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#### MD11 CONVENTION ANNOUNCES LCI PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JUSTICE SHEA NICKELL AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The MD 11 Convention Committee is pleased to announce LCI Past International Director Justice Shea Nickell as the Keynote Speaker on Saturday, May17, 2025 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City. PID Nickell will be with us throughout the weekend.

In 2019, PID Nickell was elected to serve as a Justice on the seven-member Supreme Court of Kentucky. He has held many positions as an ID and PID, including faculty member for the inaugural "Bachelor's Degree" club-level programs of Lions University. He is a proud member of the Kentucky Lions Hall of Fame. PID Shea Nickell is famously known for his beautiful vocals, and it should come as no surprise if he serenades us as he takes the stage.

Welcome, PID Shea Nickell!

# For mail returns see ID statement.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. DANDY LION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT DOUBLETREE HOTEL LAWN, BAY CITY

#### Fellow Service and Community Organizations!

The Lions of Michigan invite you to showcase your organization and participate in our Dandy Lion Community Service Event. This free outdoor show will take place on Saturday, May 17, from 2:00-4:00 pm, by the riverside of the DoubleTree.

The Lions of Michigan are excited to invite local service organizations to participate in the Dandy Lion Community



Service Event, an outdoor booth show. There is no charge to be part of the outdoor event.

This special gathering is part of the Lions annual state convention, hosted at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City on May 15-17, 2025. Local community service organizations in the Bay City area will have the opportunity to showcase their missions, connect with fellow changemakers, and engage with Lion members from across the state and the Bay City community. Join us for an afternoon of impact, collaboration, and outreach.

# UPCOMING Events:

April 2025 Family & Friends Month Environmental Awareness Month

Leo Club Awareness Month

May 15, 2025 Lions Pre-Convention Social Dinner at Krzysiak's House Restaurant Bay City

May 16, 2025 5th and final Council of Governors Meeting DoubleTree Hotel Bay City

> May 16-17 2025 MD 11 Lions Kick-Off Party Carnival Midway Games

May 17 Business Session – Awards Banquet DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City

June 22, 2025 -NEW! Lions and Friends Event Cornhole Tournament & Membership Mixer Oakland Yard Athletics, Waterford

> July 13-17 2025 LCI International Convention Orlando, Florida July 13-17 2025

"The Dandy Lion event is all about celebrating service and strengthening community partnerships," says Lion Doug Klein, Public Information Chair for Lions of Michigan. "We invite organizations of all sizes to join us in making a difference in this event free to exhibitors and attendees alike."

You must provide your own canopy, chairs, tables and displays for the event. Sign up for the Dandy Lion Community Service Event to showcase your work in a dynamic outdoor setting. Our indoor convention exhibitors may choose to participate also. See separate information on becoming an exhibitor at the multi-day convention.

To showcase your organization and reserve your spot, contact Wendy Burns, Executive Director, Lions Clubs of Michigan, at: wburns@lionsofmi.com or call **517-887-6640 ext. 103**.

The Lions Clubs of Michigan is part of Lions International, the world's largest service organization, dedicated to humanitarian efforts, vision care, hunger relief, environmental sustainability, and more. Through community service and global initiatives, Lions make a lasting impact.

MD11 CONVENTION MAY 15 - 17, 2025

August 1-2, 2025 1st Council of Governors Meeting LMF Hall of Fame Dinner

> September 18-20, 2025 USA/Canada Forum September 18 Strides Walk Atlantic City, NJ

October 3-4, 2025 2nd Council of Governors Meeting

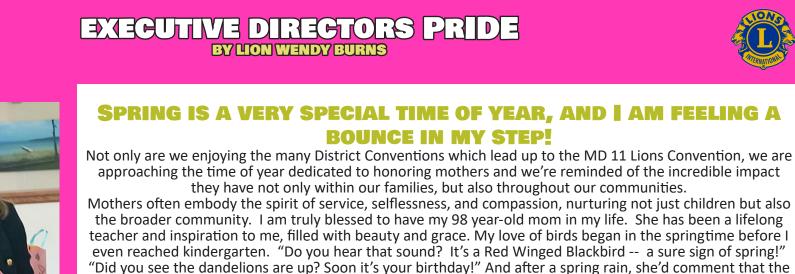
November 6-9, 2025 – NEW! Emerging Lions Institute MacMullen Center, Roscommon

December 5-6, 2025 3rd Council of Governors Meeting Lansing, MI

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



#### **EXEC DIRECTOR - NEWS**



"Did you see the dandelions are up? Soon it's your birthday!" And after a spring rain, she'd comment that the air smelled fresh and how green the grass would now become. Spring has always been her season of renewal and now mine. In celebration of Mother's Day, everyone is encouraged to engage in acts of community service. Join us at the

MD 11 Convention for the first of its kind Dandy Lion Community Service event, held on the grounds of the DoubleTree, Bay City. Bring your own setup and display to showcase what your club does in your town. All the details are on page 1 of the Pride and on our website. Local organizations are also invited to showcase their services and the community is invited to attend. Bring your Lions Club mascot and help us fill the area with Dandy Lions to make a big impact!

Let's come together to celebrate the invaluable contributions Lions provide our communities and remember the hard working mom's who inspired us to enjoy the little pleasures in life.

> Yours in Service, Lion Wendy

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

#### 2024-2025 S.A. DODGE RECIPIENTS PDGS BARB DURFLINGER, E2, JAMES LEACH, JR., A2



Every year during the December Council of Governors meeting, Governors meet to review award nominations and select the S.A. Dodge recipients. This is not an easy task, as the qualifications of the nominees are outstanding. This year was no exception. Congratulations to PDG Barb Durflinger and PDG Jim Leach on being chosen as this year's recipients! They will be honored with a reception prior to the Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 17 at the convention in Bay City. We hope you will join us as we celebrate these two exceptional Lions!







#### PDG Barb Durflinger, 11 E2

For tickets and information, contact: lions@lionsofmi.com

PDG James Leach Jr., 11 A2



S.A. Dodge Distinguished Service Award

The S. A. Dodge Award is the highest award given by Multiple District 11 (Michigan's Lower Peninsula). Only two awards are given each

year.







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



#### **SPRING INTO SERVICE: THE POWER OF MEMBERSHIP**, FRIENDSHIP, AND BEING A

As the snow melts and the days grow longer, Lions across Michigan are embracing the spirit of spring a season of renewal, energy, and action. It's the perfect time to reflect on what it means to be a Lion and to recommit ourselves to the values that unite

us: service, friendship, and community.

#### **Membership: Growing Our Pride**

Every Lion makes a difference. Each new member brings fresh ideas, unique perspectives, and a heart ready to serve. As we enter the final stretch of this Lions year, now is the time to ignite your club's momentum. Invite a neighbor to your next service project. Host a "Bring a Friend" night. Showcase the impact your club is making — and the joy that comes with being part of something bigger than yourself. Membership growth is not just about numbers — it's about expanding our reach and strengthening our legacy of service.

#### Service: Spring into Action

Spring is bursting with opportunities to serve. From park cleanups and food drives to health fairs and vision screenings, Lions are out in full force. Many clubs are participating in environmental projects, diabetes awareness walks, and youth events. These hands-on activities don't just change lives - they build bonds, energize clubs, and demonstrate the true heart of Lionism. If your club hasn't planned a spring project yet, there's still time to get involved. Reach out, team up, and make a visible impact in your community.

#### Friendship: The Heart of Our Work

Ask any Lion what keeps them coming back, and the answer is often the same: friendship. Lions are more than volunteers — we're family. We support one another, cheer each other on, and share a purpose that connects us across districts, generations, and walks of life. Whether it's laughing together at a meeting, working side-by-side at a fundraiser, or sharing stories at the state convention, our friendships fuel our mission.

#### Celebrate Together in Bay City – May 15-17, 2025

Speaking of connection — mark your calendar for the 2025 Lions of Michigan State Convention in beautiful Bay City! From May 15-17, Lions from every corner of the state will gather to celebrate, learn, and serve. This year's convention promises engaging sessions, exciting service activities, and meaningful fellowship. Don't miss the DandyLion Service Midway, where clubs will highlight their best service projects in a fun and interactive carnival-style showcase. It's a can't-miss weekend to honor the power of Lionism — together.

Let's finish the year strong. Let's grow our clubs, serve our communities, and celebrate the friendships that make it all worthwhile. Because when you're a Lion, you're never just giving — you're gaining a global family, a deeper purpose, and a lifetime of pride.





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Leadership isn't just about what you do while you're in the role. It's about what you leave behind. It's about the people who will pick up where you left off, carry the vision forward, and take it to places you never imagined.

The measure of a true leader isn't found in titles or accomplishments. It's found in the strength of the team they build and the legacy they leave in the hands of those who come next. As we prepare to welcome new leaders into our clubs and districts, this is the moment to step up in a different way. Not by leading from the front, but by standing beside those who will take on the responsibility next.

A transition like this isn't just about handing over a role. It's about preparing, encouraging, and believing in the people stepping into it. Take the time to talk with them. Share your experiences—the victories, the struggles, the lessons you had to learn the hard way. Give them insight into what worked, what didn't, and the things you wish you had known when you started.

Leadership can be overwhelming at times, and knowing they're not alone can make all the difference. At the same time, trust them. They aren't here to be a copy of you. They will bring their own ideas, their own strengths, and their own way of doing things. That's how growth happens. Offer support, but let them lead in their own way. Let them make their mark. And above all, give grace. Every leader stumbles. Every leader faces moments of doubt.

What matters isn't perfection, but persistence. The way you handle this transition will shape not only the success of the next team but also the culture of leadership in your club or district for years to come. You didn't step into leadership just to hold a position. You stepped in to make a difference.

And that difference doesn't end when your term does. It continues in the people you've mentored, the leaders you've helped grow, and the foundation you've laid for those who will carry the torch next. This is your moment to lead in a new way.

Be the mentor you wish you had. Be the support system someone else needs. And when it's time to step back, do it knowing you've done everything you can to leave things even better than you found them.

That's what leadership is really about.

Yours in Service,

Lion Traci Tribley Multiple District 11GLT Coordinator



#### THERE ARE TWO SPECIAL DAYS IN THE LIFE OF A LION!

**ID Dave Wineman** 

1. The day you become a Lion 2. The day you realise why!

Now you can make a video of your Ah-Ha moment (of when you you really became a Lion) and send it to me at my email below!! It's gaining momentum - People love to hear about this moment! Its precious!

Make your Ah-Ha moment in Lions postable and you might just win a Lions Prize!

Send your 1 minute video to: DW@Abadata.com or...



#### UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO FROM YOUR PHONE TO: www.uploads.lionsaha.com

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Send Us your Lions Ah-ha moment on Video! Click on the 'Upload Video" **button below** use uploads.lionsaha.com

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SPOTLIGHTS

#### > LCIF FELLOWSHIP NEWS

#### MEMBER HIGHLIGHT! THE CANDY MAN - FRANK GIGLIO!



Lion Frank Giglio presents Club President Flick and Treasurer Rahm with a check of \$300.00 from recent mint sales in New Buffalo.

Lion Frank has Lion mints located at 11 businesses in New Buffalo and makes the rounds each week to check the boxes and make sure they are refilled. This last check being presented for the year 2024 was a grand total of \$2,100.00 in donations for the year.



#### **LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship** Celebration



We are honored to host LCIF Chairperson IPIP Lion Dr. Patti Hill on June 13<sup>th</sup> & June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. There will be two events to meet and celebrate with Chairperson Dr. Patti in Port Austin, Michigan. On Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> Chairperson Dr. Patti 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 June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Chairperson's Reception 7:00 p.m. \$2,000 donation to LCIF admits 2 individuals to the private reception (space is limited) Hors d'oeuvre & Refreshments

> > Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1:00 p.m. \$100 donation to LCIF Admits 1 individual to the celebration Entertainment Meal and Refreshments **Bird Creek Farms** 282 Grindstone Road Port Austin, Michigan 48467

I would like to reserve the following:







It's Pancake Breakfast Season in District 10! The Skandia Lions Club (above) and the Rock Lions Club (below). The Rock Lions club also held a Can Drive in conjunction with their breakfast.















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District 10 Lions Clubs, along with U.P. Lions Serve parterned with Super One Foods in their 4 locations across the U.P. for their "Round-Up" fundraiser to support Childhood Cancer. A total of \$6,770 was raised in a two week period.

#### **NEWS FROM SD10**

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# OUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM



#### Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) **SUMMER PROGRAM 2025**



#### **Dates to Remember:**

Application deadlines:

Outgoing participants: March 30, 2025 Host Family: June 30, 2025 Incoming Youth Exchange participants: Arrival date: July 26, 2025 Departure date: August 16, 2025 D-Bar-A Scout Ranch

Camp dates: August 3-9, 2025



#### Bring a new culture into your home!

Multiple District 11 is looking for families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2025 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young adults 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 26 - August 16, 2025.

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:

Your District chair or State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060, email epmarfil5@gmail.com.

Facebook page: Youth Camps & Exchange - Michigan, USA

Link: Lions of Michigan Youth Camps & Exchange (https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/youth-exchange)

#### Your help is needed!



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The Winter Camp administration and committee wish to thank all the volunteers and clubs for supporting this year's event, held on February 7-9. This was our biggest attendance in years, and truly a "winter" camp, with a cold month of January to freeze things over. We had 58 campers, 40 women and 18 men. 23 were new to camp, and all had very good feedback. Increased attendance was due to word of mouth, and a visit to the National Federation of the Blind convention in November yielded several new recruits.

We had several new volunteers as well, with 12 volunteers staying the weekend. We maxed out the lower bunks in the women's dorm, so new spaces were found for our dorm monitors in an unused coatroom. Overall, there were 77 Lions, and 40 non-Lions involved in all aspects of the weekend. We had great participation and support from Lions Clubs across districts, including 11-B1 Clubs: Cereal City Lions, Bedford Area Lions, Pennfield Lions, Battle Creek Host Lions, Manchester Lions, Jackson Cascade Lions, Vandercook Lake Lions, Jackson County Professional, Jackson Host, Jackson Eye-Openers, Jackson Southeast Quest (DG Louvenia), 11-C1: Muskegon Host, Wyoming Lions and 11-C2: Ashley Lions, Holt Lions. We hope to add to this list next year!

Our campers represented several Lions Clubs and affiliations: Clear Lake Virtual Lions, Muskegon Host, Wayne Lions, Ovid Lions, Detroit Renaissance Lions Club and Northwest Lions (Detroit Area). Campers came from Districts A1,A2, B1,B2,C1,C2,D1,and D2.

The campers enjoyed all the usual activities, including Bingo, Crafts, Blanket tying service project for Pine Ridge Reservation (PCC Peggy Allen), Cane Repair (2VDG Teresa Gest), Rev. Bobby Holley on Friday, and the camper talent show on Saturday. Technology vendors and guests included A.T. Guys, WMU Grad Students, and Lansing Library for the Blind. Outside activities included the Bird Cabin Hike, Snowshoeing (Pierce Cedar Creek), Horse/ wagon ride (Tillers International), and new this year was snowmobiling on ice covered Clear Lake with the Northside Snowmobile Club. We made Smores and had lots of fellowship and new friendships made around the fireplace in the lodge.

The Winter Camp for the Blind continues to generate interest for blind and VI persons, young and old. This long running event (55 years) is primarily supported by the Lions Clubs in District 11-B1, camper fees of \$50, and individual donations. Due to increased costs for our facility (Battle Creek Public Schools Outdoor Education Center), we need additional income sources. If you club or district would like to help support this event with financial donations or volunteers, please contact Lion Roger Bosse at rogerbosse@att.net or call/text (269) 578-3684.

We are looking forward to another great Winter Camp in 2026. Stop at our table at the MD11 State Convention to learn more! Thank you for your service!

Lion Roger Bosse, 1VDG Bea Furman, PCC Barry Allen, Winter Camp Committee

# WHITE CANE WEEK MICHIGAN APRIL 25 - MAY 4, 2025



Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. The white cane is a symple of the works chills and talents, mehility, and symbol of the user's skills and talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired. The white cane was initially developed and put into use

as a measure of safety, especially in traffic situations. Sufficient training with an Orientation and Mobility specialist can aid in successful cane use, technique and safety. Several countries have traffic laws designed to protect the person using the white cane. The "VisionAware" section of the American Foundation for the Blind's website illustrates several types of white canes that are internationally recognized. Sometimes the white cane has a red band or strip for the purpose of contrast. International White Cane Safety Day (October 15th) gives Lions an opportunity to increase awareness of the white cane traffic safety laws. According to the World Blind Union, which is a global organization representing the 285 million blind or partially sighted people worldwide, "White Cane Day is observed worldwide to recognize the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation in society." Suggested Activities for Lions Mobilize your club to partner with local blindness experts, schools and organizations for the blind to plan your International White Cane Safety Day awareness activity. • Arrange for a person who is blind to demonstrate the use of the white cane and its benefits, and share his or her accomplishments and aspirations with the community or your club. Invite a representative from a local school for the blind or a low vision clinic to speak about white cane, orientation and mobility and white cane laws in your community. Work with your local government officials to create a White Cane Safety Day Proclamation for your event. Work with local news media to convey your community's white cane laws to the public.

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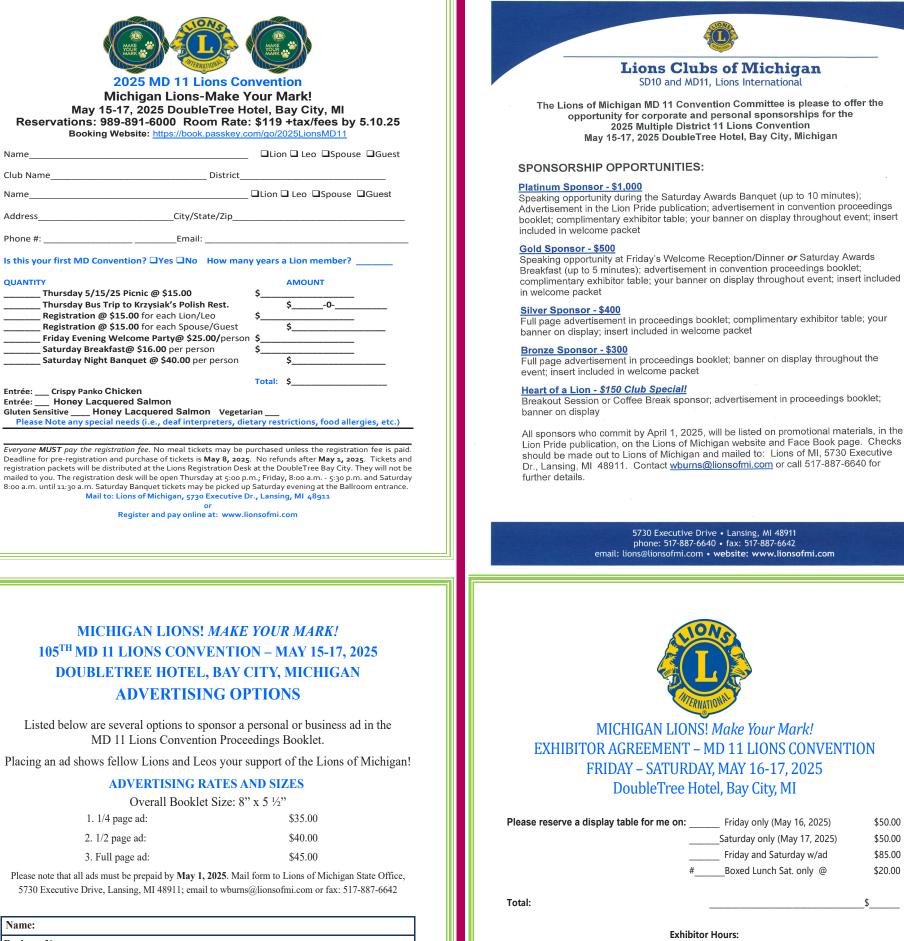
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# **X7 17 2025 CONVENTION**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MD 11 Convention May 15-17, 2025 DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City, Michigan LCI Guest Speaker PID Justice Shea Nickell

#### Thursday, May 15, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Convention Kick-off Picnic Krzysiak's Polish House - \$15/person **Roundtrip Bus transportation sponsored by District 11 D1 & Bay City Lions Club** Pick-up location: DoubleTree Hotel 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16, 2025 9:00 am Council of Governors Meeting

Exhibitor's Hall Open 9:00 am - 6:30 p.m.

**10:30 a.m. Breakout Session** Container Garden – Lion Sandra Pease. In this class you will learn to make a floral arrangement of seasonal flowers. Limited to 25 attendees. \$10/person

10:30 Breakout Session: Lions Spokesperson Coaching – Lion Doug Klein
 1:15 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2025-2026 Planning Meeting

2:00 pm- 4:00 pm Breakout Sessions 2:00 pm: Club Treasurer Training

3:00 pm: Ellie: Al Assistant for all-things Lions

6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception, Buffet & Midway Games, Live Entertainment Generously sponsored by District E1 and Durand Lions Clubs

HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN 9:30 p.m. Generously sponsored by Freeland Lions Club

Saturday, May 17, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open

8:30 a.m. Awards Breakfast – Generously sponsored by Grand Rapids Lions Club
LCI Guest Speaker PID Gary Anderson – Learn about Lions USA and Affiliates
10:30 a.m. Business Session featuring news from around our state and world.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONTINUE:
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Dandy Lion Community Service Event – Hotel Grounds

Your club is invited to set up a display to showcase your community service projects alongside local community service and non-profit agencies. Bring your Dandy Lion Mascot to participate in this event! Generously sponsored by VDG Karen Bouwman-Fetzer

2:00-4:00 p.m. New Voices Workshops sponsored by District D1

#### May 17 – Continued

#### Ballroom: Awards Banquet

5:30 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. Cocktail Reception to honor S.A. Dodge Recipients
5:30 p.m. LMASB Students to perform
6:50 p.m. Memorial Recognition
7:15 p.m. Dinner

Keynote Address by Past International Director, Justice Shea Nickell Congratulations to our 2024-2025 S.A. Dodge Recipients: PDG James Leach, Jr., MD 11 A2 and PDG Barb Durflinger, E1

Hospitality Room Open 9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Onsite Construction & Pearl Beach Lions Club

#### Breakout Sessions Sponsored by:

Onekama Lions Club Lennon Lions Club Rockford Lions Club East Jordan Lions Club DG Denny & Lion Linda Gocha District 11 E2 Lion Ed Weessies Music Provided by Lion DJ John VanWyck

MD11 LIONS CONVENTION - MAY 15-17 DOUBLE TREE HOTEL, BAY CITY MI

Reservations: 989 891 6000 - Room Rate \$119+tax/fees book room by April 26, 2025

#### NEW! LIONS AND FRIENDS MEMBER MIXER!

#### Sunday June 22, 2025 1:00 p.m. Lions Networking & Membership Event!



#### Lions of Michigan Cornhole Tournament at Oakland Yard

Calling all members and prospective members! Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon of friendly competition, great company, and an opportunity to introduce others to our amazing service organization – LIONS! Come have some fun at Oakland Yard on Sunday June 22, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Participants will partake in this 1-day cornhole tournament for cash prizes. 50/50 raffle ticket sales, food and beverages available on site.

Oakland Yard has donated the facility and cornhole sets for our event, and we greatly appreciate their support. There will be a cash bar available so please support them in return!

Cost Per Person: \$25 Pre-Registration Required! www.oaklandyard.com/fundraisers/lions

Oakland Yard Athletics 5328 Highland Road Waterford, MI 48327 248 673 0100

#### 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 17, 2025 in order to vote at the convention. <u>VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL, BAY CITY</u>

Return this form prior to April 30, 2025 to: Lions of Michigan State Office • 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

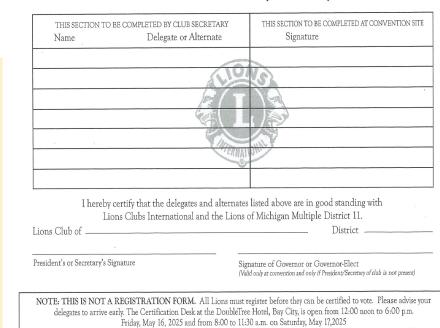
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#### Booking Website: https://bookpasskey.com/go/2025/ LionsMD11

#### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING EARLY-BIRD SPONSORS! Let's get your Club added to the list!

**Club/Business Name Onekama Lions Club District E1 Freeland Lions Club Durand Lions Club Pearl Beach Lions Club** District 11 D1 **Lennon Lions Club Rockford Lions Club East Jordan Lions Club** DG Denny & Lion Linda Gocha **Grand Rapids Lions Club Friend of Lions** Sunburst Memorials VDG Karen Bouman - Fetzer **Lions of Michigan Foundation** Lion Ed Weessies District 11E2

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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 17, 2025

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#### > ORLANDO 2025 NEWS



The international convention happens once a year, and in 2025, we'll celebrate together in the theme park capital of the world. Get ready to be entertained, find inspiration and meet new friends. We'll see you in Orlando, where we will truly make unforgettable memories together!



#### https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org

#### **Convention calendar**

Convention will be held Sunday through Thursday with the Parade of Nations kicking off festivities on Monday, July 14. On Thursday, July 17, the presidential inauguration will bring our time in Orlando to a close.

#### Program of events

In Orlando, you will find all of the great programming Lions have come to expect at international convention. From uplifting keynote speakers and a rockin' International Show to innovative seminars and the Parade of Nations, you can be part of it all!

#### **Michigan Lions**

Michigan Lions will march with USALions and Affiliates in the Parade of Nations, and you can be part of it all! Parade uniform consists of the official Lions of Michigan parade shirt, navy slacks/skirt, dark shoes, optional white Lions of Michigan ball cap. Watch for future announcements of Michigan Night in Orlando!

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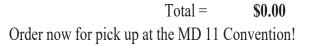


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#### > BUILD YOUR BOOTH NEWS



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## **BUILD YOUR BOOTH** SHOW SUCCESS

What if you threw a party and nobody came? That's what it sometimes feels like at a booth show.

If your Lions Club is typical, there are several times a year when you will participate in booth shows. Many clubs are shocked that so few people stop at their booth, but here's the truth: people make their minds up about your booth as soon as they see it. It only takes a second for them to determine whether they are interested in what you have to offer.

Your job is to make the most out of that second. Whether held inside or outside, the usual "two folding chairs behind a table" setup desperately needs changing. You are virtually invisible to people walking in front of your booth if you are sitting in a folding chair right behind a table.

First, get any tables up to counter height and push them to the front of the booth. If possible, leave room to stand next to them, not behind them. If you need to relax a bit between visitors, bring a sturdy tall stool to perch on. Backup staff who are ready to engage can stand behind the table.

Put the folding chairs in the back of your booth and use them only for inbooth breaks or side conversations. Any additional staff should be able to rise, move forward, and engage as necessary. Below are some other simple steps you can take to increase your chances of meeting, engaging, and connecting with supporters, donors, and prospective members at your next event

There is no promotion quite like word of mouth. Talk with attendees! Flyers, brochures, and business cards only "aid word of mouth," they do not substitute for it. Bringing people to your booth is a matter of making your booth a great place to be.

If you've got fun and games and the next booth doesn't, people will pass them by to get over to you. If you follow all these tips, you will have great success gathering attention with a small space and a positive return on investment. Good luck at your next show!



Lion Doug Klein regularly passes along tips to help your Lions Club sharpen its public relations and marketing efforts. He has been a member of the Mason, Michigan Lions Club since he retired in 2018 as a Lansing Community College adjunct professor of public relations, communication, business, and marketing. He is currently serving as Mason Lions Club Secretary, District 11-C2 Public Relations Chair, and MD11 State PR / Information Chair and Marketing Chair. A member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1983, he has held their prestigious APR designation (Accreditation in Public Relations) since 1996. He was inducted into the American Marketing Association's national honorary Alpha Mu Alpha in 2012. Contact him with any public relations or marketing questions at (517) 775-8601 or at dougklein@usa.net by email.



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### MD11 CONVENTION ANNOUNCES LCI PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JUSTICE SHEA NICKELL AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The MD 11 Convention Committee is pleased to announce LCI Past international Director Justice Shea Nickell as the Keynote Speaker on Saturday, Ngv17, 2025 at the DoubleTiref Hotel, Bay City, PID NIckell will be with us throughout the Weekend.

NICKEII will be with us throughout the weeken. In 2019, PID Nickeli was elected to serve as a Justice on the seven-member Supreme Court of Kentucky. He has held many positions as an ID and PID, including faculty member for the inaugural "Bachelor's Degree" club-level programs of Lions University. He is a proud member of the Kentucky Lions Hall of Pame. PID Shea Nickeli is famously known for his beautiful vocals, and it should come as no surprise if he serenades us as he takes the stage.

Welcome, PID Shea Nickell!

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#### **11 A1**

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Governor La Wonna Lofton-Colman greets Lions at the A1 Convention.



Governor Cheryl Anderson, C1, Governor La Wonna and PID Jenny Ware, D10.



There was plenty of press in attendance for the White Cane Week kickoff, let by PDG Lula Gardfrey. This tradition includes a proclamation for Lions obtained from Governor Whitmer by the Lions of Michigan State Office, the Mayor of Detroit and/or a local State Representative



Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Club members held a successful holiday bowling fundraiser filled with members, guests and



Past International President Douglas Alexander was the LCI special guest speaker at the recent A1 Convention held in Detroit. DG La Wonna Lofton-Coleman arranged for a tour of the city, Penrickton Center, and they even made it to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



Plymouth Lions Club - ID Dave Wineman presented PDG Charlie Cone with the Lions International Presidential Certificate of Appreciation during a recent meeting of the Plymouth Lions Club. Lion Charlie is a licensed aircraft pilot and has flown for 81 years. He served our country as a pilot in WW II, the Korean War and Vietnam and has enjoyed years of flying for and volunteering for Christmas missions, dropping gifts to those in need.

Lion Charlie Cone is a passionate and dedicated Lion who has held many offices and positions of leadership in our state. He is a treasure that we are proud to call our own, and very deserving of this recognition.



IPDG Lula Gardfrey, and Lion Marcus Latimer, Detroit Westown Hartford Lions Club pick up glasses from Denise Johnson, Labor Relations Assistant, at CLEVELAND CLIFFS, INC.



appreciates being chosen as a beneficiary of Joe's Produce Sip and Stroll on December 5th. Lions Club members had a wonderful time participating in the Sip and Stroll and have enjoyed working with Joe's Produce Gourmet Market for many years.



world-class organization was founded by members of the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit in 1939 and has been supported by local Lions and LCI ever since. Lion Daniel Rathbun's little Lion Cub also attended the Leader Dog event



Grosse Pointe Lions Jingle Bell Family Fun Run.





Memories were made at the A2 District Convention! DG Rhonda Furby poses with DG Carl and VDG Aleta Cozart, 11 C2.



Lions Bear Lake Camp Executive Director Traci Tribley and Food Service Director Chrissy Andre get into the Medieval spirit at the convention.



Rhonda Furby DG leads a session during the A2 Convention.







**11 A2** 

DG Rhonda Furby

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Richmond Lions Club was just a couple of votes short of 1st place... LIONS TAKE 2nd PLACE THIS YEAR! Special thanks to chili cooks Lions Derek and Mark! Great job benefiting

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Richmond Lions Rod Carol & Selby, Mark Delcourt and Mascot Haack at the Chili Cook-Off



The Super Bowl Chili Trophy





Troy Community Lion Deb Lines and her husband volunteered for the Troy Community Lions Environmental Project to support the Troy Nature Center and tap a Maple Tree.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: New Baltimore Holly Kelley sponsored by Scott Stroud Pontiac William Parker Jr. sponsored by Laurie Bishop Shelby Township Antonio Bugli sponsored by David Klida

Register now for the A2 District Convention March 28-30 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City.

Sterling Heights Lioness Lions Club is hosting a Pajama Day fundraiser March 22. Brunch, mimosa's, raffle drawings and prizes for the best pajamas! This event will be held at the clubhouse.



Many A2 Lions from the district attended the Lions Michigan Forum in Kalamazoo. The event is chaired by PDG Jim Leach, and this year featured LCI guest speaker PIP Brian Sheehan.

Washington Lions Club will hold Fish Fry dinners every Friday through April 11.

Roseville Lions Club will host a car show on Sunday,

friends.

Congratulations to the Garden City Lions Club as they inducted 3 new members into the club!



Lions Elizabeth and Vincent Freeman, Lion Stanley Szczotka, FVDG Kim Hooper and PDG Matt Collins.

Detroit Westown Hartford Lions get ready to bowl!



April 27, Community Bank Parking lot, Route 22 Maysville Pike, S. Zanesville, OH. Registration is just \$15 for this event featuring trucks, motorcycles, tractors and a '50's theme.



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#### 11 B1

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Lion FVDG Furman attended FVDG/DGE Seminar in St. Charles, IL



Campers at this year's Winter Camp for the Blind enjoyed the many activities offered.



Adrian Breakfast and Hillsdale recently hosted the Annual Radio Auction Fundraiser in Adrian WBZV 102.5 radio to raise money to help in Hillsdale and Lenawee counties



Ann Arbor Area Lions held their Monthly Meet and Greet Event

Ann Arbor Evening, Ann Arbor Host and Huron Valley Sunrise Lions Clubs gathered for fun and fellowship.



Calhoun County Land Bank visited Cereal Executive Lions. Krista Trout-Citv Edwards discussed innovative programs for the abandoned and derelict properties. Guest Speaker Krista Trout-Edwards Executive Director Krista Trout-Edwards of the Calhoun County Land Bank, 315 W Green St., Marshall, Michigan, was the guest speaker on Wednesday, 26 February 2025. The land bank functions effectively bringing municipalities together nonprofits. citizens. businesses, and community groups.

Battle Creek Host Lions Club Bowling for the Blind fundraiser at 1:00 p.m. in Bowler-o Lanes of Battle Creek on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Everyone is welcome to join in in the fun!





Jackson Eyeopeners Lion Barb Ray was honored with an Esther LaMothe Fellowship by District 11 B1 at the convention in March. Pictured are Lion Barb and PID



Lions Ron Keagle and Wendall Lawrence lead the Bingo games at Winter for the Blind. Camp Bedford Area Lions Club hosted Bingo games using



An anxious participant holds his breath while numbers are drawn!

26th Annual Blissfield Area Lions Club Reverse Raffle was a great success and held at the Blissfield American Legion Post 325.

Blissfield Area Collects Eyeglasses -Lion Bill Ellis delivers eyeglasses to Most Ministries, Lions Alysia and Masters delivered Stan eyeglasses to Honduras



Clinton KidSight Screening Tecumseh Young Fives and Kindergarten Round-up.

Lion volunteers on included Laura Baker, Treasurer Thomas Hayes III, and Jeanne Betanzos, as Club President ZC Gregg Brindamour operated the camera for 70 KidSight vision screenings in the Tecumseh Acres Early Learning Center.



Hanover Horton Area Lions Club recently hosted free health screenings at the Heritage Park Event Center. Need a tent for your upcoming party or event? Hanover Horton Area Lions Club will rent it to you! Call Lion Bryan McClain at 517-817-8740 to reserve a tent local area only.



The Annual Great Eyeglass Collection was hosted by the Buchanan-Galien Lions Club on Saturday March 29th, 2025 as part of the 11-B2 District Convention. This year's event was also sponsored by the South Haven Black River and Watervliet Lions Clubs and Lions of Michigan Foundation. 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. The total glasses collected in the 32 years prior was 724,954. Eleven clubs brought a total of 18,166 glasses to this years event. The new total count of glasses collected over the 33year history: 743,120.



Lion Cub Zoey was given a Cub of the Year award and Cub Glanville was Co-Cub of the year. ID Judge Anthony Paradiso was very impressed with these young Lion Cubs and the service.



11B2 Peace Poster winner Leighla Duchamp received her certificate and prize money at the convention luncheon.





Lions Club Buchanan Sponsored these LEOs to go abroad. (L-R) Leo-Lion Geneva Tabor (Switzerland), Lion Alice Kring, District Chairperson and Leo Anja Tobar (Germany)



Two Executive Officers of the Mattawan LEO club are also members of the Dream Team sponsored by Cancer Families Jnited.



International Director Judge Anthony Paradiso giving the keynote address



member Lion Elvie Marfil a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship and had a tree planted in her name in a Kalamazoo County park. Lion Elvie is holding a picture of the tree.



The PKS Teams are anxious to reach a goal of 30,000 kids screened for our 2024-2025 Lion year. We are getting closer and closer as currently we are at 25,711 and have found 2,785 referrals, with a goal of 30,000 screenings this year.



Edwardsburg Lions participate in the Edwardsburg Food Pantry by helping to feed children with "backpack



Mattawan Lions Club sorted through thousands of eyeglasses for the Great Eyeglass Challenge.





Dexter Lions Club will award 9 - \$1,000 Scholarships to graduating seniors at Dexter High School.



Blissfield Lion Stan Masters donates \$500 on behalf of the club to counselor Nicole Cheney in support of May 9 Mental Health Day.

braille Bingo cards. There were many great prizes to choose from, thanks to the many Club donations this vear.

Homer Lions Club Pinewood Derby Races Club members were the host of a workshop for children and their parents to build the derby race cars. Homer Lions Club had seven members volunteer their time, talent, and knowledge to conduct a workshop held on Tuesday, February 18 to assist scouts and their parents to build the derby race cars. The first workshop to assist with the aesthetics only, not speed of the cars was a success and will be held again in future years. The derby races were conducted on Saturday, March 8, 2025, which marked the fifteenth year for Homer Lions Club to run and judge the pinewood derby for the scouts.

Hillsdale Lions Club Donated \$600 to Support Michigan Lions Causes, which included donations to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Bear Lake Camp, Penrickton Center for Blind Children and Michigan Youth Challenge Academy.

Fortune Teller was Our frighteningly accurate! We predict that one day, you will be District Governor.



to take home for the weekends.

Coloma Lions Club and The Fraternal Coloma Order of Police teamed up for a Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and a 3,000 plus Easter Egg Hunt beginning at the FOP Baseball Fields.\_

St. Joseph Lions Club: Lion John Johnson introduced Lion Fran Grabowski as a representative for Eversight. The organization is all about restoring vision. After becoming a corneal transplant, Fran became a Lion in order to find another avenue for supporting the efforts of saving sight for others.

Portage Lions Club toured The Bureau of Services for Blind Persons in Kalamazoo. This agency helps blind and visually impaired people in Michigan achieve employment and independence. We were shown where they gain computer skills, how to use a kitchen and prepare meals, how to learn cell phone skills, how to use braille technology, how to use woodworking equipment and make things.

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The Lyons-Muir Lions Club members have been busy reading books at their local Elementary Schools. The students and staff both love them. The books they are reading, focus on gratitude, managing anger and Leader dogs. After the readings, each school is given the books to add to their school libraries.





On February 1st, Muskegon Northside Lions celebrated their 46th anniversary. Pictured are their 4 remaining founding members. From left to right: Lions Ed Weessies, Larry Holstrom, Dennis Loughridge, and Paul Hoppa Congratulations, Muskegon Northside Lions Club!



This year's District C2 Peace Poster winner was MADISON NELSON, AGE 13, FRUITPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL



ALLEGAN LIONS In honor of their founder's birthday, the Allegan Lions held a vision screening on January 16th at Little Tigers Learning Center and the Tiny Tigers. Dr Dale Wittkop, Lee Wittkop and George Mohr were the dedicated Lions for this project which screened 99 children.



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FRUITPORT LIONS, AND FRUITPORT LIONESS CLUB It has been a busy winter for Fruitport Lioness and Lions clubs. In November they prepared and filled 80

food boxes for distribution. In December, during Old Fashioned Christmas, they served chili, 600 hot dogs, 1,200 cookies and hot chocolate to participants on Friday evening and Saturday during the day.

HAMILTON LIONS held their 13th Annual Hamilton Community Tree Lighting at 7:00 PM at the lovely Hamilton Family Dentistry Iawn! Hamilton Lions held a delightful evening filled with cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee. Festive caroling with the amazing Hamilton High School Choirs! It was the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season and spread some holiday cheer

NASHVILLE LIONS had 50 turkeys donated by an anonymous donor. Club members handed the turkeys out at their annual Nashville Christmas parade

MUSKEGON NORTHSIDE LIONS held their annual Christmas shopping event for underprivileged children. Then on 12-23-2024 Members of the club, along with their mascot Dandy, assisted Santa Claus and distributed Christmas presents to children of abused mothers.





DeWitt Lions Club Lion Tom Doyle introduced Mr.Brian Hurtekant, new Clinton County Commissioner who gave his background in state and local government over the past 30 years. He informed the den about the Clinton County budget including Airport Road project, Mega Site cancellation, upgrading technology, improving the jail or building a new one. President Tom Doyle thanked Mr. Brian Hurtekant and presented him with a famed DeWitt Breakfast Lion Club coffee cup.



Olivet Lions Club Treasurer Gale Knoll, is shown presenting a check for \$1000 to Olivet Community Schools athletic director, Kyle Fuller for a new softball scoreboard and updated signage in the high school gymnasium.



Bancroft Cubbies, the first Cub program in our district, are off to an incredible start! Sponsored by the Bancroft Lioness Lions Club, these young service minded Cubs made Valentine's Day

Cubs made valentine's Day cards in February to spread love and kindness, guided by their amazing mentors, the Shiawassee Leos and Cub Program Leader Lion Alex Smith. They delivered

the cards to the Senior Care Center in Durand. What makes this even more special? The Cubs and eos meet during the Bancroft Lioness Lions Club meetings, making the clubs truly family oriented. With every meeting, they're learning the joy of giving back and discovering how small acts of kindness can make a big impact.



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Owosso Lions served a delicious hot breakfast this beautiful morning for our guests at St John's Church in Owosso. We were blessed with an NHS member and his mom joining us to serve our community!

Hartland Lions Club was a busy club working two events in the community. First one being OLHSA Walk for Warmth. Second one being Livingston County Catholic Charities vs. the Sheriff Dept.



president of the St. Johns Lions Club, was guest speaker at the St. Johns Kiwanis Club recently. He talked about Lionism in general, our club projects including the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt at the city park, fundraisers like our food trailer at the concerts in the park series, and planned Earth Day activities at the

Lions Recycling Center. He also announced the club's plan to purchase a food trailer from another Lions club that has disbanded and our need for sponsors to help cover the cost. Anyone who wants more information about food trailer sponsorship opportunities can feel free to reply to this message.





A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the March 24th Grand Ledge Lions Club meeting! Your energy, kindness, and commitment to service made it truly

special. It's the people who show up, laugh together, share ideas, and upport one another that make our club what it is. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our newest member, Wendy Forbis!



St. Johns Lions Club had another great meeting at Main Street Cafe with 16 people in attendance including our two newest members and one guest who is considering joining. There was a long agenda, but we managed to finish by 7:30 p.m. The club has grown from a few members a couple of years ago to 27 members today.

IPDG Ted Hamilton A big shout out to my Michigan Lions 11-C2 family for the awesome get well card they all signed at the Celebration of Service convention in Mt Pleasant. I am looking forward to being at next year's event! Love and hugs to all, IPDG Theodoreable.



Mason Lions Club: At the recent dinner meeting, PDG Karen Routson and sponsor Lion Doug Klein inducted new member Lion Addison Soule. The Club presented our donations to Debbie Zielinski of the Mason Food Bank and Cathi Bates of Mason Community Services.

Lion Curtis Sonnenberg joined Bretton Woods Lions Club VP, Scott Norris, as a new

SPARTA LIONS Christmas Party in December had over 140 in attendance. Several wrapped gifts were provided as a suggested donation for the Charity live auction. They also had a lot of other items donated for the silent auction. This event raised just over \$11K, which they will return back to several of their community's charitable needs.

#### **RAVENNA LIONS**

Ravenna Lions are busy planning their 33rd Annual Goldfest event to be held on Saturday, April 26th, at the KC Hall in Conklin. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a baked potato bar with dinner. There will also be raffles, silent auction, live auction, good food and an all-round fun night! Tickets are \$40 per person for this great event.

#### ALTO

"Good artists borrow, great artists steal". Pablo Picasso Stealing an idea from the Indiana Franklin, Lions, featured in the Lions International magazine last fall, the Alto Lions created birthday kits for kids who might need the supplies to celebrate. 10 kits were delivered to Flat River Outreach Ministries, their local food pantry to give to families that could make use of these. The kits included a disposable pan, cake mix (chocolate or yellow to choose from), canned frosting, candles, napkins, party favors, sparkling water, and a stuffed bear.

#### OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED FOR THE BLIND (OUB)

Camp Work Day service opportunity on Saturday, April 26 will help clean up camp to get ready for summer! Volunteers will spend time raking, prepping the camp garden for planting in May, cleaning the lodge and bathhouse and remove any downed trees or branches. An additional work day will be held May 3.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP and let Gwen know if you have any food allergies or needs. Call me if you can't find us – 616-755-2221. Questions? Email me at gwen@oubmichigan.org Lion Gwen Botting, Secretary, Lyons-Muir Lions Club



with a Charles Weir Sight and Hearing Conservation Fellowship Durand Lions Club Lion Kent Edwards presented Lion Todd Acker with an A. Charles Weir Sight and Hearing Conservation Fellowship. Also being awarded was Lion Ed Lautzenheiser Fellowship. Congratulations to both outstanding Lions who do so much for our community!



Grand Ledge Lions Club Juan Castillo who is the Student Inclusion, Mental Health & Wellness Supervisor for Grand Ledge Schools was introduced to our club by Lion Dr. Bill Barnes. Mr. Castillo explained the important work he does to support Grand Ledge students. member on the Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund Board of Directors, with a Michigan Lions connection and with quarterly meetings held in downtown Jackson MI ... a great group with a great mission designing and manufacturing books, exams, texts and other printed media for the visually challenged.

Elsie Lions Club new trailer to transport our tents, tables and chairs that the Elsie Lions Club rents out year around. Also used to keep supplies in at the Elsie Dairy Festival, for our Lions Food

Festival, for our Lions Food Booth. Elsie Lion Les Loynes presented a \$440 check to Kortney Miller

Sponsorship Director for the Ovid- Elsie Youth Baseball and Softball League.

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#### 11 D1

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Marlette Lions Club dressed up their eyeglass collection box at their local hospital. This is keeping with our original Lion's challenge from Helen Keller, to be the knights against darkness.



USA Lions Club screened 15 children at this years annual Easter Egg hunt at the Sebewaing Village Park



USA Lions Club held another quarterly blood drive and also incorporated a "cards of encouragement" project with donors writing easter cards to send to assisted and indepent care homes in the local area. Nearly 20 blood donations means 60 lives saved too.



Congratulations to Lion Duane Comerford from Shields Lions Club for being awarded one of five Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from the Lions. He was awarded the certification by International Director Steve Middlemiss on behalf of District Governor Jon Van Tol at last night's 11D 1 Convention in Mt. Pleasant. Duane's hard work on the Peace Posters, the Michigan All State Band, the food drive he organized, and he was a Zone Chair this past year earned him the recognition.



Frankenmuth Lions Club hosted Advisor, Cyndie (pictured) Roberts. from Midland Dow HS. She shared the school's environmentfocused Go Green! Club activities and the many ways they save water, recycle waste and use resources wisely.

Go Green! has approximately 30 high school students and they have been officially recognized by other organizations. The many ideas and actions they have taken are currently being shared with the Frankenmuth LEO Club.



Lennon Lions Club: Region Chair Lion Dan Emburv presented 50-vear а milestone Chevron award to PDG Bob Sturgis at our last meeting. This is an award that not many Lion's members achieve. Our motto is "WE SERVE" and Lion Bob Sturgis has been years in our community and all over the state of Michigan helping



others. Congratulations!

Frankenmuth Lions Club Sarah Hoffman, hosted Camp Program Director, and Kate Clifford, Siblings Camp Director, from Camp Quality, a regional camp experience for children with cancer and their families.

Flushing Lions Club- Puppy Raisers have been busy giving various presentations to the clubs and other organizations as well as providing support for the Leader Dog School. A presentation was provided for the Girl Scouts in Brighton. Rob Cronk has transported puppies to several of the correctional facilities. Presentations on the program are also scheduled for district conventions, Gains Lions Club and the Woodman Club, to name a few.

Flushing High School's Robotics Club made a presentation to the club the first meeting of the month and we made a \$400 donation to their projects as they are very expensive programs.

Freeland Lions Club Walleye Festival is known statewide

is scheduled to take place on May 17, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Double Tree Hotel in Bay City. The organizers organizers are actively seeking volunteers from the Bay City area to assist with the event. This symposium aims to contribute to the overarching goal of increasing membership to 1.5 million worldwide. We would like to ask all clubs to donate what you can or ask your members to personally donate \$5, to support this initiative. You were generous at the 2018-2019 Symposium, and we are hoping you can help again. We would like to thank the Buena Vista Lions Club for allowing us to use their clubhouse free of charge to hold our meetings.

2025 New Voices Symposium

ZOOM account for District D1 The district has a Zoom account which is available for any club or committee meeting. Send a request to this email: district11d1@ gmail.com to request a zoom meeting or call PDG Steven VanTol at 989-430-9500. Zoom meetings are scheduled on a first-come basis and is available to any club or district officer for Leo or Lions business.



CC Terri Huffman, DG Judy Keller, PID Deb Weaverling get photo-bombed by PDG Sami Makul at the D2 Convention.

PID Pals, PID Deb and PID Justin



Many visiting Governors and Council Chair Huffman attended the D2 Convention, which had to make a venue change just three days before their event due to water damage at the Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant. Lions Bear Lake Camp stepped up and opened their doors.

Ubly Lions have had three District Governors in the recent past. Also, one International Director. PID Justin Faber, PDG Makhoul, and current District Governor Judy Keller. This is the only club that has this kind of representation in senior leadership in our district the past decade.

Elkton Lions stuffed over 7,000 Easter eggs with pieces of candy on March 19. Lions showed up to help and the project was completed in two hours.

Emmett Lions Club members are busy this month with their "REVERSE RAFFLE DRAWING" drawing, a hugely popular event. They'll also host a blood drive with participants receiving a \$15 gift card.

Port Huron Host welcomes a new Lion Bill Wickings. Lion Bill was sponsored by Resa Wickings. President Brandon Arnold did the installation. It is always good to get new members, they bring new ideas and experiences.



Metamora Lioness Lions Club had their 5th Annual Fish Fry in March. What started out as a rainy day and had them questioning whether people were going to venture out but then it turned into a brilliant. sunny day. Our community showed up for the Lioness Lions Club, making it a another successful event.



In Loving Memory · PDG Jack Kriete passed away unexpectedly shortly after the close of the District D2 Convention. Lion Jack was a leader, a mentor, and a Lion with a heart of service. He will be sorely missed by all.

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and attracts thousands of visitors. This year, in addition to a Car Show, Casino Games, Carnival Rides, Kid's Trout Pond, Parade, DJs, Live Music, Beer Tent, Bingo and a Fishing Tournament.Disc Golf, Texas Hold'em, Cornhole, & Beer Pong Tournaments, they will also host Comedy Night on Friday of the event. The Walley Festival is held the last weekend of April.

Algonac Lions are proud to partner with the Community Foundailon of St. Clair for THE BIG GIVE this year. The Big Give is a dedicated day of generosity powered by social media and collaboration. Organized by The Community Foundation of St. Clair County. The Big Give will take place on May 14th, 2025, from midnight to 11:59 PM. Donations can be made by anyone across the United States, and all contributions are greatlv appreciated. Donation will be used to purchase a PlusoptiX S12R Vision Screener to be utilized throughout District 11D2.



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Holly Gottleber (runner up), Amanda Brickner, Peace Poster winner, 6th grade teacher Dennis Lorens, and Lion Karlis Greizis.



Weidman Lions Club has been busy performing vision testing and donating books at the Chippewa, Weidman, and Beal City elementary schools as well as St. Joseph the Worker school in Beal City. First graders received reading books, 4th grade dictionaries and 5th grade the United States constitution. After some twenty years of renting the old fire station in Weidman, we had the opportunity to purchase it, and we did it! A four-bay unit. We use one bay for recycling and the rest to store equipment. The building also utilizes a portion for the local panty. We participated in the Peace Poster contest with the 6th grade class from Beal City's St. Joseph the Worker School



Keeping it Clean! Empire club conducted a Spring Adopt a Highway cleanup on April 5th.



Flip 'em While They're Hot!



Greenville Lions & Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast reenville Lions Club partnered with the Rotary Club and held a joint Pancake Breakfast, a (Fundraiser for Spring Break Food Boxes). We had a great turnout and support from the community! Greenville Lions Club will hold the Kreitner Memorial Classic Golf Outing in memory of Lions who have passed. The outing will take place on June 14 at Candlestone Golf and Resort, Belding.



Stanwood Lions Club was privileged to have District Governor Tom MacNaughton who gave an informative presentation at their January 20th meeting. DG MacNaughton also presented Lion Steve Cole a certificate for 25 years' service with Stanwood Lions.

Luther Lions Club held a St. Patrick's Dinner and Entertainment featuring a traditional Irish meal along with the sale of raffle tickets with an assortment of prizes. They even provided free Irish dance lessons! In April they'll hold an all you can eat pancake breakfast for only \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6-12 yrs old. Under 6 are FREE! The Feed America truck was in the Luther Lions Club lot to had out food to those in need, and they are also busy with the annual Spring Craft Show





a very informative talk for club members. Lion Kecia Club members. Lion Kecia Freed (left) and Lion Karen Wright (right) receive a Lions mug from King Lion Julie Hasse (center). Karen and Kecia provided tips on how to reduce life's stress using tools available from their business called Proceed. Pause, Breathe,



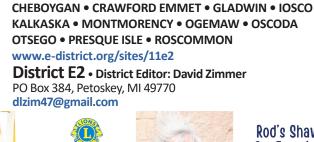
East Jordan Lions Club -Robotics instructor, el Lochs, recently U.S. Michael spoke to the club about the robotics program. The club generously donated \$500 to the program



Governor Denny Gocha, Council Chair Terri Huffman and many of the District Governors attended the recent D2 Convention held at Lions Bear Lake Camp.



Oscoda Club Lions enurne



DG Dennis Gocha

11 E2



Oscoda Lions Club 17th annual

Best Ball Bowling Tournament

was a great success. Lion

Jane reported that \$2,350

was added to our activities

account. Twelve teams on

each shift enjoyed the bowling,

the trick shots and the fun of spending time together. Each bowler received a prize for participating and special

awards were given to the

winning teams and the top

bowlers on each shift. Many community businesses and

Lions came together to make

District Governor Dennis Gocha swore in new member Dr. Ryan Cunningham at the Central Lake Lions Club meeting. He was sponsored by Bob Labeau.

Consumers Energy compared the storm to an F5 Tornado

with the damage that was

done. Many in the northern

Michigan communities were severely impacted, and as

Lions, we will do all we can to

2025 Ice Storm

this another great success.

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Rod's Shave for Eversight Fundraiser

Lions of Michigan Convention May 16, 2025 Bay City & Facebook Live

Central Lake Lions Club: Support Eversight in a fun way- help Lion Rod shave it all off! PDG Rod Leathers has once again "let it all grow out" in an effort to raise money to support Eversight, whose vision is a world without blindness. Hair, beard, and mustache shave - all must go. Want to watch? The big shave will be done at the Lions of Michigan Convention on May 16, 2025 in Bay City, and also live on Facebook. Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500. Every little bit helps! Lion Rod will be part of the carnival atmosphere on Friday night at the MD 11 Convention. Come watch the "smallest strong man" take it all off!





Jordan Lions Fast had another successful Easter Fun and Games event at the EJ Elementary School. They had candy, games, bike giveaways and additional prizes, making many children and parents hoppy this Easter!

**District E1 Convention service** project this year will be to





a residence last year, bringing new life to it at a new home this spring.

help with the recovery. Ice and wind downed trees and power lines, leaving thousands without power for days and weeks. These photos show some unbelievable results. Photos by Lion David Zimmer.



package over 360 hygiene kits. Some of these kits will go to the Women's Resource Center. We would also like the Lions members to take some kits back to their clubs for distribution within their community.

#### E1 - E2 DISTRICT NEWS

**Eversight** making vision a reality

# Every child deserves to see the beauty of the world.

Born with impaired vision, Oliver Chavez struggled to make sense of the world around him. Thanks to the generosity of donors and their families, and the work of Eversight, Oliver received two corneal transplants.

Since then, his vision has improved dramatically. From barely seeing shapes and shadows, Oliver's vision has now progressed to 22/50–an outcome beyond what his family had dared hope.

"As he regains more and more of his sight, his confidence just soars," Oliver's mother, Katy said. "He used to have a really hard time when we would be out in a crowd. He would be right next to me; I called him Velcro kid. Now he's really finding his independence and just exploring the world."

We invite you to read more about Oliver's journey: eversightvision.org/oliver



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