

# LION PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD11

## “LIONS MD11 CONVENTION - MAY 16-18 2024



**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US AT THE SHERATON BY MARRIOTT IN GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN EVENTS SCHEDULE IS BELOW**

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### UPCOMING Events:

**APRIL 26 - MAY 5, 2024**  
WHITE CANE RECOGNITION IN MICHIGAN

**APRIL**  
Leo Club Awareness Month  
Family and Friends Month  
Environmental Awareness Month

**APRIL 22**  
International Mother Earth Day

**APRIL 27**  
Worldside Induction Day

**MAY 10**  
Worldside Induction Day  
C1 Convention USS LST Muskegon

**MAY 16 - 18**  
MD11 CONVENTION  
Sheraton by Marriott Grand Rapids  
Michigan Lions  
Changing the World!

**MAY 17**  
5th - Final Council of Governors Meeting  
Sheraton Airport Grand Rapids

**MAY 17**  
District Governor Elect Planning  
Meeting Sheraton Airport Grand Rapids

**JUNE 21 - 25**  
LCI Convention, MELBOURNE  
AUSTRALIA

**AUGUST 2-3**  
Council of Governors Hall of Fame Dinner  
Sheraton by Marriott Airport  
Grand Rapids

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& additional information



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### PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT SID SCRUGGS - MD 11 CONVENTION GUEST



Past International President Scruggs and his wife Lion Judy, will travel to Michigan from North Carolina to take part in our 104th Lions MD 11 Convention. We look forward to hearing from both PIP Sid and Lion Judy throughout the convention and on Saturday evening at the Awards Banquet. Help us give a warm, Michigan welcome to our special guests during the picnic in Rockford on Thursday night or take part in the Saturday afternoon breakout session where a panel of experts will answer your questions on all-things LIONS!

**Thursday, May 16**  
Convention Kick-off Picnic Rockford Rotary Pavilion Catering by Sparta Lions Club Host: Rockford Lions Club  
Roundtrip Bus transportation sponsored by Muskegon Northside Lions Club

**Friday, May 17 – Michigan Lions -Changing the World!**  
9:00 am Council of Governors Meeting  
9:00 am Exhibitor’s Hall Open

**10:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions**  
Succulent Gardening with Lion Sandy Simon - Peasy  
Tour Meijer Garden, Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids Area Attractions

**1:00 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2023-2024 Meeting Planning**

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions**  
Fun with the Tail Twister – Become the Best! PDG Ron Riebschleger  
Servant Leadership – PDG David Wineman  
Club President & Region Chair Best Practices PCC Dave Hill & PDG Paul Hodge  
Hope to Walk – Changing the World with Prosthetic Legs Lions Kristen & Phil

**6:00 p.m Welcome Party! Lions Senior Prom themed event!**  
Lions Senior Prom themed event & Crowning of the King and Queen - Dress in Prom attire or wear our Lions school colors – purple, yellow/ gold, blue!

**Saturday, May 18 – Michigan Lions – Changing the World!**  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor’s Hall Open

8:00 a.m. Awards Breakfast  
10:15 a.m. Business Session featuring news from around our state and world.

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions**  
Service Project – Kid’s Coalition Against Hunger  
Lions Informational Panel Discussion with PIP Sid Scruggs  
Lions of Michigan Foundation – Disaster Grants & More for Michigan

**5:45p.m. Awards Reception and Banquet**  
Honoring State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck

LMASB Performance 5:45 p.m.  
S.A. Dodge Recipients PDG Wes Wagester, D2 and PDG Pam Schroeder, E1

**Keynote Address by Past International President, Sid Scruggs, III**



> SPOTLIGHTS - NEWS



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE



So far this month I have attended two District Conventions, worked on a service project to help bridge the food-insecurity gap; attended a rock concert, participated in a sporting event, invested money in a bit of gambling, and went north of the Mackinac Bridge without going over the siderail like I do in my dreams. How has your April been?

I observed a sky-dance involving American Crows and a Golden Eagle over the blue skies of the upper peninsula, and checked in on the annual Hawk Watch just in time to see a committee member band a sharp-shinned hawk before release.

You may be questioning what this has to do with anything. It has everything to do with Lions. Food packaged during a convention service project will go out to 10,000 individuals in need. Rod Stewart and Elton John Tribute Bands gave outstanding performances during the District D2 convention; Jackson Eyeopeners Bowling Fundraiser netted over \$4,000.00 which will enable them to continue to help community members in need, and the Clarklake Lions Cash-Bash raffle party proceeds will assist with their service programs.

District 10's Convention in Ishpeming was well attended and full of powerful speakers and programs. My first convention experience at District 10's convention back in April of 2012 taught me so much about Lions – the comradery, the fun, D10's unique sense of humor and their commitment to serve others. It has taken about 10 years, but I have now managed to (somewhat) fearlessly drive over the Mighty Mac. Most all of District 10 and beyond have heard of my bridge-driving phobia and escapades with the Bridge Authority as a variety of drivers transported both my car and me to the other side!

This year, my escort was a long and lanky sandhill crane, gliding along side me while catching some thermal energy to provide a lift across the Straights of Mackinac. Thanks to membership as a Lion, and a determined Sandhill Crane, my life has been abundantly enriched in ways I never thought possible. WE SERVE!

Lion Wendy Burns – Executive Director



## We're on a mission to grow.

MISSION 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.

## Spotlight

### GLT MD11

PDG Traci Tribley  
TEAM COORDINATOR



### Harmonizing Leadership

It's hard to believe that we are already over ¾ of the way through another Lions year. Time sure does fly when you are making a difference.


As we continue to navigate this journey of leadership, it is important to keep in mind the timeless wisdom shared by H.E. Luccock; "A single person cannot whistle a symphony; it takes an orchestra to perform it." These words resonate deeply within our Lions Clubs, emphasizing the importance of teamwork in our commitment to service and leadership.

Take a moment and envision attempting to play a symphony with one instrument. It would lack the depth, richness, and emotional impact that develops from a complete ensemble. Effective leadership within our Lions family requires a harmonious collaboration of diverse talents and unique perspectives. It requires uniting and harmonizing our strengths to pursue a shared vision of enhancing our communities positively.


Leadership is like conducting an orchestra as it requires guiding and encouraging each member to shine in their own unique way that contributes to the success and harmony of the symphony. Our mission comes alive through the unique talents, passions, and dedication of each member. These skills, interests, and commitments that our members bring to the ensemble are all vital in our efforts to create a positive impact in our communities. Together, we compose a masterpiece that showcases the power of what we can accomplish when we collaborate toward a common goal.

As conductors of the Lion's orchestra, let us remember that each note, whether it is conducting vision screenings, orchestrating pancake breakfasts, or harmonizing efforts to rebuild after a disaster, contributes to the symphony of service and compassion we create. Just like every instrument has its part to play in a symphony, every Lions initiative, no matter how small, adds depth and richness to the collective melody of our mission. Let's continue to empower and inspire future generations of Lions to pick up their instruments and join us in composing a legacy of service that resonates far and wide.

Traci Tribley IPDG



## From the Desk of CC John Daoud MD11



Greetings Fellow Lions!

Only 2 months left in this Lion's year and with it comes Spring and baseball season. Bottom of the ninth the score is tied. Let's knock it out of the park and notch a big win into the history books to end out the year.

What constitutes a big win? Only you can decide but I can offer a few tips on how to get there. To begin with please step up to the plate and have as many representatives as you can register and attend the MD11 convention in Grand Rapids, May 16-18. Information can be found on Lionsofmi.com including how to register and information on the voting. Speaking of voting there's a dues increase on the ballot this year so you definitely want representation. Don't miss it, come on out to the ballpark!

A homerun would be to add just one new member before next month. With each member that reads this sponsoring a new member we will definitely be stronger and in an even better position to serve our community next year.

Our Governors have worked very hard for the Districts and the MD11 and they will not pass the gavel to the DGEs until June 30th, you may want to contact your District Governor and ask how you can help them finish out their year on a winning note, perhaps a sacrifice fly to advance the runners or a little relief pitching.

Round the bases by hitting all the District and State Projects with a crack of the bat and a donation.

Lastly, add in white cane sales in the extra innings for a final score to gain donations to serve the community. Together as a Team of Lions (not Tigers) we can win the game and in the words of our International President we can "Change the World."

CC John

## Spotlight

### GST MD11 CHAIR

PDG Terri Huffman  
COUNCIL CHAIR ELECT



When you attend a service project do you just show up, or do you really SHOW UP! Does your club come prepared to not only serve the community but share our Lions story with the community? The easiest way to find a member is to invite the potential member to see what you are doing for your community and include

them. Showing up for Lions includes looking for members who share our common passion for SERVICE. We all have our individual interests as to what attracted us to the Lions. This is part of our Lions Story!

Mine was Diabetes Awareness because of my son having type one diabetes. I am also an advocate for hunger because of my time volunteering for a food pantry. I can share these passions as part of my volunteer story with Lions. I recently saw a video about SHOWING UP FOR LIFE. I believe if you are going to be part of something bigger than yourself, you need to SHOW UP and give your best, because this is what we do as Lions.

I look forward to seeing you at the MD State Convention May 16-18. Saturday May 18th at 2pm is the Convention Service Project. We will be packing 10,000 meals for the Kids Coalition Against Hunger. I am looking forward to seeing you there, BECAUSE LIONS HOW UP!



## JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION TO HONOR STATE TREASURER, PCC PAUL HEMERYCK!

PCC Paul, aka Papa Penguin, has served as State Treasurer for the Lions of Michigan since July 1, 2005. He will be retiring from his volunteer position in June after 19 years of outstanding service.

Lion Paul will be recognized for his commitment to Lions at the Awards Banquet Cocktail Reception on Saturday, May 18 from 5:45 p.m.- 6:45 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Lions to thank him for his service. Saturday, May 18, 2024 Sheraton Airport Hotel Grand Rapids Michigan




## Footwear Depot

The Rockford Footwear Depot has a Spring discount offer for all attendees with the MD Lion's Club Convention!

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10:00a – 8:30p

all Lion's Club Convention attendees and families (household) will receive the WWW employee discount!

That means you get **50% off full price products and 30% off sale products** on any purchase made throughout the entire store.

The discount does not apply to any online orders made for items not carried in store.

Best Wishes for a great Spring season from the entire Rockford Footwear Depot team!

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# Spotlight

## District Governor

### DG Amy Thackston 11B2



### WE DID IT!



"Mission 1.5 is the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide, so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before." What is your District & Club doing to increase membership? Have you considered becoming more

involved with the youth in your area? Creating a lasting relationship with the children in your area means you are also in their parents' lives. Parents are potential members, and those kids are our future members.

There's so much your club and even you as an individual can do to make families aware of Lions International. Support youth sports by donation and attend events as a club wearing Lions gear to show your community you are there. The Three Rivers Lions Club (11-B2) have attended sporting events holding encouraging signs on the sideline and even stocked the team with snacks. The St. Joseph Lions Club (11-B2) invite youth coaches to their meetings to hear updates on what has and will be happening. The South Haven Black River Lions (11B2) donated to the Rocket Football & Cheer team to support their season with their names on a large banner at each game. This is just a few examples of how supporting youth sports gets your club known in your community getting parent interest to join and telling the kids Lions exist.

Clubs can hold their own community events aimed towards youth as well. The Mattawan Lions Club (11B2) has an annual Easter Carnival and Christmas Stocking give away bringing a ton of community members and their kids out for free to low-cost fun. The Bangor Lions Club has an annual Bunny Hop working with local businesses and other community groups to hold a fun and free outing for kids.

The District 11B2 Kidsight team lead by Lions Tanda and David Stiffler has over 80 volunteers with about 20 core members that perform vision screenings on kids in many school districts and events. District 11B2 leads Michigan in the number of kids screened each year hitting a new record of 20,177 screenings and 2,133 referrals so far! They are not even done yet! I'm so proud of this amazing team showing amazing community support to the families in our District. Not only do we hear from grateful parents but we are also getting emails and letters from teachers, superintendents, and other community groups saying how amazing our Kidsight program is.

The best way to encourage future membership from our youth is to start a Cub or Leo Club in your area. I would not be a Lion today if I hadn't become a Bangor Leo Club member in High School. You can start a school or community club. You can even work with a neighboring club to start an area Leo Club. Working together will help these kids gain community service experience, gain relationships with your Lion members, and hopefully grow a passion for giving back that will lead to future members. This is another way to attract their parents to join as well.

As a Mom to the amazing 8 year old Lion Cub Zoey I can tell you that life is going to events that are kid friendly. Lions who have that youth focus at events or at least something that includes kids will get more interest from young parents. I hear "I don't have time" a lot from people my age, and I will tell you that is because they don't have time to be away from their family so make sure you include the kids! Thank you to everyone who has made Zoey see Lions are one big family, making her feel welcome to every State, District and Club event she joins me at. The experiences she is having as a Lion Cub now are the ones that will determine if she becomes a Lion when she's older. Kind Regards,  
DG Amy Thackston



## MD11 READING ACTION PROGRAM

### by Donald Spinks MD11

### BENEFITS OF READING AT HOME

Build a Love of Reading! Did you know that reading with your children or grandchildren is the most important activity you can do to support their education? Children understand stories read aloud at a higher comprehension level than what

they can read on their own. Reading together makes learning better, improves their knowledge, expands their cultural awareness, is always more fun, makes their imagination fly, find new ways to express their ideas, and become experts on a variety of kid friendly subjects. Reading also provides a quiet escape from their often hectic and over scheduled lives.

Improve Vocabulary. Regular, consistent reading can increase your child's vocabulary. A strong vocabulary often leads to a higher level of academic success. Your children will amaze you with their growing conversational skills!

Improve Learning in Every Subject Area. Regardless of your children's age, becoming a successful reader will benefit them in almost any subject area or career path. For example, in high school science classes, your child will read lab directions, understand science texts, and test questions. No matter the context, it will be important that your child can apply his or her knowledge of reading skills to analyze the reading. Encourage older children to read to their younger brothers and sisters. Older children enjoy showing off their skills to an admiring audience. All BUSD elementary school students have accounts with Tales2Go, an audiobook streaming subscription service. It's like Netflix for audiobooks.

Develop Critical Thinking Skills. Reading and analyzing texts helps children develop critical thinking skills. They become better observers, interpreters, and evaluators. As your children read a text, they will begin to differentiate what is being read and summarize the key ideas and details of a text.

# GAT MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR APPLICATION

## Lions Clubs International GAT Multiple District Coordinator Application

(Appointment for a GLT/GST/GMT/GET-MD Coordinator is a one-year term)

To Serve: July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025  
Multiple District #

Candidate Name		Membership #	
Address		Residence Telephone	
City		Residence Email*	
State/Province		Business Telephone	
Zip/Postal Code		Business Email*	
Country		Mobile/Cell	
Occupation		Fax	
Club Name		Club Number	
Current Lion Title		# of Years as a Lion	

\* An email address is strongly recommended. All GAT correspondence is sent via e-mail. Please provide your preferred email address here

Please state any volunteer or professional experience that would qualify you for this position.

✓ Check Lion Positions Held:

- International Director
- Council Chairperson
- District Governor
- Multiple District Coordinator: GLT  GMT
- District Coordinator: GLT  GMT
- Region Chairperson
- Zone Chairperson
- Club Officer (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to travel throughout the multiple district to conduct leadership development programs?  
 Yes  No

Please state situations or conditions that might limit the time or energy of your services.

Provide any additional information that supports your candidacy for this position. (Attach additional page if necessary.)

I have read the responsibilities and meet the qualifications of a GAT-MD Coordinator, and I agree to perform them to the best of my abilities.

Applicant (Signature) Applicant (Print Name) Date Multiple District

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT USE ONLY**

The Council of Governors has appointed the above candidate to serve as a GAT-MD Coordinator for the term July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Council Chairperson (Signature) Council Chairperson (Print Name) Date

GLT Area Leader (Signature) GLT Area Leader (Print Name) Date

**Submit completed form to:**

Lions Clubs of Michigan  
Attn: Wendy Burns  
5730 Executive Dr.  
Lansing, MI 48911  
or email wburns@lionsofmi.com

> COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS

**NEW POLICY ON ELECTING MD11 COUNCIL CHAIR**

At the December Council of Governors meeting the District Governors voted to change the process for electing a council chair. PID Justin Faber introduced this new process.

The new policy states that each year it is the responsibility of the incoming Second Vice District Governors to select a Council Chairperson, in order to meet the deadline imposed by Lions Clubs International and to allow for a smooth transition between Council Chairpersons, and to have a leader for the Council in place by the International Convention.

What does this mean, exactly? It means that you have the opportunity to apply and interview for the position of the 2025-2026 Council Chair during the MD 11 Convention in May! The seated 2nd VDGs will conduct the interviews and select their Council Chair for the term of 2025-2026. The Council Chair-Elect will serve as Vice Council Chair for the 2024-2025 term, under the leadership of Council Chair Elect Terri Huffman.

In December 2024, elections will be held for the position of the 2026-2027 Council Chair. This will allow for multiple opportunities to work as a team with your council while working together as the Council of Governors for a longer term than the typical one-year period.

Interested Lions may fill out the application form and send it along with a letter of interest to Executive Director Wendy Burns. Emailed or mailed copies are accepted. Deadline to submit an application is May 6, 2024. For position description and qualifications overview, please refer to the MD 11 Policy Manual on our website: [www.lionsoffmi.com](http://www.lionsoffmi.com) or contact the state office.

Emailed or mailed copies are accepted.

Deadline to submit an application is May 6, 2024.

For position description and qualifications overview, please refer to the MD 11 Policy Manual on our website: [www.lionsoffmi.com](http://www.lionsoffmi.com) or contact the state office.

**MD11 COUNCIL CHAIR PERSON APPLICATION FORM 25-26**

MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2025-2026  
Application Form

Please type or print:

_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Spouse's Name (if applicable)		
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Address	City and State	Zip/Postal Code
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Residence Phone (Include Area Code)		Business Phone (Include Area Code)
_____		_____
Fax (Include Area Code)		Cell Phone (Include Area Code)
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E-Mail Address		
_____		
_____	_____	_____
Your Lions Club	District #	Year Served as a DG

For complete position description contact Executive Director Wendy Burns [wburns@lionsoffmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsoffmi.com)

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER:

Offices held at the club level:

Offices held at the zone, region, and district level (including committee assignments):

Offices held at the multiple district level (including committee assignments):

Special awards, honors, and recognitions you have received:

Skills or talents you bring to the position:



**SIGHT CONSERVATION/WHITE CANE COMMITTEE- LION ROGER BOSSE, MD 11CHAIR**

It has been a pleasure to serve as chair of this committee for the last three years and I am grateful to the leadership for trusting me with the responsibility. It's time for me to step down, and I want to thank all the Lions who have served with me, and contributed their time and service to the cause. White Cane week is approaching, and our Governor has issued a proclamation to recognize the week of April 26 to May 5 as Michigan's White Cane week. In honor of that, I thought it would be worth reprinting this article from 2021, submitted by Charis Austin, White Cane/ Sight Conservation Committee with an expansion of the last section on supporting persons who are blind or low vision.

The White Cane Committee has received many questions regarding the history of the white cane as well as questions regarding White Cane Safety Day, also known as the Blind Americans Equality Day.

The use of the white cane began in 1921, when James Biggs, an artist in Bristol, England lost his sight and decided to paint his walking stick white to make himself more visible to oncoming motorists. A year later the practice of using a white cane was adopted in the United States. In 1930, the first White Cane Ordinance was passed in Peoria, Illinois, granting pedestrians who are blind "protections and the right-of-way while carrying a white cane. the following year, the Lion's Club International launched a national campaign promoting the use of white canes by persons who are blind. By the end of World War II, as blind veterans began using canes to help them return home, the white cane began to make its way into government policy as a symbol of blind independence. Lions Clubs often use the first week in May a time to celebrate White Cane Day. Fundraising events are often held, but they do not need to be limited to this schedule. During the early 1960's, several state organizations and rehabilitation agencies serving the blind and visually impaired community urged Congress to declare October 15th as White Cane Safety Day. Their effort came to fruition on October 6, 1964, when a joint resolution of the Congress, HR 753, was signed into law authorizing the President of The United States of America to proclaim October 15th of each year as White Cane Safety Day. On October 15, 2000, former president Bill Clinton acknowledged the significance of the white cane. "With proper training, people using the white cane can enjoy greater mobility and safety by determining the location of steps, curbs, uneven pavement, and other obstacles in their path."

Independence is more than getting around safely. It includes any kind of daily living activity. What can you do to support people who are blind or visually impaired? The following was taken from a document prepared by the Ann Arbor Host Lions for the 2018 District 11-B1 Convention, entitled Disability Etiquette.

People who are Blind know how to orient themselves and get around on a street. They are competent to travel unassisted, though they may use a cane or a guide dog.

- Identify yourself before you make physical contact by telling them your name.
- Offer your arm – don't take theirs- if they need to be guided. People who are blind may need their arms for balance.
- If the person has a guide dog, ask which side you should walk on.
- If you are giving directions, give specific, non-visual information, say "Walk forward to the end of this aisle and make a full right". Yes, the blind person will know where then end of the aisle is.
- Of you need to leave a person who is blind, inform them you are leaving and ask if they need anything before you leave.
- Don't touch the person's cane or guide dog (this also means don't look at or talk to the guide dog). The dog is working and needs to concentrate. The cane is part of the individual's personal space. Off to read writing information.
- A person who is blind might want to know where their food is on the plate. Use a clock orientation, 12 o'clock is furthest from them, 6 o'clock is nearest. Ask if they would like garnishes and anything that is not edible removed from the plate. People with Low Vision
- May need written material in large print (18 pt. or larger)
- Good lighting is important, it shouldn't be too bright. In fact, very shiny paper or walls can produce a glare that disturbs people's eyes.
- Keep walkways clear of obstructions.

## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11 PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

The subject of a dues increase for Multiple District 11 was discussed at a Council of Governors meeting after it was recommended by MD 11 Council Treasurer Paul Hemeryck. A committee was appointed to review and make a report to the Council of Governors with a recommendation. Based on the committee's report the Council of Governors approved the following resolution to be presented and voted on by the club delegates at the Multiple District 11 Convention Business Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 17th at the Marriott Sheraton Hotel in Grand Rapids to be voted:

**Resolved That Article VIII Section 1 the administrative fund tax (member dues) be increased to \$12.00 effective July 1, 2024 with semi-annual payments of \$6.00 be collected September 10, 2024 and March 10, 2025; and Be it further Resolved That the dues be increased to \$14.00 with semi-annual payments of \$7.00 be collected September 10, 2025 and March 10, 2026 and each year thereafter.**

This requires an amendment to Article VIII, Section 1 of the MD11 By-laws.

Currently Article VIII Section 1 reads:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, an annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$10.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$5.00 per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$5.00 per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

The proposed new amendment would read as follows:

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved multiple district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the multiple district, a multiple district administrative fund tax of \$12.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$6.00 per club member on September tenth of 2024, to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$6.00 per club member on March tenth of 2025, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively.

Section 2. An annual multiple district administrative fund tax of \$14.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$7.00 per club member on September tenth of each year following to cover the semi-annual period July 1 through December 31; and \$7.00 per club member to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectfully.

Said tax shall be paid to the council secretary/treasurer by each club in the multiple district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the multiple district and only upon approval by the Council of Governors. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson.

## LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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## Dave's Corner! PDG Dave Wineman

### LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT...

In many of my talks there is a graphic that Lindy (my lovely wife) drew. It is a triangle with the words **Service, Leadership** and



**Membership** on each leg respectively. In the center of the triangle is the word **FUN!** The triangle works as it is one of the strongest shapes architecturally (and philosophically) known. It very neatly draws attention to some very important points in Lions.

The latest version of the graphic is with the word **Service** on the base of the triangle. So it is with our very organization. **Service** is at the very base of what we do and are known for. Hence, "We Serve". Each side of the triangle is related to – or touching the other sides of the triangle. After all each of these "pillars" are interrelated. The central core of the triangle is **FUN!**

In May we are at a crossroads in the year, where we are switching out servants, bringing in servants and celebrating the work of many of our servants at the conventions around the state. Servants are being honored. Servants are even exchanging information on how to serve better. In the event it was missed (not certain how anyone could), the characterization was just made that as Lions we all are servants! As a servant myself, it is wonderful to travel and see so many of our Lions celebrate the service that we do. Being a servant brings on some very important points that bear mentioning. First, we serve others. That's humbling. It is a great humbling! It is something to be proud of. We make a positive difference with that service.

There have been several over time that have struggled with this concept of being called a servant. Most people would say that humility is a great quality. Let's leave it at that.

Organizing, developing, encouraging Leadership to lead that service is an important part of accomplishing that foundational service base to our organization. Who is leadership though? Many would say that it is the District Governor or the district cabinet. Some might say, "Zone Chair". PID Deb Weaverling at the 11A1 convention recently got the perfect opportunity to point out that all of us, every Lion is a leader! Each of us has been empowered to do service. That diversity is one of the very ingredients that makes our organization strong.

Many of us look past that important point that we all are leaders. But... But... For heaven sakes thinking like that might get one nominated to be 2nd vice district governor. One should be so lucky! Leading and Serving in Lions is a fairly easy thing to do. As with anything we encounter in life, it gets easier the more we do it. Practice makes perfect! But how do we get started?

Like was stated earlier, Service is the foundation of Lions. Leadership is the enabler for energizing that foundation. Just like serving there are many ways of leading. Many of us think that leading is either doing something ourselves (We all have been stuck with someone else's great idea to implement!), or barking out orders to the "volunteers" doing the work. It would (and should) take quite a bit of work to convince anyone to buy into either one of those paradigms. Since we don't have volunteers per se, only leaders, that last method of leading falls short.

How do we get started? One way is to stop into the MD11 convention and attend the session on Servant Leadership. This session presents tried and true, real world and real tested methods of working with the leaders in our organization. Hope to see you there...

PDG Dave Wineman  
M: 989-225-3279  
E: [dw@abadata.com](mailto:dw@abadata.com)

*PS... I have yet to encounter a district governor that flatly stated that they "hated" or "regretted" being a district governor. Of course, that meant they were 2nd Vice District Governors as well. Leading in Lions is a challenge and a privilege. Be that leader!*



**MONDAY, MAY 27, WE REMEMBER AND HONOR OUR VETERANS.**

> LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME

# Lions of Michigan



# HALL OF FAME

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

The 2024 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 15th Annual, will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lodging, including taxes, is \$150.00 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.

## HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Dr. Gary Anderson, PID  
 Harold "Hop" Anderson, PCC  
 Gerald "Gary" Babcock, PDG  
 R.G. Barnum, PDG  
 William "Doc" Barr, PDG  
 Jack Becher, PDG  
 Dennis Bellinger, PCC  
 David Bennett, PDG  
 Terry Bowerman, PCC  
 Don Brown, PCC  
 Tony Capozzo, PDG  
 Jim Chipman, PDG  
 John Cioroch, PDG  
 Dr. Dennis Cobler, PID  
 George Cole, PDG  
 Pete Conarty, PDG  
 Charles Cone, PDG  
 Frank Cunningham, PCC  
 Granville Cutler, PDG  
 George Daly, PID  
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 Glen Dings, PDG  
 Nancy Dings, PDG  
 S.A. Dodge, PIP  
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 Barb Durlinger, PDG  
 Bill Erickson, PDG  
 Justin Faber, PID  
 Duane Farnsworth, PDG  
 Richard Foust, PST  
 Charles Frederick, PCC  
 Paul Frederick, PDG  
 James Frendewey, PID  
 Harold "Hal" Geppert, PDG  
 Dan Gibbons, PDG  
 Stuart Goodrich, PDG  
 Budd Goodwin, PSS  
 Gerald Griffin, Sr., PDG  
 William "Bill" Hanel, PID  
 William "Bill" Hansen, PID  
 Dale Hart, PDG  
 Robert "Bob" Heft, PDG  
 Paul Hemeryck, PCC  
 Jerry Hinton, PCC  
 Robert "Bob" Jenkins, PCC  
 Harry Johnson, PDG  
 Al Kassin, PDG  
 Al Kelpinski, PDG  
 Lloyd Kilbreath, PDG

William "Bill" Klingensmith, PDG  
 Wayne Kreitner, PDG  
 Esther LaMothe, PID  
 Roger LaMothe, PCC  
 Jim Leach, Sr., PDG  
 Ken Lautzenheiser, PID  
 Stuart Lozon, PDG  
 Ralph Lynam, PIP  
 Robert "Bob" Lutze, PDG  
 Lynn Mast, PDG  
 Jim Maynard, PDG  
 Jeff Mayuiers, PCC  
 Janalee McClure, PCC  
 Dr. John Meyer, PCC  
 John Morgan, PDG  
 John Noel, PIP  
 Dr. Wallace O'Brien, PDG  
 Ron Papa, PDG  
 Harold Pocklington, PID  
 Rodney "Rod" Prys, PDG  
 LaVern Robbins, PID  
 Karen Routson, PDG  
 Clem Ruiz, PDG  
 Dr. Irving Scheel, PDG  
 Wayne Schultz, PDG  
 Donald Schmaltz, PCC

Pam Schroeder, PDG  
 Don Seifried, PCC  
 Ralph Sheehan, PID  
 Karl Sorrick, PIP  
 Eugene "Gene" Staelens, PCC  
 Robert "Bob" Sturgis, PDG  
 Linda Tate, PCC  
 Dale "Tom" Thompson, PDG  
 Loyst Trombley, PDG  
 Albert Van Thomme, PDG  
 Wes Wagester, PDG  
 John Walker, PID  
 Jennifer Ware, PID  
 Andrew Watson, PDG  
 William "Bud" Weber, PDG  
 Ed Weessies, PCS  
 A. Charles "Chuck" Weir, PID  
 William "Bill" Whippen, PCC  
 Jim Williams, PDG  
 Walter Wilson, PID  
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 William "Larry" Young, PID  
 Alice Zajac, PDG  
 Louis "Bud" Zanner, PCC  
 David Zeller, PDG

### 2024 Hall of Fame - Registration Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant(s): \$45.00 Each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Entrée: Berkshire Pork Chop #: \_\_\_\_\_ Shrimp Scampi #: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian #: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5730 Executive Drive - Lansing, MI 48911 - Fax: 517.887.6642 - info@lmsf.net

**DEADLINE: July 1, 2024**

## Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION



**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.



# LCIF TELL-A-THON



## Lions Bear Lake Camp Esther LaMothe Fellowship

100% of funds raised benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation & qualify for all LCIF recognitions



# World's Largest Celebration Of Service

**Sunday, June 2nd**  
10 am - 2 pm pm CDT (Chicago) / GMT-5

**REGISTER NOW**  
tellathon.org



PCC Dave Hill, PID Esther LaMothe, PDG Traci Tribley, LBLC Executive Director

Past International Director Esther LaMothe was honored as the first recipient of the newly created Lions Bear Lake Camp Esther LaMothe Fellowship during the Lions District 11-B1 Convention. This fellowship named after her is a prestigious honor designed to recognize those whose unwavering commitment to community welfare and innovative youth programs has not only transformed lives but has also become a beacon of inspiration for others. It is an honor bestowed upon those who exemplify the values of service, compassion, and dedication that defines the spirit of Esther LaMothe and Lions Bear Lake Camp.

## EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil. State Chairperson



An invitation has been extended to LEO Club members to join the Youth Camp & Exchange at Lions Bear Lake Camp,

3409 N Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446, August 11-17.2024.

The YCE Program will cover one LEO per District to participate. If you have more than one LEO who want to participate, we can raffle their name and pick one winner per District.

In addition, the LEO Club or District can sponsor a LEO to attend the camp if they choose to participate. This will be a great way for our LEOs to mingle with other youth from other countries.

**Cost: \$150.00 (Please make check payable to: Lions Of**

### Michigan, memo: Youth Camps & Exchange.

Bring essential items such as pillow, twin fitted sheet, blanket, towel, toiletries, bug spray, & sunscreen. Host family is responsible for picking up and dropping off students from/to airport and camp.

Multiple District 11 is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador.

These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 – August 22, 2024.

Host families need not be Lion members, nor must they have children at home. You would be responsible for their room and board. Visiting young adults comes with spending money, and additional activities will be at your discretion.

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact:

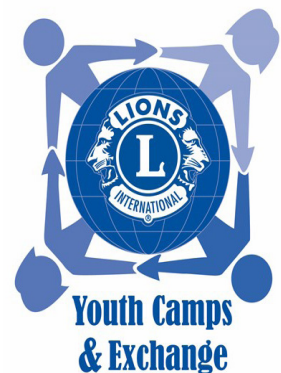
State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or **email: epmarfil5@gmail.com.**

Additionally, clubs that donates \$100 will receive a 4x4 YCE Banner Patch or a 2023-2024 year patch

### Michigan Lions



Youth Camps & Exchange



## Join the World's Largest Celebration of Service

Sunday, June 2nd | 10 am - 2 pm CDT (Chicago) / GMT-5

This year's Tell-A-Thon is focused on celebrating Lions' service across the globe; service that is empowered by your donations to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

The 4-hour, virtual Tell-A-Thon will inspire you with stories of service, music, entertainment and celebrity cameos from humanitarians, award winning musicians and actors, legendary sports figures & others!

What are you waiting for? Register now at [www.tellathon.org](http://www.tellathon.org)

Don't stop there... this is the perfect opportunity to share our Lions' story with your family, friends and community!

Why not create a viewing party and invite your partners and community to join in the fun?

You can use this opportunity to share information about your club's impact on your community, conduct a vision screening or other service project. You could even sell food, hold a silent auction or conduct raffles to raise funds for LCIF!

For all the latest Tell-A-Thon news, visit the [Lions Virtual TellAthon Facebook group](https://www.lionsvirtual.org).

For more information about the Tell-A-Thon, sponsorships and major donation opportunities, contact Lions Virtual @ [info@lionsvirtual.org](mailto:info@lionsvirtual.org)

Thank you for all you do and your support of the LCIF Tell-A-Thon!



### Your Donation Will Change Lives

Lions International Vice President Fabricio Olivera is inviting you to empower Lions' service across the globe by donating to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

LCIF increases the service impact of 1.4 million Lions by funding local, regional & international service projects focused on:

- Childhood Cancer | Diabetes | Disaster Relief Environment | Humanitarian Efforts | Hunger Vision | Youth

Tell-A-Thon donations are eligible for [LCIF donation recognition](#), including Melvin Jones Fellowship.

#### Donate now!

Most of the World  
<https://lionsclubs.org/givetoday>

Australia  
<https://lcf.org.au/GiveToday>

Canada (EN)  
<http://lionsofcanadafundforlcf.ca/GiveToday>

Canada (FR)  
<http://lionsofcanadafundforlcf.ca/fr/GiveToday>

India  
<https://lcfindia.org/GiveToday>



[tellathon.org](http://tellathon.org)

> MD11 CONVENTION NEWS

# MD 11 104TH CONVENTION

## SHERATON BY MARRIOTT

### PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT SID SCRUGGS – MD 11 CONVENTION GUEST

#### SPONSORS SUPPORT THE MD 11 CONVENTION: MICHIGAN LIONS. CHANGING THE WORLD!

We Welcome PIP Sid and Lion Judy Scruggs to this year's MD 11 Lions Convention. Excitement is building and sponsorships are coming in--Thank you to the following for your support:



- Lions of Michigan Foundation
- Lions District 11-E1
- Plusoptix, Inc.
- On-Site Construction
- Muskegon Northside
- Baldwin Lions Club
- Detroit Mid-City Lions Club
- East Jordan Lions Club
- Pearl Beach Lions Club
- Rockford Lions Club
- Lennon Lions Club

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Consider a donation from your club!  
Complete Convention & Registration details can be found online at:  
<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/md11convention-24>

MD11 Convention  
MAY 16-18, GRAND RAPIDS SHERATON

## Kickoff Picnic

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

Rotary Jaycee Park, Rockford  
**HOSTED BY ROCKFORD LIONS CLUB**  
**FOOD PREPARED BY SPARTA LIONS CLUB**  
**\$10 PER PERSON**

Hop the bus at the Sheraton **or** meet on-site!

**MD-11 CONVENTION**  
**MICHIGAN LIONS...CHANGING THE WORLD!**  
MAY 16-18, 2024

## LIONS PROM NIGHT CELEBRATION

Join us for a friendly competition with other clubs in your district to raise money for the chance to become Lions Prom King or Queen!

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024**      **GRAND RAPIDS SHERATON**

*Your District Governor will announce the Project and fundraising will begin now through **April 30**.*

*The deadline for districts to move two candidates forward to the King & Queen's Court will be **April 30**.*

*Final contestants can fundraise until **7 pm May 17**, crowning will take place Friday evening.*

*Notify Lions Convention Co-Chairs Dave and Brenda Hacker of nominees by **May 1**.*

**COME PROM ATTIRE READY!**

**2024 MICHIGAN LIONS CONVENTION**  
**MAY 17 & 18**  
**GRAND RAPIDS MI**

**ON THE BORDER**  
LIVE MUSIC  
HARSENS ISLAND, MI



# CONVENTION MAY 16-18 2024

## AT, GRAND RAPIDS MI

**MD 11 Convention May 16- 18, 2024 Grand Rapids Sheraton  
Michigan Lions -Changing the World! LCI Guest PIP Sid Scruggs, III**

**Thursday, May 16, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

Convention Kick-off Picnic Rockford Rotary Pavilion Catering by Sparta Lions Club Host: Rockford Lions Club  
Roundtrip Bus transportation sponsored by Muskegon Northside Lions Club

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

9:00 am Council of Governors Meeting

**Exhibitor's Hall Open 9:00 am – 6:00 p.m.**

**10:30 a.m. Breakout Session** Succulent Gardening – Lion Sandra Simon-Pease. In this class you will learn to make a succulent garden in four easy steps. Basic instruction from type of soil to selecting the perfect planter! *Open to first 25 registrants.*

On your own - Take advantage of Grand Rapids attractions such as Meijer Garden & Gerald R. Ford Museum

**1:00 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2024-2025 Planning Meeting**

**2:00 pm-4:00 pm Breakout Sessions**

Fun with the Tail Twister – Become the Best! PDG Ron Riebschleger  
Servant Leadership – PDG David Wineman  
Club President & Region Chair Best Practices PCC Dave Hill & PDG Paul Hodge  
Hope to Walk – Changing the World with Prosthetic Legs Lions Kristen & Phil

**6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception & Party**

Lions Senior Prom themed event & Crowning of the King and Queen  
Dress in Prom attire or wear our Lions school colors – purple, yellow/gold, blue!

**Saturday, May 18, 2024 – Michigan Lions – Changing the World!**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open**

8:00 a.m. Awards Breakfast  
10:15 a.m. Business Session featuring news from around our state and world.  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions:

Service Project – Kid's Coalition Against Hunger  
Lions Informational Panel Discussion with PIP Sid Scruggs  
Lions of Michigan Foundation – Disaster Grants and More for Michigan  
**5:45 p.m. Awards Reception & Banquet – Recognition of Treasurer Paul Hemeryck**  
LMASB Performance 5:45 p.m.  
S.A. Dodge Recipients PDG Wes Wagester, D2 and PDG Pam Schroeder, E1  
**Keynote Address by Past International President, Sid Scruggs, III**

**WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO THE CONVENTION?  
YOU'VE GOT QUESTIONS, WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!**

**Friday Breakout Session:** Be comfortable! Wear your club shirts, Lion's gear, or your everyday clothing when attending the breakout sessions.

**Friday night's Welcome Reception & Lions "Senior" Prom Entertainment** It's time to get down and have some FUN! Lions and guests attending this event are encouraged to wear prom-themed attire and keep in mind our school colors: Gold/Yellow, Purple and Blue. Let's fill the banquet hall with a sea of Lion's colors!

**Saturday Business Session:** Business attire for Council members; casual Lions attire for attendees.

**Saturday Awards Banquet – Formal attire.** Cocktail dresses for the ladies, jackets for the men. Casual attire is optional. DGs and PDG's are asked to wear their white dinner jacket.



**Complete information and forms at  
www.lionsofmi.com**

**MORE INFO AT WWW.LIONSOFMI.COM**



**2024 MD 11 Lions Convention  
Michigan Lions: Changing the World!  
LCI Guest Speaker Past International President Sid Scruggs, III  
May 16-18, 2024 Sheraton by Marriott, Grand Rapids, MI  
Call for reservations today: (866) 610-0198 Code M11  
(April 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to receive discounted price of \$109)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Lion  Leo  Spouse  Guest  
Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  Lion  Leo  Spouse  Guest  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

QUANTITY	AMOUNT
_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$10.00, May 16, 2024	\$ _____
_____ Thursday Bus Trip Rockford Picnic	\$ _____-0-
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion/Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Welcome Party @ \$25.00/person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$16.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$45.00 per person	\$ _____

Entrée: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast Stuffed w/Boursin & Baby Spinach & Champagne Cream Sauce  
Entrée: \_\_\_\_\_ Shrimp Scampi over Angel Hair Pasta in a Citrus Wine Sauce  
Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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 the registration fee is paid. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is **May 1, 2024**. No refunds after May 1, 2024. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Sheraton by Marriott, Grand Rapids. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

Mail to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911 or -Register and pay online at: [www.lionsofmi.com](http://www.lionsofmi.com)

## 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 18, 2024 in order to vote at the convention.  
**VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AT THE SHERATON AIRPORT, GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

Return this form prior to April 30, 2024 to: Lions of Michigan State Office • 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Number of Lions in YOUR Club as of April 1, 2024 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 Sheraton Airport, Grand Rapids, MI is open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2024 and from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024  
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 and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024

> LIONS CONVENTIONS AND FORUMS

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL  
106TH CONVENTION  
MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA JUNE  
21-25 2024**



**JUNE 21 - 25 2024**

New this year: More flexible hotel reservations allowing all Lions and Leos to book their stay at any of the participating hotels. Get the lowest rates available and choose from any of the conveniently location hotel partners. A full list of participating hotels can be found here:

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/hotel-travel/hotels/>

**LIONS USA/CANADA FORUM  
SEPTEMBER 5 - 7 2024  
LOUISEVILLE KENTUCKY**



SAVE THE DATE

Leadership Institute  
returns  
November 8-10, 2024

Registration opens August 1, 2024  
Additional information to follow

**The MD 11 Global Action Team (GAT)  
Applications now being accepted for the  
2024-2025 Lions Year**  
Applications now being accepted for the 2024-2025 Lions year



The Global Action Team is a vast network of dedicated Lions of all levels who are focused on helping districts achieve their goals. This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders.

As a member of the GAT, your success is our success. Whether you're a part of the Global Service Team (GST), Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Extension Team (GET) or Global Leadership Team (GLT), you'll find helpful information and resources on LCI's website that will help you better understand your role and make a greater impact. You can also learn more about the GAT by taking the Global Action Team course available in the Lions Learning Center using your Lion Account login credentials.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team-roles-resources>

This is a one-year term and candidates selected by the Multiple District Governors.

For a complete overview of each of the GAT positions, please refer to LCI's website. [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Applications now being accepted for the 2024-2025 year. Send your letter of interest along with your resume and Lion's history to the Lions State Office. Interview date is yet to be determined.

Applications will be emailed upon request.  
Contact Lion Wendy Burns at [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com)

**LCIF MELVIN JONES  
FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION**

We are honored to host LCIF Chairperson PIP Lion Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori on May 31st and June 1st 2024



There will be two events to meet and celebrate with Lions Brian and Lori in Port Sanilac, Michigan at the Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum. On Saturday June 1st Chairperson Brian will personally present any



Progressive or Melvin Jones Fellow to those that are in attendance and have achieved such recognition. The only charge for the events is a specified donation to LCIF in the club or person's name.

*Friday May 31st 2024 Chairperson's REception 7:00pm  
\$2,000 donation to LCIF  
Admits 2 individuals to the private reception (Space is limited)  
Hors D'Oeuvres and Refreshments*

*Saturday June 1st 2024 1:00pm  
\$100 donation to LCIF  
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Thank you to District A1 Lions' hard work this past month which enabled the district to assist a family of six with good furniture for their home at no cost to them. This project continues to support those in need. Please consider making your donations to [metrodetroitlions.org](http://metrodetroitlions.org) so that Together We Serve our Communities!

Detroit Renaissance Lions Club is continuing their book club through May. April's reading choice is *The Country of the Blind*, by Andrew Leland. The club invites all to join this wonderful event where they partner with bookstores to select stories about the blind and visually impaired or deaf, hearing impaired and blind authors. All selections are available in print or audio book.



Livonia High Nooners Lions Club was delighted to welcome Gretchen Sanewsky, Executive Director of the Arc of Northwest Wayne County to tell us about The Arc at our March Program Dinner. The Arc is a nonprofit National Organization established in the 1950s. Their Mission is to support children and adults with disabilities, of any age, most of them developmentally disabled. The Arc advocates for persons with disabilities, supporting and informing them through public education, post-secondary training and education, competitive employment, and adult life, with needed supports and services such as housing, Medicaid, food assistance, workman's comp, screening background checks on support personnel, staffing, payroll taxes for providers, etc. Their clients never age out.



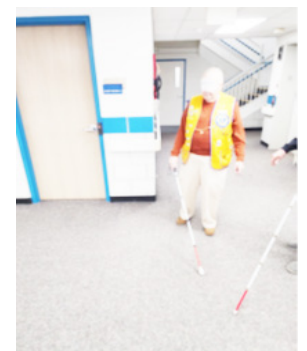
A second home was furnished beautifully with donations to the Metro Detroit Lions Club recycling program. Couch, chairs, dining room set, and beds are just a few of the items going to this family of five. Every donation makes a difference! Saturday, June 15 is the next furniture/home goods give-away at Maiden House Ministries, 16111 Woodward Ave., Highland Park. Volunteers are needed on Jun 14 from 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm! Contact Michelle Turner-White for details.



Harper Woods – Grosse Pointe came out in full-force to assist Sleep in Heavenly Peace build beds for those in need in the community. SHP ensures that no child sleeps on the floor, and HWGP, along with other volunteers, turned that vision into reality.



Bedford Township Lions visited the Leader Dogs for the Blind. They watched a Leader Dog Recipient present with his dog. They also learned what it is like to not see and get round with a cane. A great experience for all who attended. "We Serve"



Break-time for puppies in training!



Bedford Lions Club had the diabetic retinopathy eye testing truck at the Bedford Trade Fair today. Where they performed diabetic retinopathy testing and also had a table.



District A1 has scheduled screenings for diabetic retinopathy to be held at several locations within the district through May 25. This program is a partnership between the Lions of Michigan Foundation and the District 11-A1 and District 11-A2 Lions Clubs aimed at detecting diabetic eye diseases early to prevent vision loss and potential blindness. A group of eye care professionals and research scientists at Henry Ford Health System are helping us collect and analyze the data. Contact Lion Daniel Rathbun 313-587-0367 [drathbu2@hfhs.org](mailto:drathbu2@hfhs.org) or Lion Jim Williams 586-634-1289 [lionjim48047@gmail.com](mailto:lionjim48047@gmail.com) to volunteer.



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A2 Convention awards breakfast had amazing entertainment by "Just Joe" followed by a great business meeting hearing from various charities we support. 600 water filtration kits were assembled in 50 minutes. These kits will be going to remote areas of Guatemala where they don't have access to clean water. In the evening the annual banquet was held, ending with the hospitality room. A2 LCI Guests, PID Tom Gordon and Lion Gillian



Service Project assembly line



A2 Members having fun at the convention!



IPDG Shawn Blaszczyk all dressed up with somewhere to go!



Who has more fun than a Pride of Lions from District A2?



It's 80's night and the New Baltimore Lions Club crew is ready to party like it's 1983 at the District Convention

Rochester Hills Lions Club: Look for Lions District 11-A2 Project Kidsight at the 36th Annual Airport Open House & Air Show Live for FREE Project Kidsight Vision Screening for children 6 months and older. Early vision screening can provide significant long term benefits for children. Vision problems are prevalent in 25% of all school children in the U.S.

Utica Lions Club – CONGRATULATIONS on celebrating 100 years of service to the community, state, and world! A celebration will be held on Saturday, April 20.



New Baltimore Lions Club were Gold Sponsors for the 127th Wing Ball with Lions Brittany and Michelle representing the club in style.

Join the District at the Spring Clean-Up event at Lions Bear Lake Camp on Saturday, May 11!



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Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club bowled over Lions and guests with the 2nd annual Bowling Fundraiser! Approximately 90 bowlers ranging from kids to adults, Lions and community members, turned out to take part in this successful event. Watch for us again, next year! Lions, Friends, and Bowlers, Sandy, Wendy, Brent



PCC Dave Hill, PID Esther LaMothe, PDG Traci Tribley, LBLC Executive Director PID Esther LaMothe received the newly created Lions Bear Lake Camp Esther LaMothe Fellowship at the recent Lions District 11-B1 Convention.

Clear Lake Virtual Lions Club elected officers for the upcoming 2024-2025 year.

If you are ready to make a difference in your community and around the world consider joining us!  
 President: William Miller  
 Vice President: Jesse Owen Bolinger  
 Secretary: Lindsey LaVere  
 Treasurer: Kristin Brown  
 Service Chair: Gina Rowell  
 Membership: David Stirnemann  
 Marketing and Communications Chair: Jesse Owen Bolinger



Winning in the FUN category, the Team from Lane #59!



Lions Sandy and Brent, ready to roll!



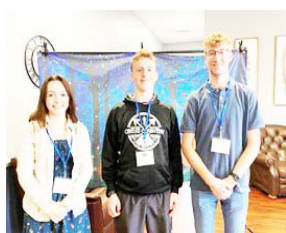
The gang's all here from Cereal City Lions Club and ready to bowl! For the second year in a row, Lion Muriel won the 50/50 drawing!



The Cereal City Lions hit the highway again for our first Road Cleanup event of 2024. Great participation from club members dedicated to our environmental causes. Next project -Plant a Tree on April 20!



Lions of Michigan All-State Band members and parents representing at the Lions District 11B1 convention!



B1 Students will participate in the trip to Melbourne this summer to perform and march in the LCI Parade of Nations.



Jackson Diabetes Lions Service Club hosted their 2nd annual "SPRING TRAINING for Healthy Eating." The event featured a healthy cooking demonstration and tasting, along with tips for healthy, summertime eating. This was a great opportunity to support those with diabetes. The meal served was a summertime hamburger salad and discussions focused on the different fat grams in the foods we eat.



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Our Project KidSight Team made it happen! Our goal was to screen 20,000 kids this Lion year and TODAY we did it! While at the Coloma Public Schools today we surpassed our goal with an amazing number of 20,177 students screened and 2,133 students with referrals, meaning the high-tech camera spotted one or more abnormalities in the students' vision. It was an amazing morning for the 17 man/woman team today!



Our Project KidSight Team was honored at the 11B2 District Convention by DG Amy Thackston as she LOVES what Project KidSight is doing far beyond the rest of the State of Michigan. The members received an appreciation certificate and Amy's appreciation pin. Dave and Tanda received the 4th highest honor from the International President along with her pin for our dedication to PKS.



The second half of our annual Great Eyeglass Collection was hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club as part of the 11-B2 District Convention. This year's event was also sponsored by the South Haven Black River Lions Club. A mid-year Great Eyeglass Collection had also been hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club as part of the November 2023 11-B2 Projects Night.

The Annual Eyeglass Challenge is held every year with District 11-B2 Lions Clubs collecting, sorting, counting, and bringing their collection to the event where certificates are presented to winning clubs. Hearing aids are also now collected for repair and redistribution.



St. Joseph County Road Commission Chairman of the Road Commission Board Eric Shafer gave a presentation to the Three Rivers Lions Club on the renovations of the Langley Covered Bridge on February 6th. Eric received a friendship banner from Club President Jeff Mayuiers.



The Buchanan-Galien Lions held their 4th Annual "Drive-Thru Corned Beef and Cabbage" fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day. "WE SERVED" over 200 dinners Thanks to all who supported this Lions fundraiser!



For the past 81 years, the Buchanan-Galien Lions have honored Buchanan High School Senior Athletes. In March the tradition continued. Lion President Mark Nixon served as MC for the evening. Coaches, LEO's and Lions gathered at the Buchanan Senior Center and enjoyed a meal together. Each athlete then shared their future plans and guest speaker BHS Alumni Alex Gordon spoke to all attending.



Coloma Lions President Peter Becker, Treasurer Ross Streu, Secretary Dale Kreitner and Board Member Jason Hicks who is also a Coloma City Council Member presented a \$5,000 donation to Mayor Marsha Hammond. The Club has been a long term supporter of Randall Park. It is because of the long term support of the entire community of Coloma Lions Club's many fund raising events such as The White Cane Tag Sale over the 4th of July Weekend along with the various raffles have allowed us to gradually accumulate funds to make a large donation to this project.



Lion Cub Zoey raised over \$1100 for the Bronson Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic Artificial Skylights during the 11B2 District Convention weekend. She will also set her table up at State Convention in May to continue raising funds! Zoey organized a used crayon drive which she has turned into her lovable Lions statues, heads and pens.

Lion Alan Edlefson of the St. Joseph Lions Club is commended by President Gordon Schreiber and the entire assembly for his tireless work for Camp Leo and all the kids who benefit from its program each summer.



Coloma Lions Ross Streu, Peter Becker, John "Buzz" Sternaman, Patrick Clark, and Brandon Sternaman worked to remove a two-wheel chair ramp which were no longer needed. This is part of The Coloma Lions Club project of installing temporary ramps where needed in the Community. The ramps are installed labor free and if we can use our accumulated supplies at no charge. If material is required, the client provides the material and then donates it to the club when no longer needed to allow the material to be passed along to others.



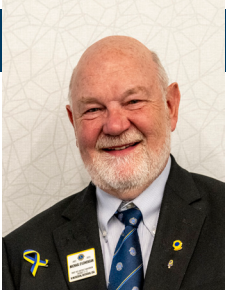
Big Furry Friends Animal-Assisted therapy teams is made up of more than 10 Dog-Human pairs available to deploy to a range of settings. The Therapy Teams specialize in "meet and greet" programs, library visits, motivational activities in adult-assisted home settings, and emotional support for staff and patients alike in hospital settings



The Mattawan Lions had a great time hosting their first euchre tournament raising around \$300. Thank you to our table sponsors Hallgren Orthodontics, Murray Street Brewing Co., 2nd Hand Smoke BBQ. The money raised is going towards the purchase of the artificial skylights for Bronson pediatric hematology oncology clinic that cost \$12,000. The district has collected \$7,691 and are still taking donations through our Mattawan Lions Foundation site.



The Buchanan LEOs hosted the "Fastest Three Minutes in Buchanan" annual Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning 3/30/24. Buchanan-Galien Lions, Miss Buchanan leaders and Court and the Easter Bunny were on hand to help set up, to greet the community and to hand out prizes. The Buchanan Fire Department kicked off the event and the egg hunt was on and over in three minutes. The LEO's and community volunteers spend weeks stuffing approximately 9,000 eggs with candy and prizes. Thanks to everyone who donated, helped set up and came out to enjoy another "Life is Better In Buchanan" day.



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Grand Rapids Lions Club will hold their Drive for Vision Golf Outing on June 17, 2024. Your participation will help many people in our community whose lives are improved by the services of the Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Grand Rapids Lions Club Vision Clinic at Cherry Health. Stay tuned for details!



This year's MD 11 C1 Convention will be held aboard the USS LST in Muskegon. Join us as we celebrate our district with LCI Guest Speaker PID Jenny Ware on Friday, May 10. Doors open at 4:00 and tours of the ship will be available to Lions and guests. Program begins at 5:00 pm and dinner will be prepared by the Ravenna Lions Club, followed by the business meeting and memorial. Cost is \$18/person and checks can be mailed to Treasurer Earl Howell.

Michigan Lions are committed to supporting Mission 1.5 MISSION 1.5 launched on July 11, 2023, at the International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts and will continue through June 30, 2027. MISSION 1.5 results will be calculated on July 1, 2027. What are the goals and objectives of MISSION 1.5? Lions International will reach 1.5 million Lion members around the world on July 1, 2027. MISSION 1.5 has several objectives:

- All CAs achieve positive net growth on July 1, 2027.
- All districts add new clubs.
- All clubs induct new members during MISSION 1.5.
- Districts incorporate strategies to attract a more diverse membership, including women and young Lions.

**Why MISSION 1.5?**  
 Each Lion matters to the people who depend on us. And every club is changing their community, making it a stronger, healthier, and kinder place for all. To meet the growing needs in our communities, we need to form new clubs and invite new members to serve with us. To make sure we are always there and ready to serve, we need to grow.

- What are the Benefits of MISSION 1.5?**
- Increased capacity to serve
  - Greater diversity and inclusion
  - Increased advocacy for change, locally and globally
  - Increased member benefits
  - Stronger at every level of Lions



Governor Michael O'Lonergan has ordered a large quantity of our state tree, the White Pine, to be planted on Earth Day April 20. Contact Rockford Lions Club for details.

11C1 District Lions Clubs will once again be planting 1,800 Trees in April. There will be three types of trees planted, which are White Pines {our state tree}, Red Cedar, and White Spruce. Up to 18 clubs will be participating in this district-wide service project. These trees provide relief from CO2, prevent erosion, provide beauty and future esthetics.



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Aubrie Roth and Lion Jeff Fisher - Vermontville Lion Jeff Fisher congratulates Maple Valley student Aubrie Roth, their Vermontville Lions March Student of the Month



The Mason Lions Club welcomed their newest member at their March 13, 2024 meeting. Lion Mike Kollin was inducted by PDG Lion Lorraine Sparks with the support of sponsor Lion Rod Hunt.



Lions Darryl and Brandy Urquhart received their information packets and were officially welcomed into the club.



Eaton Rapids Lions Collected Ramen Noodles and Pasta for the local Hearts and Hands Food pantry at their April 20th meeting. Eaton Rapids Lions learn about the Lions Eyeglass Recycling project and expanded their collection to almost 20 locations at their March 6th meeting.



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Lion George Walter introduced Lion Jeff Routson from the Mason Lions Club and Braille Transcribing Board member. Lion Jeff told the den of the history of Braille started by a 17 year old French boy Louis Braille, who was blinded at the age of three, invented the system in 1824 while a student. He covered the development progression and how it started in the Michigan prison system in Jackson thanks to a member of the Lansing Host Lions Club. There are currently 40 men and 15 women in two prisons that make braille materials used worldwide.



Melvin Jones Fellowship Award Winner: Our Star Lioness Lion Kay Olson with DG Ted Hamilton.

PDG Tracy Temple stands next to a storage shed the Durand Lions recently acquired for the Durand Senior Center to use for their recycling efforts.



Grand Ledge High School student Aadhitya Sudhakar was honored at the October 24 meeting of the Grand Ledge Lions Club. Aadhitya was selected to be the Club's Student of the Month for October 2023.



DG Ted Hamilton, new Elsie Lions Member Lion John Shipley and Elsie Lions President Lion Rick Jones. Presenting Lion John his new membership.



The Owosso Lions Club celebrated 5 years in March!



The Celebration of Service Committee was hard at work preparing for the March 8-9 convention in Owosso. Friday night was the Service Project for Safe Center, a refuge for folks in abused relationships. We stuffed over 50 bags with clothing and necessities, delivered a pickup truck load of diapers, and handed a check for over \$800 to Safe Center representatives. I.D. Lee Vrieze and wife Lion Mary from Jim Falls, Wisconsin, were our guests and speaker.

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Flushing Lions have been busy selling Foundation Raffle tickets again at our local grocery store. Lions Margaret, Peggy, Rob and Kristin have been out educating groups about Leader Dogs for the Blind. We have been to a local elementary school and also presented to our local Rotary Club. Flushing Lions also collected for our spring White Cane.

Buena Vista Lions Club participated in several food giveaways during the month of March. We assisted in various capacities from distribution, unloading trucks, packing boxes and cleanup. Our efforts were a benefit to the entire Saginaw community. Fighting hunger is a serious project. The Buena Vista Lions Club works with various organizations to support an end to this crisis, including the lupus foundation, and the community action committee.



Fenton Lions held our annual Kids Vision Testing at the Fenton Business Expo on March 3rd and 4th. We ended up testing over 170 kids that weekend. It was a fantastic event and we continue to educate our community on what the Lions Club is about and how we can help the community.



Millington Lions At its March 25th meeting the club presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the Millington Firefighters. The donation will be used to assist with the purchase of much needed equipment.



Shields Lions Club members stand with the Easter Bunny (also a Lion) during the Easter Egg Hunt at Shields Comfort Care. This is the second annual Easter Egg Hunt provided by the Comfort Care and was well received by the community. Eggs, treats, and special prizes were given out during the event.



Zilwaukee Lions members, on March 25, 2024 helped fill Easter eggs for our annual hunt the Saturday before Easter. We had a wonderful time visiting and filling many eggs. Additionally, in order to be more accessible to younger membership, our meetings are child friendly. We also started a social media page on Facebook to keep our community updated on current events and projects.



Governor Bill Bauder walked out a new man - for a good cause! In return for supporting his efforts to raise money for Leader Dog and the Special Needs Vision Clinic, he shaved off his signature hairstyle and beard.



Mayville Lions recently entertained guest speakers from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Tuscola Family Promise, and Spoonfuls of Plenty. The latter is a spinoff of the HDC of Tuscola County serving free meals to those in need. The club donated to all three organizations. The club also spent hours stuffing eggs with candy and prizes for the annual Egg Hunt. The event was moved indoors this year and was well received by the community.



Shields Lions Club will host the 24th Annual Golf Outing on June 22 at Swan Valley Golf Course. Get your team together and join in on a fun day of golf and help support their many club service projects.



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District 11 D2's convention in Port Huron saw a great turnout this year. The service project to benefit Kid's Coalition Against Hunger went quick and easy with members working like machines to package up 10,000 soup kits in 41 minutes! PID Justice Shay Nickell serenaded us with beautiful song and a powerful message. The District hosted a concert on Saturday evening which was free to convention attendees. Rod Stewart and Elton John Tribute Bands had us feeling all the good vibes!



Governor James White support group of our Leadership: Past District Governors, Past International Director Justice Shay Nickell, and International Director Candidate PDG David Wineman.



District Governor-Elect Judy Kelly and Lion Dave. Lion Judy

Emmett Lions Club will sponsor the Community Blood Drive in April. If you missed it, contact RedCrossBlood.org to learn how you can sponsor a drive for your community.

Metamora Lioness Lions Fish Dinner was a success! Metamora Lions had a huge wild game dinner, both halls were sold out. Great job Metamora



USA Lions Club Annual Wine and Cheese event on April 13th was a great success and fun was had by all.

Future professional ball players and Marlette athletes! Marlette Lions Club donated \$250.00 to the Marlette Area Summer Athletic Program. This program is for boys and girls ages 4 to 16 who are interested in playing baseball/softball. With this donation, Marlette MASAP can purchase needed items for a safe and fun game.



Algonac Lions Club received recognition for most members to attend the 2024 convention. This is a club that generally has low attendance at the District Convention, along with Berville Lions Club members who also attended this year. They will receive deserved recognition for all they do. Go Algonac - Go Lions!

Memphis Lions Club will hold a Classic Car Show June 14 at the Memphis Lions Field, with proceeds to benefit both the Memphis Chamber of Commerce and Memphis Lions Club.

Algonac Lions Club will host a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12 at the Algonac Banquet Hall. Tickets: \$12 and \$6 for children.

Lions Club of Marysville continues to serve others by volunteering at Mid-City Nutrition. If you have an interest in helping others, please contact us to talk.



Who doesn't love the Hadley Lions Club? Always the life of the party.





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Cedar-Maple City Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Sunday the 10TH of March. The Students helping serve are members of the football team from Glen Lake Community Schools.

Lions Diane and Richard Fleming were announced as 2023's Outstanding Citizens of the Year for Mt. Pleasant, a special tribute as there have only been four other couples recognized in the 67-year history. Congratulations!



The Greenville Lions and Rotary clubs joined forces to serve a pancake breakfast March 9 to raise funds to provide food boxes for students and their families in our Greenville schools during spring break. Thanks to the Greenville American Legion for providing the facilities



Greenville Lions and Rotary Club members, with help from the Interact youth, joined forces once again on March 20 to fill 45 boxes with food for students and their families from Greenville Public Schools and the Flat River Academy for their use during spring break, when school cafeterias are closed. We also had help from GPS Superintendent Wayne Roedel and former Superintendent Linda Van Houten. Thanks to our Greenville Lions who helped organize this event and those who turned out to help.



Coleman Lions Club member, Lion Mary Jo Faching received her 20 year service chevron from President Ann Roeseler. Lion Mary Jo has been instrumental over the years in many of our service projects and fund raisers including our annual bake sale, yard sale, Charter Night festivities, and Kidsight Screenings. Pictured from left to right: President Ann Roeseler, Lion Mary Jo Faching.

The Lake Ann Lions Club will be holding its 28th Annual Golf Outing at Mistwood Golf Course in Lake Ann, MI on June 8, 2024. Starting time will be on the registration site. 18 holes, 4 golfer scramble format. Includes pastries / coffee in the AM and Lunch after golf. This is a very popular event. Open to the public, and that means Lions. All levels of abilities. Contact us for lodging suggestions. Come on up for a great day of golf and fun. Find us at @lakeannlionsclub. Golf information and registration is at [www.Lakeanngolf.com](http://www.Lakeanngolf.com). Check for events. See you there.



The Luther Lions held a rip-roarin' Irish St. Paddy's Party at their hall on Sat., March 16th. If you missed it, well..... The Club served Guinness Irish Stew, Guinness Shepherds' Pie, Cabbage with onions and pasta, Irish Soda Bread, and Dubliner Cheese from Ireland. Two raffles were held, one was a 50/50 and the other was a chance to win a nice Irish basket made up of Irish goodies. Then we were entertained by the Northern Lights Academy of Dance, featuring 19 dancers, from the ages of 6 to 19 years old. After the show anyone who wanted to stay, was taught an Irish Folk Dance, by Gina Dewey, the owner of the Academy. It was called a Ceili.



March is Reading Month and the Fremont Lions participate in a big way! For many years, the Lions have sponsored "First Graders March into Reading." Four area schools are given funds to purchase books for their students' personal libraries. During March, Lions members visit the classrooms to share information about the Lions Club and to read to the students. One area school has a Spanish immersion class as well as an English class; these classes celebrate their new books by reading to each other! District Governor Jim Patterson is pictured with Mrs. Christoffersen's class at Fremont's Pathfinder Elementary



Lion Al Ducham, White Cane Chair-Midland Lions will have their White Cane Fundraiser on May 23 & 24. I'm hoping to get the 44 one-hour time slots filled by our eager volunteers at the next 4 meetings



DG Patterson inducted new Howard City Lions Sierra and Tom into the club and awarded their sponsor, Lion Mike a sponsor pin and certificate.



Sponsor Lion Mike, Howard City Lions Club



Lion Mary was awarded her chevron for 15 years of service to the Howard City Lions Club and community.



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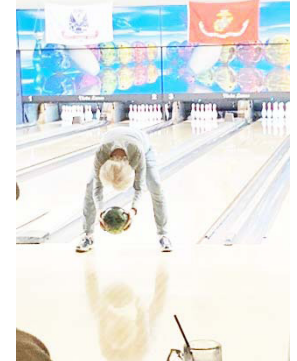
Vice President Lion Bethany Hedgepath (left) thanking President Marnie Parrot from Eta Nu for speaking to the Boyne Valley Lions Club



The Alpena Lions Club provided financial support for the "Special Needs Prom" hosted by the Alpena Aplex. A great event with a formal setting for persons with special needs to enjoy.



Oscoda Lions get ready for Bowling! Bowlers come with all kinds of style!



Oscoda Lions held their annual bowling tournament (best Ball). They had 96 bowlers, prizes for everyone. We thank everyone who supported us, WE Serve. Pictures provided by Bill and Kay Gaines.



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Members of the East Jordan Club and friends!

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Hillman Lions Club Mobile Pantry volunteers go above and beyond. This is Duane Durflinger making sure we get all of the cabbages out of the box!



Central Lake Lions Club recently sponsored a Boy Scout Club and invited a Scout to give a presentation to the club. He detailed his Eagle Scout project and that he is filling duffel bags with supplies to provide to children who are in foster care. The club made a donation to cover the remaining funds needed for his project.



Hilman Lions Club partnered with the 5th grade class at Hillman Elementary for an Earth Day Project using recycled glass.

## You don't know the impact that sight has on your life until it is no longer there.

In 2005, I was watching a basketball game with my friends when I noticed I couldn't read the score. That year, I was diagnosed with keratoconus, a condition that occurs when the cornea thins and gradually bulges outward into a cone shape. Since 2009, I've had two cornea transplants that restored my vision.

**For the first time in 18 years, I have 20/20 vision.**

I can play sports with my daughters. For me, that's been the biggest change. I really feel more present. My vision journey taught me that I took a lot of life for granted. I wanted to give back to others suffering from vision loss, so I became a Sustainer for Sight with Eversight.



Double transplant recipient Franklin Warren

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Support from Lions Clubs like yours helps people like me regain their quality of life. Will your club consider making a contribution to support the gift of sight?



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