

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD11

MAY 14-16, 2026

MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

THURSDAY PICNIC AT CELLAR 1914
FRIDAY RENAISSANCE WELCOME PARTY
SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION
S.A. DODGE AWARDS BANQUET
SHANTY CREEK, BELLAIRE, MICHIGAN

PREPARE TO BE MERRY

For mail returns see ID statement.

WELCOME LCI PRESIDENT A.P. SINGH INVITED GUEST SPEAKER



The MD 11 Lions Convention Committee Chairs Dave and Brenda Hacker and committee members wish to personally invite you to celebrate our 106th Annual MD 11 Lions Convention, to be held at the Lakeview Hotel Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI, May 14-16, 2026.

The committee is excited to announce our LCI guest speaker this year will be President A.P. Singh of Kolkata, India. This will be the first time we have had a seated president as our guest since President Ralph Lyman in 1979 – 47 years ago!

President Singh will provide the keynote address on Saturday, May 16, during the S.A. Dodge Awards Banquet. President Singh's travel companion, PID Sanjeeta Jatia, is also invited to join us for the weekend.

UPCOMING

Events:

APRIL 24 - MAY 3 2026
WHITE CANE PROCLAMATION WEEK

April 2026
Family & Friends Month
Environmental Awareness Month
Leo Club Awareness Month

May 14-16 2026
MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION
Shanty Creek Resort Bellaire MI
GUEST SPEAKER INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT A.P.SINGH

MAY 15 2026
5th COG
Shanty Creek Resort Bellaire MI

JULY 3-7 2026
2026 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
HONG KONG

JULY 31-AUGUST 1 26
1s COG Meeting
Comfort Inn Mount Pleasant MI

September 3 - 5 2026
USA/Canada Forum
Memphis TN

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



MD 11 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS DATES

DISTRICT	DATE	DISTRICT GOVERNOR	LOCATION	CITY
A1	April 24-25	Kim Hooper	Monroe Community College,	Monroe
A2	March 20-22	Mark Scicluna	DoubleTree Hotel,	Grand Rapids
B1	May 1	Bea Furman	Cascades Manor House,	Jackson
B2	Mar 28	Karen Bouwman		
C1	March 27-28	Earl Howell	Hyatt,	Grand Rapids
C2	March 13-14	Aleta Cozart	Comstock Inn,	Owosso
D1	April 18-19	Gerald Whitney	Comfort Inn,	Mt. Pleasant
D2	April 16-18	Dave Fisher	Wyndham	Flint/Grand Blanc
E1	March 27-28	Jeff Schafer	Evergreen Resort,	Cadillac
E2	April 24-26	Marie Leathers	TreeTops Resort,	Gaylord
SD10	May 1-3	Coleen Maki	Island Casino	Harris
MD11	May 14-16	CC Becky Hamilton	Shanty Creek Resort,	Bellaire



EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRIDE

BY LION WENDY BURNS

Fellow Lions,

I hope you enjoy this special convention edition of the Lion Pride. Included are photos from past conventions held in the '60's and '70's, when only the men were counted in the overall attendance and the women were guests.

In 1961 there were 1,198 registered Lions in attendance – again, these were just the number of men who registered. Women dressed in formal attire for the banquets, they attended afternoon teas and had a meet and greet with the State Secretary, had scheduled free time for shopping, and enjoyed a spring luncheon that was only for the ladies.

We've come a long way, baby, to get where we've got to, today! I have just dated myself with that Virginia Slims cigarette jingle from 1968 but look where we are today with women in Lions. March is International Women's Month and LCI created a virtual event, She Leads—a powerful, global symposium uplifting women in Lionism and shaping the future of inclusive leadership in service. If you missed it, you can watch it all on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@LionsVirtualLive>.

During your time at the MD 11 Lions Convention, I encourage you to take part in the Women in Leadership breakout session led by a panel of key leaders which include a panel of Michigan Lions and our invited LCI guest, PID Sangeeta Jatia. What an inspirational session this will be for all Lions to attend. Other breakout session topics for you to attend include applying for grants such as the Hunger Grant through LCI. Hear how E2 successfully applied for and received a \$250,000.00 grant to assist in the building of a new Food Bank center in Gaylord and receive valuable information on how you can do the same. We are excited to have the Skegemog Raptor Center join us with their raptor Ambassador for a breakout session as well as a part of our Friday night Renaissance event. SRC is a Michigan-based nonprofit dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured birds of prey, environmental education, and the protection of raptor habitat through community engagement and conservation efforts. We have also scheduled a guided tour of the Grass Lake Nature Reserve in Bellaire. I hope you plan to attend as many of the planned events as possible.

President A.P. Singh is our guest speaker, and we are honored that he has accepted our invitation to join us this year. The last time we had a seated President at our convention was 1979 when President Ralph Lyman was our guest, 47 years ago!

We've come a long way, as President Singh stated in the She Leads symposium. We thank the many women who have joined since the 70's for their leadership role in serving alongside others with their heart and soul, and to all Lions and Leos for making our organization what it is today, the greatest in the world!

Yours in Service – Lion Wendy Burns



DG SPOTLIGHT

DG MARIE LEATHERS MD11E2

There's something magical about this time of year as we start to come out of winter but we're not quite into spring. The days are warmer and the nights are still cold, and that's when the magic happens. With a drill, a spile and a hammer the lifeblood of a maple tree begins to drip out of the tree, the beginning of a long process of making delicious all natural maple syrup.

My Dad decided he wanted to try to make maple syrup over 50 years ago when he bought his farm. He used an old fashioned manual hand drill to drill the holes. He collected the sap in milk jugs hanging on the spiles because he worked with what he had. Over the years he collected sap in two gallon metal buckets and then five gallon plastic buckets. He cooked it in a 100 gallon pan over his custom made fire pit that he built. But it really didn't matter what he used, the final product was always maple syrup.

We were fortunate to have my Dad teach us how to carry on his tradition. We did try using a battery drill one year, but when Dad kind of shook his head we decided we wanted to keep with his tradition and went back to the hand drill. We found ways to use bags instead of buckets to collect the sap, and when Dad saw the benefits of the new system that kept the rain and snow out, he thought that was a great idea and we never went back to buckets. We still cooked it in his 100 gallon pan over his custom made fire pit, and will continue until it wears out. Some things we did the same, some things we did different, but the final product was always maple syrup.

Some day we might collect the sap the modern way with tubes and use an evaporator instead of an open pan, and use gas instead of wood. In my Dad's memory, as we pass the tradition of making maple syrup to the next generation we hope to be open to changes they might have, but help them to always remember where the traditions came from. Nevertheless, the final product will always be maple syrup.

And that's a lot like Lions clubs as they have evolved over the last 100 plus years. Some clubs are groups of business owners working together to better their community, like when Melvin Jones founded Lions. Some clubs are cyber clubs where members don't even meet in the same place or even the same state. Some clubs are great at fundraising and making donations to help those in need. Some clubs are great at service and spending their time directly helping those in need. Some clubs are large. Some clubs are small. But the final product is always the same - "WE SERVE!"

But the similarities don't end there. Because along the way to the final product is the journey where we learn, adapt and grow. With maple syrup it starts with cutting the trees for the fire needed to cook the sap, tapping the trees, collecting the sap and cooking for hours and hours to get to that sweet result of our labors. With Lions, we have meetings, we do fundraisers, we do service projects, and with hours of planning and working we get to our final product of serving others and seeing the sweet smiles on those we touch.

So remember that whether it's syrup or service, don't be a sap! Don't be afraid of change when it makes sense, but don't throw out traditions just for the sake of change. Enjoy the journey and keep your eye on the final product. Because the friends we meet, the memories we make, the lessons we learn along the way, the service we leave behind, like syrup, are golden.



FORUM HIGHLIGHTS



MICHIGAN LIONS SERVICE PROJECT – Lions exceeded the goal of raising \$12,000.00 for backpacks to benefit Forget Me Not Little Heroes backpack project by \$13,000.00. Total amount raised and donated to the program came to \$25,000.00! Thank you, Lions, for heeding to call for help without any hesitation. WE SERVE.



Lion Holly Tessman-Johnson is the organizer for Little Heroes and a member of Three Rivers Lions Club. Three Rivers Lions came out in force to assist with approximately 75 Lions in packaging up contents of the backpacks. After the devastating tornado hit the communities of Three Rivers and Union City, the club and many other Lions are without a doubt helping with the clean-up.



Forum Team Members Lion Vicki Hodge and PCC Jim Pettinato.

210 Lions registered for this year's Forum and 18 exhibitors showcased their programs and products. The Michigan Department of Treasury Unclaimed Property was a popular table, where 41 claims were discovered for clubs and members, totaling \$22,363 in unclaimed funds.



At the MD 11 Convention last year in Bay City, a total of 80 claims had been identified, amounting to \$27,735 returned (or in the process of being returned) to Lions clubs and individual members. \$50,098 have now been recovered enabling clubs to redirect for use in service projects. It pays to attend Lions of Michigan events!



Forum Team Members IPDG Judy Keller and Lions Member Services Faith Burns



Forum team members PDG Kurt Stromlund, PDG Fran Grabowski, Lion Tammie Grabowski and PDG Jackie Glazier.

Thank you to the following donors for exceeding all expectations for donations to Forget Me Not Little Heroes back pack project.

- Cory Knuth
- Char & Greg Cook
- District 11 E-2
- Jackson Host Lions
- Alto Lions
- Three Rivers Eagles
- District 11 B-2
- Carol Patridge
- Jim Pettinato
- Ron Hines
- Kelsey Martin
- Clarkston Lions
- Mt. Clemens Lions
- Wixom Walled Lake Lions
- Grand Blank K of C
- Lake Orion Lions
- Royal Oak Lions
- Dist. 11 A-2
- Lions of Michigan COG
- District 11 C-2
- Three Rivers Moose
- Three Rivers Lions
- Edwardsburg Lions Club
- Paw Paw Lions Club
- Central Lake Lions
- Vermontville Lions Club
- District 11 B-2 LCIF Grant
- Three Rivers Rotary
- St. Joseph Lions Club
- Ravena Lions Club
- Marlette Lions Club
- New Baltimore Lions Club
- and 7 individual members
- Buena Vista Lions Club
- Elkton Lions Club
- New Buffalo Lions Club
- Fruitport Lions Club
- Adrian Lions Club
- Bancroft Lioness Lions Club
- Lakeshore Lions Club
- District 11 E-1
- Onekama Lions Club
- District 11 B-1
- Battle Creek Host Lions Club
- District 11 D-2
- Linden Lions Club
- East Jordan Lions Club
- Buchanan-Galien Lions Club
- Auburn Williams Lions Club
- District 11-D1
- Steve and Sandy Van Tol
- Lakewood Area Lions Club
- St. Johns Lions Club
- Cereal City Lions Club
- Grand Rapids Lions Club
- Vicksburg Lions Club
- Hazel Park Lions Club
- District 11 - A1
- Holt Lions Club
- Virginia Ciaramitaro (Lake Orion Lions Member)
- Bay City Lions Club
- Bretton Woods Lions Club
- Julie Mayuiers



> LIONS NEWS

MD11 GAT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED



MD 11 GAT applications are now being accepted. Positions are open for Global Service, Global Membership, Global Leadership and Global Extension Team Chairpersons.

Information on these positions can be found on LCI's website:



Please send letter of interest along with your Lion history no later than April 15, 2026. Mail to the state office: Wendy Burns Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Dr, Lansing, MI, 48911 or email: wburns@lionsofmi.com



A LITTLE LION MADE WITH LOVE — AND ON A MISSION TO CHANGE LIVES



This little Lion could be yours!

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

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

By purchasing a **\$10 raffle ticket**, you're not just entering to win a handmade keepsake — you're becoming part of a story of kindness. A story where small contributions create big impact. A story where creativity meets service.



On July 21, 2026, one lucky supporter will either be taking this lion home or have it sent to them by mail. But every person who participates becomes part of the heart behind it.

Thank you for helping this little lion make a big difference.

www.lionleo.win

is his website and shows you how Lion Leo was made, how he was named, and who made him! The website also gives you the link to his facebook page and a link to purchase a ticket on line if you wish. Or alternatively text Lion lindy wineman at 989 450 3644 or email at lindy@abadata.com

Lion Leo has been travelling with ID Dave and Lindy to different places this month including Indiana, Massachussets, New Hampshire and more!

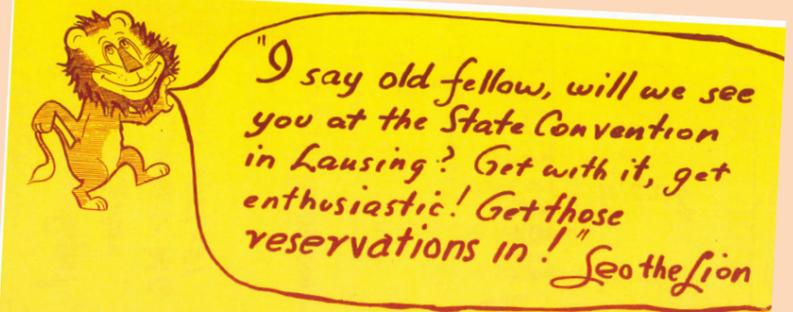


WE SERVE!

WE SERVE in many ways! Consider service as a state chairperson or district chairperson on one of our many committees. Email your letter of interest to: lions@lionsofmi.com

- Lions Michigan All State Band
- Lions Bear Lake Camp
- Constitution & By-Laws/Rules
- Diabetes
- District Editors Advisory
- Childhood Cancer
- Eversight Michigan
- Global Extension Team
- Global Leadership Team
- Global Membership Team
- Global Service Team
- Hearing Committee
- Information Technology
- International Convention
- LCIF
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- LEO Committee
- Lions Quest
- Lions Youth Exchange Program
- MD 11 Convention
- Public Relations/Social Media
- Reading Action Program
- White Cane/Sight Conservation/Scholarships
- USA/Canada Forum Ad-Hoc Committee

PAST CONVENTIONS PHOTOS



T 11 STATE CONVENTION 1960

MICHIGAN MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11
 LIONS CONVENTION
 ☆ LUNCHEON FOR THE MEN ONLY ☆
 SATURDAY - MAY 13, 1961
 at 12:30
 CIVIC AUDITORIUM \$2.75 No. 1

MICHIGAN MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11
 LIONS CONVENTION
 ☆ BANQUET ☆
 SATURDAY - MAY 13, 1961
 7:00 P.M.
 CIVIC AUDITORIUM \$5.00 No. 392
 ADMIT ONE

MICHIGAN MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11
 LIONS CONVENTION
 ☆ KEY MEMBERS' BREAKFAST ☆
 EARLY SATURDAY MORNING
 at 7:00 A.M.
 PANTLIND BALL ROOM \$1.75 No. 1

MICHIGAN MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11
 LIONS CONVENTION
 ☆ LUNCHEON for the Ladies ☆
 SATURDAY - MAY 13, 1961
 at 12:30
 PANTLIND BALL ROOM \$2.50 No. 450

MICHIGAN MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11
 LIONS CONVENTION
 ☆ SUNDAY LUNCHEON ☆
 ☆ for Lions and Their Ladies ☆
 MAY 14th
 PANTLIND BALL ROOM \$3.00 No. 400
 at 1:00 P.M.

1961 ATTENDANCE FIGURES -- MEN ONLY

DISTRICT 11-A-1	257
DISTRICT 11-A-2	264
DISTRICT 11-B-1	123
DISTRICT 11-B-2	91
DISTRICT 11-C	131
DISTRICT 11-D	238
DISTRICT 11-E	94
TOTAL	1,198



> CONVENTION NEWS

2026 MD 11 CONVENT

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MD 11 Convention May 14-16, 2026 Lakeview Hotel, Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire

Thursday, May 14, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Convention Kick-off Picnic Cellar 1914, 5833 Shooks Rd, Central Lake Charlevoix Lions Club famous grilled chicken dinner! Beverages available at Cellar 1914. Meet in front of hotel at 5:30 to carpool or arrive on your own. Cost: \$20/person

Friday, May 15, 2026
9:00 a.m. Council of Governors Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open
10:00 a.m. Grass River Nature Area Tour
Enjoy a guided tour at the Grass River Natural Area is a 1,502-acre nature preserve surrounding the Grass River, located in the heart of Antrim County. Cost: \$10/person
1:15 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2026-2027 Planning Meeting

Friday Breakout Sessions 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
2:00 Hear What's New at Leader Dogs for the Blind
3:00 Skegemog Raptor Center featuring raptor ambassadors

Welcome Reception - Renaissance Themed Evening 6:00 p.m.
Dress in your medieval finest and **Prepare to be Merry!**
A banquet feast and entertainment await you in the banquet hall

9:30 p.m. HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN - Continue the Merriment!

Saturday, May 16, 2026 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Exhibitor's Hall Open

8:30 a.m. Awards Breakfast
Special Guest Speaker Lion Hayley Laskowski, Boad Member, Michigan Ski for Light

10:30 a.m. Business Session
Featuring LCI updates from President Singh and news from around our state with updates from our State Project leaders

Saturday Breakout Sessions 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. Women in Leadership - Join us for a panel discussion from leaders in the field! PID Esther LaMothe, PID Jenny Ware, Council Chair-Elect Cheryl Anderson. Invited: PID Sangeeta Jatia, LCI guest
3:00 p.m. When there's a need, there's a Lion! Learn how to successfully apply for a Community Grant, available to all Lions Clubs or any of the many grants available through LCI

S.A. Dodge Awards Banquet
5:30 p.m. - 6:40 p.m. Cocktail Reception honoring S.A. Dodge Recipients
5:30 p.m. Lions of Michigan All State Band performance
6:50 p.m. Memorial Recognition
7:15 p.m. Dinner

Keynote Address by Lions International President, A.P. Singh, India
Congratulations to our 2025-2026 S.A. Dodge Recipients:
PDG Cheryl Anderson, Council Chair-Elect, 11 C1 & VDG Larry Wegrzyn, 11 A1

**Hospitality Room open at the close of the banquet -
Continue the Merriment!**

Prepare to be Merry!

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT 2026

Shall Article II of the MD-11 Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II
Appointment of Council Chairperson**

The council chairperson, shall be appointed by the District Governors of the multiple district provided that such chairperson shall be a current or past district governor when they take office. The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in the capacity again. A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson appointed shall be called following the multiple district annual convention, but no later than 30 days following the closing of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a club member in good standing in a club in good standing in the multiple district as council chairperson

Proposed amendment:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article II of the MD-11 By-Laws be amended to read: The council chairperson shall be elected at the third council of governors' meeting by and from the first vice district governors who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson appointed.

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The purpose of this amendment is to bring MD-11 Constitution and Bylaws into alignment with the current practices and policy manual of the council of governors.



2026 MD 11 Lions Convention
LCI Guest Speaker President A.P. Singh
Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead.
May 14-16, 2026 Lakeview Hotel & Conference Center
Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI
Reservations: 231.533.3000 Room Rate: \$119 +tax/fees
Register early for discounted rate by: 4.14.26

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 5/14/26 Picnic @ \$20.00 Cellar 1914	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$20.00 for each Lion/Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$20.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Grass River Nature Area Tour \$10.00	\$ _____
_____ Friday Renaissance Party @ \$30.00/person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Awards Breakfast @ \$18.00/person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$40.00 person	\$ _____
	Total: \$ _____

Entrée: ___ Regular Entrée ___ Vegetarian/Gluten Free

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 5, 2026**. No refunds after **May 1, 2026**. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at Lakeview Hotel, Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

CONVENTION MAY 14-16, 2026



Lions Clubs of Michigan

SD10 and MD11, Lions International

The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is pleased to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships to the 2026 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention May 14-16, 2026 Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000

Speaking opportunity during the Saturday Awards Banquet (up to 10 minutes); Advertisement in the Lion Pride publication; advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event; insert included in welcome packet

Gold Sponsor - \$500

Speaking opportunity at Friday's Welcome Reception/Dinner or Saturday Awards Breakfast (up to 5 minutes); advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event; insert included in welcome packet

Silver Sponsor - \$400

Full page advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display; insert included in welcome packet

Bronze Sponsor - \$300

Full page advertisement in proceedings booklet; banner on display throughout the event; insert included in welcome packet

Heart of a Lion - \$150 Club Special!

Breakout Session or Coffee Break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings booklet; banner on display

All sponsors who commit by April 1, 2026, will be listed on promotional materials, in the Lion Pride publication, on the Lions of Michigan website and Face Book page. Checks should be made out to Lions of Michigan and mailed to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911. Contact wburns@lionsofmi.com or call 517-887-6640 for further details.

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MICHIGAN LIONS: LEAD TO SERVE. SERVE TO LEAD. 106TH MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION – MAY 14-16, 2026 SHANTY CREEK RESORT, BELLAIRE, MICHIGAN ADVERTISING OPTIONS

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

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

Overall Booklet Size: 8" x 5 1/2"

- 1. 1/4 page ad: \$35.00
- 2. 1/2 page ad: \$40.00
- 3. Full page ad: \$50.00

Please note that all ads must be prepaid by April 28. Mail form to Lions of Michigan State Office, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911; email to lions@lionsofmi.com or fax: 517-887-6642

Name:
Business Name:
Billing Address:
City, State, Zip
Home Phone: Business Phone:
Email address: Cell Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> Included is a print ready ad or message <input type="checkbox"/> Please design my personal or business ad to read (please attach detailed information for your ad)
CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
Ad Size: 1/4 page 1/2 page Full page
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$
Payments online at: https://lionsofmi.com/index.php/up-coming-events
Accepted Credit Cards: MasterCard/Visa

Thank you for your continued support-See you at Shanty Creek!
Mail form and advertisement to:
Lions of Michigan
5730 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911
Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 102



EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT –MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 14-16, 2026 Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, Michigan

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11 Convention, at Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI. Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$95.00 for **Friday and Saturday**; the fee includes a *quarter sized* in the State Convention booklet. \$60.00 is the fee for a **single day**. This charge is fully refundable if, for any reason, the convention is canceled or moved to another city or in case of fire or other catastrophic occurrence to the property. All conditions stated in the letter of invitation shall be accepted and followed by all exhibitors and their representatives.

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

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



MICHIGAN LIONS – Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead. EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT – MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 15-16, 2026 Lakeview Hotel & Conference Center, Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI

Please reserve a display table for me on: _____ Friday only (May 15, 2026) \$60.00
 _____ Saturday only (May 16, 2026) \$60.00
 _____ Friday and Saturday \$95.00
 # _____ Boxed Lunch Sat. only @ \$20.00

Total _____ \$ _____

Exhibitor Hours:
Friday 9:00 am -6:30 pm Saturday 9:00 am -4:00 pm
Do you require an electrical hook-up? Yes _____ No _____

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ORGANIZATION _____
 ADDRESS _____
 DATE _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Space is limited! Please submit by April 27, 2026

Register online:

www.lionsofmi.com

Mail your registration:

Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 103

> HONG KONG NEWS

HONG KONG! GET READY TO LEAD AND SERVE

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HONG KONG 2026

108th Lions International Convention

GET READY TO LEAD AND SERVE.

The international convention happens once a year, and in 2026, we'll celebrate together in the skyscraper capital of the world. Get ready to be entertained, find inspiration and meet new friends. We'll see you in Hong Kong, where we will truly make unforgettable memories together!

We have made important scheduling updates to our 2026 convention events. Schedule adjustments were recently identified to align with host city guidelines and maintain the convention's overall structure.

While the dates of the convention haven't changed, we have changed the dates of several key events, including the following:

- **Opening Plenary Session: Saturday, July 4**
- **Elections: Saturday, July 4 – Monday, July 6**
- **Second Plenary Session: Sunday, July 5**
- **Closing Plenary Session: Monday, July 6**
- **MJF Luncheon: Monday, July 6**
- **Parade of Nations: Tuesday, July 7**
(pending finalization of plans)



HONG KONG 2026

108th Lions International Convention

As many of you know, the convention was moved to Hong Kong after our planned destination of Atlanta was cancelled by the city of Atlanta due to the FIFA World Cup. Our host Lions and the city of Hong Kong stepped up to help us transition to our new location. As we worked together to support this significant shift, we recently identified schedule adjustments needed to align with our host city's guidelines and maintain the convention's overall structure.

We will be updating our Convention Schedule webpage on lionscon.org with more details as they are confirmed, but here are some initial updates we'd like to share with you.

- **Convention Dates:** Convention dates are not changing, only the convention schedule, so we will still be hosting convention July 3-7.
- **Plenary Sessions:** Our three plenary sessions will be moved up one day, now scheduled for July 4-6.
- **Parade of Nations:** The parade will be moved to Tuesday, July 7 pending finalization of plans.
- **Elections:** Elections will be held July 4-6.
- **Pre- and Post-Convention Events:** There are currently no planned changes to pre- and post-convention events such as the board meeting, the DGE Seminar, the post-convention board meeting and New Directors Orientation.

CONVENTION - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2026

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HONG KONG 2026

108th Lions International Convention



Lions & Friends to China




Post-Convention 9-Nights July 8 - 17, 2026
*Macau * Shanghai * Beijing * Great Wall * Xian Terra Cotta Warriors*

This tour will be escorted by Lion Amy Fink and PID Ken Ibarra
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Trip Highlights:

- 1-night hotel accommodation in Macau
- 3-night hotel accommodation in Metropark Jichen Hotel Shanghai
- 3-night hotel accommodation in Novotel Peace Hotel Beijing
- 2-night hotel accommodation in Grand Mercure Hotel Xian On Renmin Square
- 9x breakfasts, 5x lunches, 1x dinner
- Roundtrip transportation from airport to hotel and vice-versa (when traveling with group)
- Half-day Macau City Tour
- Full day Exploring Historic Shanghai
- Half-day Zhujiajiao Water Tour Shanghai
- Full day Imperial Beijing Tour
- Half-day visit to Great Wall of China
- Half-day in Beijing includes Hutongs and more
- High speed train from Beijing to Xian
- Half-day visit to Xian Terra Cotta Warriors and more
- Domestic airfare – Macau/Shanghai/Beijing (incl. taxes and 1PC 20kg (44lbs) luggage per person)
- All entrance and admission fees
- All taxes and fees included

Trip Excludes:

- Excludes international flights
- Travel Insurance (contact Amy for an insurance quote)
- Meals not listed • Personal items
- Tips/gratuities • Early check in/late check out
- Government taxes at existing rates until paid in full

Price Starts
 (limited to 25 participants)

US \$ 3,220

(in double/twin room)

Deposit: USD\$250 will secure your spot!
 *Balance/Final Payment: Due on May 1, 2026
 (Payment plans available)

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> LCI MEMBERSHIP NEWS

LCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - WE ARE GLOBAL!

Membership Application

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Membership types and fees

New member

New members pay an entrance fee of US\$35 or must submit the proper waiver certification form. International dues total US\$50 annually. Dues are billed on a semi-annual basis. Additional district, multiple district and club dues may apply.

Transfer member

Transfer members in good standing pay no entrance fee when transferring to an existing club within 12 months.

Family member

The Family Membership Program provides families with the opportunity to receive a special dues discount when they join a Lions club together. The first family member (head of household) pays full international dues (US\$50), and up to four additional family members pay only half the international dues (US\$25). All family members pay the one-time entrance fee of US\$35.

The Family Membership Program is open to family members who are (1) eligible for Lions membership, (2) currently in or joining the same club, and (3) living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. Common household family members include parents, children, spouses, aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, in-laws and legal dependents. Submit via the Lion Portal, or include the Family Unit Certification Form with the Monthly Membership Report Form (MMR).

Student

Students between the age of majority and through age 30 pay no entrance fee and half international dues. Students over age 30 and joining a Campus Lions club pay a US\$10 entrance fee and full international dues. Submit the Student Member Certification Form (STU-5) for each student.

“What are your community’s needs?”

Current or former Leo

Current or former Leos seeking membership through the age of 35, who have served as a Leo for at least a year and a day, pay half international dues and receive an entrance/charter fee waiver under the Leo-Lion membership program. You may select Leo-Lion as the membership type in the Lion Portal or submit the *Leo to Lion Certification* form with your MMR.

Leos over age 35 who have served as a Leo for at least a year and a day receive an entrance/charter fee waiver.

Submit the *Leo to Lion Certification Form* for credit of Leo years of service to the Lion member record for each current or former Leo.

Young adult

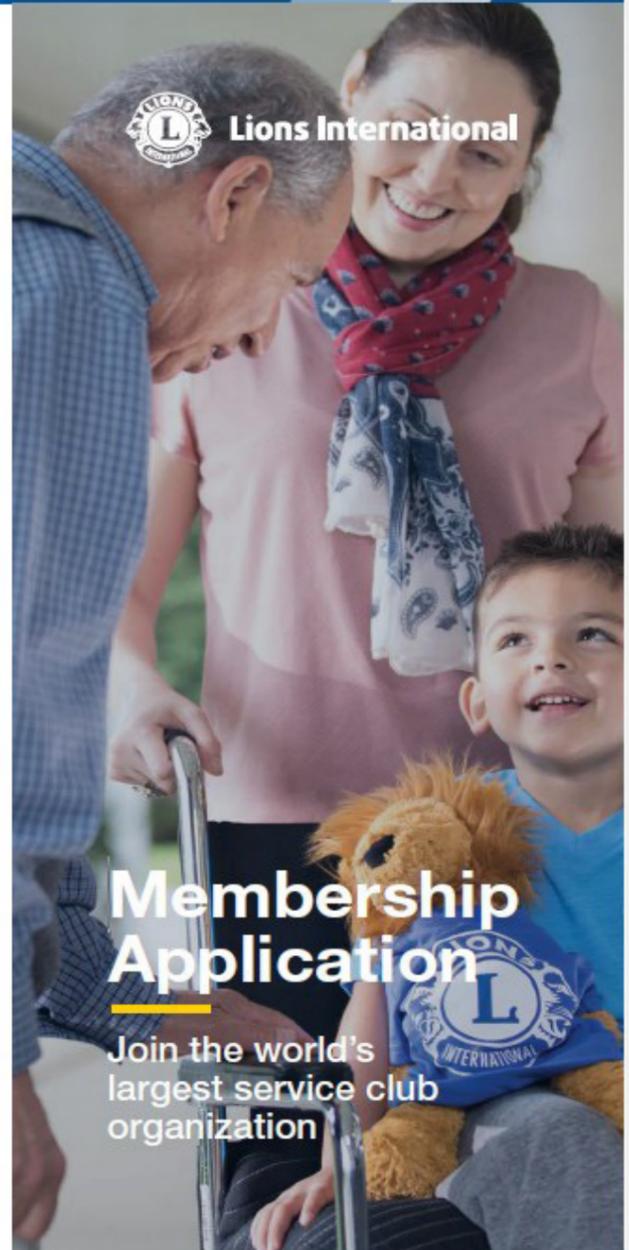
Young adults through the age of 30 receive an entrance fee waiver and pay half international dues when joining a Leo-Lions club.

Who are Lions?

Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.4 million members of our volunteer organization in over 200 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief – community is what we make it.

Lions serve

When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves and take action to make their community better, it’s a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That’s Lions. Being a Lion is about leading by example, building relationships and improving the world through kindness. It’s 1.4 million caring men and women serving together so they can make a lasting impact and change more lives.



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS
Invitation-Application for Membership

Lions club name: _____
 Member sponsor: _____
 First name: _____ MI: _____ Last name: _____ Suffix: _____
 Gender: Male Female Non-Binary Prefer not to answer Occupation: _____
 Date of birth: _____ Spouse's name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please review qualification criteria and fees for the following:
 I am a: New member
 Former member Transfer member Member number: _____
 (If unknown, email stats@lionsclubs.org)
 Previous Club Name: _____ Previous Club Number: _____
 Family member Student member Current or former Leo Young adult

Enclosed is \$ _____ as an entrance fee, in addition to \$ _____ for international, multiple district, district and club dues.

I accept membership into Lions International and that the standards are limited to persons of good moral character and reputation. I recognize the importance of rendering personal service to my community in cooperation with other civic-minded persons. I understand that membership is not valid until approved by the club's board of directors.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR CLUB SECRETARY USE

I confirm that the board of directors has approved this member for membership in this Lions club.

Signature of club secretary: _____



Checklist:

- Keep a copy of the completed application form for the club's files. Do not send it to Lions International.
- Add the member using the Lion Portal or include the member's name and address on the monthly membership report.
- When the entrance fees and dues have been collected and the new member has been provided with a membership card, turn money over to the club treasurer.
- Add the new member's name and address to the club roster and mailing list.
- See that the new member receives a New Member Kit. The materials within are to be presented at the new member's induction ceremony. Take the time to complete the certificate for the new member prior to the induction ceremony.
- Included in the New Member Kit is a coupon for our Club Supplies store at www2.lionsclubs.org. Show the new member the website so they may browse items to spend their coupon on, such as shirts or personalized badges.

OUR MISSION

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.



FREE WHITE CANE PROGRAM



The white cane allows you to travel independently and safely—no blind person should be without one. We offer you a free one. You can order a new one every six months. The National Federation of the Blind has distributed nearly 100,000 free white canes since 2008.

white cane gives blind people the ability to achieve a full and independent life, allowing us to travel freely and safely. We started our free white cane program because we believe that no blind person should be without a white cane, regardless of his or her ability to pay for it.

Request a Free White Cane

Complete our Free White Cane Online Application. Any blind individual in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico can request a cane for their personal use. Requests can be made as often as every six months.

<https://freecane.nfb.org/>

History

In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible.

In 1930, Lion George A. Bonham, President of the Peoria Lions Club (Illinois) introduced the idea of using the white cane with a red band as a means of assisting the blind in independent mobility. The Peoria Lions approved the idea, white canes were made and distributed, and the Peoria City Council adopted an ordinance giving the bearers the right-of-way to cross the street. News of the club's activity spread quickly to other Lions clubs throughout the United States, and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the white canes. Overwhelming acceptance of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike quickly gave cane users a unique method of identifying their special need for travel consideration among their sighted counterparts.

Also in 1931, in France, Guilly d'Herbemont recognized the danger to blind people in traffic and launched a national "white stick movement" for blind people. She donated 5,000 white canes to people in Paris.

Today white cane laws are on the books of every state in the US and in a few other countries, providing persons who are blind a legal status in traffic. The white cane universally acknowledges that the bearer is blind. For specific information contact your local government office for motor vehicles.

Lions and International White Cane Safety Day

International White Cane Safety Day is an opportunity to increase awareness about the white cane, which:

- Signifies that the pedestrian using it is blind or visually impaired;
- Alerts motorists of the need to exercise special caution and provide the user the right of way;
- Symbolizes the independence, confidence and skills of the person who is using it.

1964: the U.S. Congress approved a resolution authorizing the President of the US to annually issue a proclamation designating October 15th as "National White Cane Safety Day."

1969: the International Federation of the Blind adopted October 15th as "International White Cane Safety Day."

** The above referenced date is a suggested date. Lions clubs are free to hold awareness events according to the schedule of the club and the community it serves.*

Health & Children's Services Department
programs@lionsclubs.org

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WHITE CANE ORDER FORM			
Lion Club Name _____		Date _____	
District _____		Date _____	
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Address: _____		Address: _____	
City: _____ Zip _____		City: _____ Zip _____	
Phone: _____		City: _____ Zip _____	



UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	String Tags	1000/box	\$60.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$32.00	
	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$8.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$6.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$1.50	
	White Cane Lapel Pin	500/bundle	\$85.00	
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Certificate of Appreciation
Recognize businesses and individuals who support your White Cane Drive.
60¢/each

String Tags
Blue tag with cane on front. White Cane Law printed on back.
\$60.00/1000

Bib Apron
Over-the-shoulder apron made of heavy duck. Durable and good for all your Lions projects.
\$14.00/each

White Cane Placemats
Very colorful and great for public relations! (measures 10" x13")
\$21.00/500

Waist Apron
Cloth apron with two large pockets for collecting money and holding white cane supplies.
\$8.00/each

Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Boxes
White fiberboard collection boxes include stickers on three sides. Small box measures 9x9x14 1/2, large box measures 14x14x30.
\$6.50/each (small)
\$8.50/each (large)

Extra Eyeglass Collection Box Stickers
Each set consists of two large stickers promoting used eyeglass and hearing aid collection and one small sticker with club contact information.
\$3.00/each (set of 3)

White Cane Lapel Pin
Show your support for Lions of Michigan and people with vision loss when you wear this distinctive White Cane Lapel Pin.
\$85.00/500

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR OTHER GREAT ITEMS!

White Cane Leader Patch
Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.
\$3.00/each

White Cane Leader Pin
Recognize club members who are leaders in your White Cane Drive.
\$1.50/each

White Cane Law Pamphlet
Tri-fold brochure which features the White Cane Law and Public Accommodations act. It also explains what an individual should do when encountering a blind person.
\$20.00/250

White Cane Bookmarks
Bookmark with White Cane Law printed on back. Great giveaway for libraries.
\$10.00/100

White Cane Stickers
Two-color stickers on a roll. Design features the Lions logo and White Cane traffic symbol. 2 1/2" in diameter.
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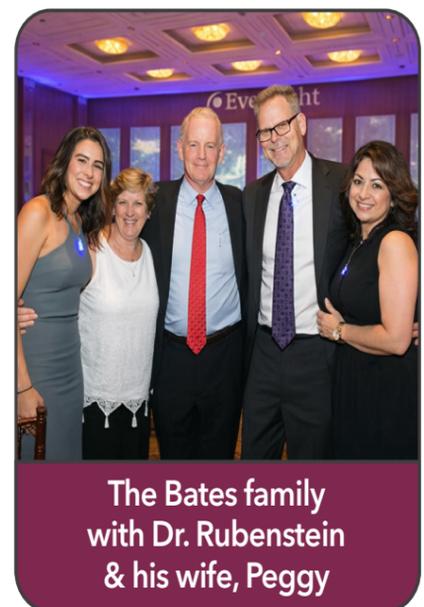
One moment can change the course of your life



For Ken and Irma Bates, that moment came when their daughter Angelina was just 13 years old. What seemed like minor eye discomfort quickly became a severe infection. She would later need an emergency cornea transplant.



When Angelina’s cornea perforated, their surgeon, Dr. Jonathan Rubenstein, acted swiftly, guiding their family with skill and compassion through one of the most frightening moments of their lives. That same day, Angelina received the gift of sight from a generous donor.



Today, Angelina is a mother, a former college athlete and a passionate advocate for eye donation.

For Ken and Irma, that experience sparked a lifelong commitment to giving back—honoring the donor family who said yes, the medical teams who make transplants possible and the community that supports sight-saving work.

For more than a century, Lions have championed vision care. Your leadership has helped ensure that when families face moments like the Bates did, hope is available.

Scan the QR code to read their story and witness how one selfless decision can ripple through generations.



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