oversee safety. What a great way to support student learning of engineering, business, team building and leadership.

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41st Annual **11 B2 District Convention** will be March 24-25, 2017 at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Holland. The 2nd Annual Leo Experience will be held on Saturday March 25 at DoubleTree.

Buchanan-Galien Lions held a Euchre Tournament to support Lions club community projects on Saturday, March 11 at American Legion Post 51.

Coloma Lions recently gave a donation of \$500 to North Berrien Food Pantry.

Edwardsburg Lions Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held at American Legion Post 365 on Saturday, April 8, 2017. The KidSight

trailer is scheduled to attend the event.

Lawrence Lions has a fish fry the 2nd Friday of every month, chicken strips are available for non-fish eaters and Bingo every Wednesday at Lions Hall.

Mattawan Lions also enjoyed a Trivia Night for fun competition with proceeds going to support the Boy Scouts of Mattawan Troop 161. Dinner and Bingo will take place March 18, with dinner at 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. and bingo from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



11 C1

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Lakewood Area Lions

are hosting their 5th Annual Night of Sight featuring several cornea and organ recipients sharing their stories and includes a speaker from Eversight Michigan. Hear their stories and learn about the connection between Lions clubs and Eversight and understand the importance of becoming a donor. The

event is a free community event and takes place March 28 at Cunningham Acres in Lake Odessa.



2nd VDG Fran Grabowski is a dual-cornea transplant recipient and will share his story of sight restoration



11 C2

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Charlotte Lions

celebrated their 75th Anniversary at the Eaton County Courthouse Square Museum. The program at the 75th Anniversary event was led by President PCC Nancy Lampman who touched on the services provided by Charlotte Lions from the early days of World War II with the selling of war bonds and stamps to clothing drives and black-outs. The Museum is open to the public for anyone who would like to see the extensive display of "Lions Clubs of Eaton County".



Martin Lions



Alicia Kershaw accepting donation on behalf of J.C. Wheeler Library from Robert Porter

Martin Lions celebrate their 100 year anniversary and will begin a year of celebration with the local library, also celebrating their centennial. Martin Lions Club gifted \$1,000 to Martin J.C. Wheeler Library and the library plans on using the generous donation to benefit area children.

Handmade fleece blankets delivered to veterans at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans



Rockford Leos

have been busy with a donut sale, started a tutoring program for elementary students and delivered fleece blankets to vets at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

They also served at God's Kitchen in Grand Rapids and provided free child care for parents attending Rockford Schools parent meeting.



Leos working a shift at God's Kitchen in Grand Rapids

Grand Ledge Lions

made a difference in their community during a January thaw day. This temporary walkway was assembled for a young student in Sunfield.

Also in January, Lion Finney and a small crew constructed a safer entry into the house through their garage at a home in Eagle.



Lions Mike Kelly, Jim Brandt, Lysle Finney, Steve Peake, Kim Spalsbury and Bill Moore – not pictured workers are Terry Dankenbring, Duke Love, Gene Ringle and Larry Williams

Olivet Lions

John and Deb Maxwell hosted two students, Inka Hirvonen a 17 year old girl from Finland and Anika Grotjohann a 17 year old girl from Germany. The girls spent five weeks learning about Olivet and Michigan thanks to Lions Youth Exchange Program and their host family. They experienced small town living,

shopping in the U.S., attending a Detroit Tiger baseball game and enjoyed traveling to the Upper Peninsula. Each girl gave a presentation to Olivet Lions Club members describing life in their home country. Hosting an international student can be a great



experience for them and for your family, please consider being a host to one of these students this summer.

CLUB Happenings:

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District 11 C1 Convention will be April 1, 2017 at American Legion in Rockford.

District Orientation and Training dates scheduled for February 25 and May 13, the May training will be at Lyons Muir Lions Club in Muir.

Casnovia/Kent City Lions Casino Trip to Little River Casino was in February. Funds gained from this event will be used to support Kent High School Senior Bash Night held during May.

Cedar Spring Lions was involved as part of an ongoing mission to make their community a better place. Cedar Springs Brewing Company donated a portion of food sales to Cedar Spring Lions during their events.

Hopkins Lions held "Halloween in February" as a fundraiser dance. The evening included dinner, music, dancing, open bar, cash and prize drawings and costume contest.

Lyons Muir Lions are involved with feeding hungry students in collaboration with IM Kids 3rd Meal. IM Kids 3rd Meal is a program committed to ending hunger in Ionia and Montcalm county area schools.

Marne Lions is serving Alaskan Pollock fish dinners every Friday evening February through April 27 at Interurban Depot Café.

Rockford Lions held their 8th Annual Chili Cook Off in February. Rockford Public Schools Leo Club held a Swing Dancing at Rockford Freshman Center, this event is open to the community and sponsored

by Grand Rapids Original Swing Society. What fun to dance with the swing style of jazz from the 1920'-1940s.

District C2 • District Editor: Noreen Boes
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District 11C2 Convention will take place at Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant on March 17-19, 2017.

Lions Clubs members will observe "Donate Life Day" by visiting Secretary of State offices to encourage customers to join the donor registry on Wednesday, April 12.

Holt Lions kicked off their busy fundraiser season with their first charitable gaming event at Reno's West February 23 through 26 and approximately \$2,000 was raised.

Ovid Lions had another successful Amish Cheese sale fundraiser.

East Lansing/Meridian Lions celebrated another successful fundraising year operating a food

concession in Spartan Stadium during all of the Michigan State University's home football games.



11 D1

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11 D2

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Millington Lions

presented a check and held a “food bomb” for First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Food Pantry in Millington. The Millington FUMC Food Pantry is located in the Community Center and currently assists over thirty local families in need.



Pictured left to right Lion Sam Licavoli, Dave Gamet with the Food Pantry and Lion Ron Leach

St. Charles Lions

conducted a KidSight vision screening at St. Charles Elementary School. 151 children were screened ages pre-school through 5th grade. Eighteen children were referred for further evaluation by an optometrist.



Pictured are two pre-school children and St. Charles Lion members Don Schlager, Jim Delemeester, and Joe Bogar

Pearl Beach Lions

celebrated Winterfest even with the extremely mild Michigan winter temperatures. This annual event took place at Clay Township Park, Algonac, Michigan. Weekend of great fun to be had by the whole family, some of the fun events include: bingo, children games, pancake breakfast, horseshoes, petting zoo, vision screenings and free eyeglasses, fishing derby for kids of abilities, trout fishing for kids in a tent, pony rides and a heated beverage tent with live entertainment. Pearl Beach Club proceeds from this event are used for vision screening and helping kids with eye exams and glasses.



Kids enjoying trout fishing during Winterfest

Pictured left to right DG Wineman, IPDG Justin Faber, sponsor Carol Westby, Crystal Partaka, Tracy Navarro, Rob Navarro, Chad Partaka and club president Nick Karl.

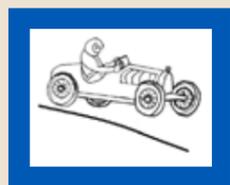


Lexington Lions

inducted six new members at the end of February with another six potential members interested. The Lions participated in PDG Justin and DG Dave’s Informational Night program.

the districts R.O.A.R. project which stands for Reconnect, Opportunity, Achieve and Renew. The six new members join a district of proud Lions. Way to go Lexington Lions and 11D2!

During informational nights, prospective members find out what Lions do in general and what the local club is doing in the community. All of this is part of



Vassar Lions

is sponsoring Thrill on the Hill Saturday, April 29. Vassar Lions

will bring the thrill of gravity-car racing to Vassar this spring, which involves homemade cars with two-person teams barreling down M-15.

Open to anyone 18 years of age or older, contestants will be challenged

to compete in non-motorized 4-wheel vehicles. There will be 3 classes for judging: individual, college/university, and business.

Vehicles must have four wheels, brakes (how strong is up to the judges), be steerable, and weigh no more than 200 pounds. The course is a steep hill, includes an “S” curve and a 6 inch high ramp. Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/ThrillOnTheHill](https://www.facebook.com/ThrillOnTheHill).

CLUB Happenings:



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District 11 D1 Convention will be April 7-9 in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan at Comfort Inn and Suites Hotel and Conference Center.

Chesaning Lion gave their annual \$1,000 donation to Chesaning Area United Appeal (CAUA). CAUA is strictly a volunteer organization which holds a fund drive every year and distributes proceeds to nonprofit organizations in the Chesaning community.

East Flint Lions Auxiliary will have their Annual Auction/ Goodwill Dinner at East Flint Lions Clubhouse in Flint on April 18.

Gaines Area Lions will hold a BBQ & Burger Dinner at Byron Lodge #80 F & AM in Byron.

Kingston Lions Craft Show Sloppy Joe and Soup Lunch will be April 1 at Kingston Elementary School Cafeteria.

Lennon Lions helped three veteran families gain benefits, as well as, serve them from our food pantry. Raffle tickets have gone on sale for this summer’s fundraiser to be held during Lennon Homecoming July 15-16.

Lennon Lions participated at the Michigan Forum and delivered backpacks from Friday’s service project, to Dieck Elementary School in Swartz Creek.

Linden Lions are hosting their annual White Elephant Auction at Hope Lutheran Church in Linden on April 25.

Millington Lions Community Golf Outing will be at Willow Springs Golf & Country Club on June 16. Proceeds for this outing will be used to support Millington Community Center and for other community projects.

Swartz Creek Lions sponsored a fundraising event, 2015 Bill and Monty Morgan Memorial Spaghetti Dinner, to raise money to award scholarships and community service awards. The first grant has been awarded to Swartz Creek Schools to a student in the transition class. This transition class trains students with special needs useful skills for future job placement. The second grant will be given later this year to an individual within the Swartz Creek area.

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District 11 D2 Convention will be April 7-9 in Holland at DoubleTree by Hilton. community events.

District 11 D2 will be representing 14 students in their district with Lions of Michigan All State Band at the International Convention in Chicago this June.

Buffalo & Board Wild Game Dinner will be held at **Lions Bear Lake Camp** in Lapeer on April 1.

Croswell Lions will hold a full breakfast on March 19. Donations are welcome and support: KidSight screenings, Eagle Scout projects, Cros-Lex High School senior party, youth activities, Cros-Lex Schools student scholarships, student exchange programs and Croswell



11 E1

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District 11 E1 Lions

enjoyed the Lions Michigan Forum this past February in Lansing, Michigan!



Oscoda Lions

held their annual bowling fundraiser at the Vista Lanes. What a great turnout, and everyone received a prizes. Kudos to Lion Tony Priebe, who bowled an impressive high game of 298! Thank you to ALL the sponsors and everyone who participated. Over \$2,000 was raised!



Big Rapids Lions

conducted a KidSight vision screening in conjunction with White Cloud Lion member Lion Bill Koch and Hart Lion Jim Evans. The screening took place at two locations in the Big Rapids area. 68 children were screened which resulted in 7 referrals for follow-up examination by an eye care professional. Future



eye screenings will be at the Community Expo in April and other locations upon request.

Picture of Lions presenting results sheets to school personnel Lion Kim Davila, Lion Club President Jim Chipman, Doug Beemer representing the schools, Lion Wendy Fowler and Lion Sam Ventocilla



Oscoda Lions constructed a ramp for a wheelchair bound lady.

Oscoda Lions, Bill Gaines, Chuck Andrina, Tony Priebe, and Tony's son Nick Priebe constructed the ramp

Houghton Lake Lions

participated in parade during Tip Up Town, one of Michigan's largest winter festivals at Houghton Lake.



Lions of Michigan Centennial Celebration Snowmobile Ride for Diabetes Research

A summer ride, in July 2016, on motorcycles and a winter extreme snowmobile ride took place February 2017 to raise funds for American Diabetes Association for research. The riders of MichCanSka Snowmobile Club travels took them through Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and up into Ontario. The beautiful, but challenging ride, totaled 1,150 miles.



CLUB Happenings:



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District 11 E1 Convention will be held March 31 - April at Park Place Hotel in Traverse City.

Cadillac Lions made a donation \$1,500 to employees of a popular local restaurant, Frosty Cup, which burned to the ground in January. Thankfully, the fire was when the restaurant was closed and no one was harmed. However, there were 15 devastated employees without jobs from the fire. Cadillac Lions also recently donated \$4,000 to Diabetes Research and Awareness and the local free clinic for diabetic supplies to people in need.

Midland Lion Karl Leuter principle at Leuter Insurance Group received Leader of the Year Award from Leadership Midland Alumni Association for serving on many nonprofit boards which include Children's Trust Fund, Reece Endeavor, Midland Chamber and First United Methodist Mission Board. Karl's most recent endeavor was at Camp Fish Tales, a camp for individuals with special needs to experience the outdoors. Leuter was elected vice chair at the camp during very troublesome times resulting from staff embezzlement. With his influence, and community effort, the camp went from closing to an active camp for over 100 children to enjoy last summer.

District 11 E1 2018 Eyeglass Mission Trip is preparing by collecting eyeglasses to clean, sort, grade and pack. We have acquired two lensometers for grading eyeglasses and Luther Lions offered their clubhouse for eyeglass preparation for the mission trip. District 11 E1 will be also collecting eyeglasses at the MD 11 Convention in Traverse City. What a great humanitarian project!

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District 11 E2 Convention will be held at Ramada Inn in Grayling on April 27, 2017.

Alpena Lions held a Truckload Fruit Sale where they sold Ruby Red grapefruit and California Navel oranges.

Beaverton Lions held their annual Wild Game Meal which included donated silent auction items. As in years past, this event was another sell-out. A presentation by Rusted Rooster Productions shared some of the latest hunting and outdoor videos.

East Jordan Lions held their annual dog show with many fun contests for the entrants—

longest tail, best costume, smallest, largest, etc. There were 25 entries with over 100 spectators. Prizes were given out and proceeds from donations were given to the local Humane Society.

Grayling Lions donated \$250 to Hospice of Michigan in the name of a family member of a Grayling Lion. Donated \$100 to Relay for Life team "Families against Cancer", and provided financially for an eye exam and glasses for a person in need. The club also made financial contributions to both Paws with a Cause and LCIF for the eradication of measles.

Mio Lions began a partnership with the Middle and High School

8-years ago, bringing brown trout into the classroom. In January, brown trout eggs are retrieved from a hatchery in Harrisville and put into 55-gallon tanks complete with the proper filter and cooling systems. Both the Mio Middle School and High School have one of these tanks, which allows for 300-400 ready-to-hatch eggs to develop into brown trout. The trout are then transported and released into the Au Sable River in late May.

Tawas Area Lions will sadly close their charter June 30, 2017 after efforts to keep the club active. Thank you for 58 years of service to your community.

8th Annual

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\$50 Per Person

Lunch only

Contests

Putting contest, longest drive (men/ladies), closest to the hole (men/ladies), hole-in-one

SCHEDULE

- 8 A.M.**
Registration, breakfast, putting practice, putting contest, silent auction
- 9:30 A.M.**
Shotgun start
- 3 P.M.**
New York Strip Steak lunch and awards

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