

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

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Not pictured: DGs Karen Joy Bouwman, Gerald Whitney, Dave Fisher, DG Colleen Maki, District 10



2025 PEACE POSTER WINNER



Miss Gemma Grzesiek is an 8th grader at Kidder Middle School, Rives Junction. The contest was sponsored by North Jackson Lions Club. As the MD 11 winner of the contest, Gemma will receive a \$300.00 check.



Wishing you a Joyous
Holiday Season and a
Happy New Year!
Relax and enjoy the
moments that matter!

LIONS OF MICHIGAN

UPCOMING Events:

December 25, 2025
CHRISTMAS



THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 2026
HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH

February 27-28, 2026
LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM
Kalamzoo Delta Hotel

May 14-16, 2026 MDII Lions Convention,
Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire


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Hong Kong China

September 3 - 5, 2026
USA/Canada forum
Memphis, TN

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> EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - NEWS



EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRIDE


BY LION WENDY BURNS

SPREADING JOY

THE HEARTWARMING SERVICE OF LIONS

I hope this finds you enjoying a cup of Holiday Cheer and spending time with your friends and family. Lions have been exceptionally hard at work these past few months, and it's time to put your feet up and take a long winter nap.

In a world where kindness is often overlooked, Lions shine a light on compassion. You've made an impact through a variety of services offered to those who have needed it most, bridging the gap for families with limited food resources. Lions have provided groceries and holiday dinners all year round.



Not only have you “nourished” the body, but you’ve also recognized the need to nourish the spirit, particularly for children. This comes in the form both purchasing toys and handcrafting them, as well. You’ve dedicated personal hours spent in workshops, doing the job of countless Santa’s!

Caroling is alive and well thanks to Lions and Leos who have been spreading cheer by visiting nursing homes and healthcare facilities this month. I recall the happiness it brought my mom and the residents of Memorial Health Care in Owosso last year. Pure joy and a feeling of love from the community.

While reading through the many club events, it’s hard to not become emotional by the numerous services, events, and commitment of time Lions have dedicated themselves to throughout our state this year. It reminds us of the importance of lifting each other up, especially during challenging times.

I celebrate your dedication, compassion and tireless efforts. Thank you for reminding us that an act of kindness, big or small, is all it takes to spread joy and make a difference in the world.
Wishing you a wonderful holiday and a nap.
Yours in Service,
Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director


GLT MD11 PDG TRACI TRIBLEY TEAM COORDINATOR LEADERSHIP


A lifetime in Lionism reveals something that is not always obvious in the early years. The greatest challenges in leadership rarely come from the projects or the planning or the hours spent organizing service. The real challenge, the one that shapes a leader from the inside out, is learning how to understand the people who serve beside us. This time of year seems to make that truth feel a little clearer. The holiday season has a way of slowing us down just enough to notice what we sometimes overlook. It reminds us to soften our approach, to pause before reacting, and to see the people in front of us rather than just the roles they fill.

Clubs grow stronger when members feel seen. They falter when people feel unheard. Many good Lions have stepped back not because they lacked dedication, but because their concerns went unnoticed or misunderstood. Misunderstandings take root when assumptions replace conversations. Reaction moves faster than reflection, and the meaning behind someone’s words gets lost along the way. Every person in a club carries a story that is not always visible. Some carry quiet grief. Some carry doubts about their place. Some carry past hurts that influence the way they speak or how they show up. The holidays can make those weights heavier... or lighter... depending on whether someone feels supported.

Time has shown again and again that listening can shift everything. A gentle conversation can bring a frustrated member back into the fold. A moment of patience can reveal the true reason a volunteer hesitated before taking on a role. A sincere willingness to hear someone out can restore trust that was slipping away. Listening is not a small gesture. It is a gift. One that costs nothing and yet holds tremendous value. Leadership rooted in understanding steadies a club. It eases tension, strengthens commitment, and builds an atmosphere where members feel safe to speak honestly. Decisions become wiser when built on real information rather than assumed motives. Unity grows when people feel valued enough to share what is truly on their minds. This season invites gratitude. Gratitude for those who show up even when life is heavy. Gratitude for the quiet workers who never ask to be noticed. Gratitude for the disagreements that eventually led to growth. Gratitude for every person who continues to believe in service and in each other. The lesson that emerges through decades of service is simple. Do not decide what someone means until their full story has been heard. Do not react before the facts are clear. Do not let assumptions shape the way members are treated. When leaders choose to listen first, clubs become places where people want to stay. Service becomes more joyful. Relationships deepen. And the spirit of Lionism shines a little brighter... much like the lights of this season... steady, warm, and welcoming to all who draw near.

With gratitude and holiday warmth,
Lion Traci Tribley PDG MD Global Leadership Team Coordinator





2026-2027 COUNCIL CHAIR ELECT PDG CHERYL ANDERSON

First Vice District Governors interviewed Council Chair candidates at the recent Council of Governors meeting held in Mt. Pleasant.

IPDG Cheryl Anderson was selected as the 2026-2027 Council Chair.

Lion Cheryl’s service began in 1979 when PID Gary Anderson became a Lion member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club. She served as a charter member of the Grand Rapids Lioness Club and became a Lion member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club in 2003. In 2024-2025 as District Governor of MD 11 C1, she served as Vice Council Chair and was elected to serve this year as MD 11 Global Service Chair.

IPDG Anderson’s experience, knowledge, attention to detail and enthusiasm will benefit our council and our state. Congratulations!

“I am truly honored and excited to have been elected as the 2026-27 Council Chair for MD11. Thank you so much VDGs for putting your faith, support confidence and trust in me. I look forward to working together with all of you. Get ready Lions of Michigan, the new council will be ready to rock and roll to make Michigan the Best it can be!”

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SPOTLIGHT
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
DG ALETA COZART 11-C2

THANK GOD I CAN CHANGE WITH TIME

Growing up I visited a lot of Lions clubs. My Dad took us to a lot of Lions functions, so we knew a lot about how service projects and fundraising were done and absolutely loved both. Lions at the time were just for men, and I was fine with that. So, we (my sisters and I) were never involved in the business meetings and we did not know how they were run. As time went on and we got older we were encouraged to join the Leos club. We learned how to run meetings, have service projects and fundraise ourselves. Then, as a young adult my mom asked if my sisters and I wanted to join the Lioness club. Absolutely, there was the answer. I was newly married and had a young child at the time, I also worked full time. So, my time was limited, but I still managed to give time where I was needed. I never aspired to move up in the Lioness District, because I just did not have more time to give, but I thought I would ALWAYS be a Lioness.

My Lioness club was active in service. We never, NEVER wanted to be Lions. We could have become Lions long before we chose to, but we didn't, because we felt we had a place as Lioness. Then, when Lions International stated they would no longer sponsor the Lioness Clubs we were highly offended. We went back and forth for months with what we were going to do about this new phase we were being pushed towards. Quite frankly many of us were angry that the only choices they were giving us were to join the Lions or to get out! That was just awful after so many years of service. Many of us just wanted to quit all together. Then (at the time she was Past Lioness District President) Traci Tribley came to me and reminded me of all the years of service we all had. What a shame it would be to just let those years of service just go to waste. It would just be a name change and a little more in dues.

We did the same thing, she pleaded! It took a while to talk to my stubborn brain, and she was right! Thank goodness. She talked me into being the charter President of the new Lions Club when we chartered our Lioness Club over to a Lions Club, also encouraging my sisters (blood and non-blood) to come with. I think this also paved the way for other Lioness Clubs to make the leap over and bring their years of service with them.

Which brings me to being the District Governor now. Something else I never aspired to do. I only became 1st Vice District Governor to help my husband out as District Governor. I learned so much, and enjoyed helping him so much, I figured I should stick with the plan and continue with the program.

Wow, what a great job this has been! I hope I am doing a good job so far! I do know I would not be where I am as Governor without my many team members. I am very grateful for all of them.

THANK GOD FOR TEAM MEMBERS

LET'S READ!
READING ACTION PROGRAM
PDG DON SPINKS CHAIR



Reading Action Program - Fall is fast approaching and it's not so good to see the sunshine and warmer weather leave us.


With that said, as an adult, do you have a reading program for fall? I referred to Google the other day to search for an adult reading program and this is what I came up with and frankly, I like it. I came up with a program called Beanstack Stacker. Here, you can track the number of books and hours that you read. What a great idea to keep a log on what one has read.

I joined the group for free and have started logging my books and hours. As an added bonus, you will be entered into a free drawing for a gift basket. Let's start a program and log the time and books that you read. I challenge you to beat my record of hours and books read by the end of December.

In January we will start over for a full year. Come on, let's do it. Read. The program symbol for this is shown.

PDG Don Spinks, Reading Action Program

SPOTLIGHT
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
DG EARL HOWELL 11-C1



THE SEASON OF GIVING - THE LIONS WAY

As we enter the holiday season, we are reminded of the true meaning of giving—not just gifts wrapped in paper and ribbon, but the gifts of time, compassion, and service that touch lives in lasting ways. This is the season when gratitude fills our hearts, and as Lions, we express that gratitude through action.

The holidays are often called “the season of giving,” but for Lions, every season is a season of service. Whether we are feeding families, providing vision screenings, supporting youth, or bringing comfort to those in need, we embody the simple yet powerful message: “We Serve.”

Every project we undertake, every person we serve, and every hand we extend reflects the spirit of our great organization. “Together We Serve” is more than a motto—it is a living expression of who we are. When we come together, combining our talents and our hearts, we create a ripple of kindness that spreads far beyond our communities.

This time of year, offers a special opportunity to reflect on the impact of our service and to renew our commitment to our communities. The most meaningful gifts we can offer do not come wrapped in paper and bows — they come from the heart. They are the hours spent volunteering, the warm smiles shared, and the compassion extended to a neighbor who needs a helping hand.

This year, let us celebrate the holidays by giving of ourselves—through our service, our fellowship, and our love for humanity. Whether it's helping a family in need, brightening a child's day, or supporting one another as Lions, each act of service is a reflection of the generosity and compassion that define us.

As District Governor, I have been inspired by the incredible generosity of spirit that I see in our clubs. You give your time, your talents, and your hearts. You show what it truly means to “give of yourself.” In doing so, you make our world a brighter, kinder, and more hopeful place.

This holiday season, let us celebrate not only with joy but with purpose. Let us reach out to someone new, rekindle the flame of service within our clubs, and remind our communities that Lions are here — ready to serve. Together, we can make this a season of light for all.

Let us give from the heart, with gratitude for the opportunities we have to serve. For in giving, we truly receive—the joy of connection, the warmth of friendship, and the fulfillment that comes from making a difference.

Wishing you and your families a season filled with peace, gratitude, and the enduring spirit of Lionism.

Yours in Service,
Lion Earl Howell
District Governor, 11-C1

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HONG KONG 2026
108th Lions International Convention

> FORUM NEWS



February 27-28, 2026
Delta Marriott, Kalamazoo, Michigan

2026 LIONS OF MICHIGAN FORUM ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS

Listed below are several options to sponsor a personal or business ad in the 2026 Lions of Michigan Forum Proceedings Book. Placing an ad shows fellow Lions you support the Michigan Forum!

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1. 1/8 page ad business card size 3.6 x 2.3"	\$20.00
2. 1/4 page ad 3.6 x 4.8" (vertical) or 7.5 x 2.3" (horizontal)	\$25.00
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2026 MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM LEAD TO SERVE, SERVE TO LEAD

Featuring Keynote Speaker,
Kathleen Marcath, Author & Founder, ASL Picture Books

Join us February 27 - 28, 2026 at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo
2747 S 11th Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Reservations available at the Marriott Delta Kalamazoo
(269) 375-6000 Rate: \$119.00 Registration Code: Lions MI Forum
Alternate Hotel located in front of the Delta Marriott:
Best Western Suites 269-350-5522 Room Rate: \$112.00
2575 11th St. S., Kalamazoo
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.23163.html?groupId=X93ZN5I4

Please complete the registration form and send it along with a check to:
Lions of Michigan 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911 Telephone 517-887-6640
or Fax 517-887-6642.

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name/District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants: _____ Food Allergies: _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$60.00/person* = \$ _____

Online Registration Available Soon!
*Registration includes lunch, Forum, and proceedings booklet.
Register by February 14 to guarantee lunch and booklet.
Large Group Service Project Friday Night – Lions MI Forum Saturday!

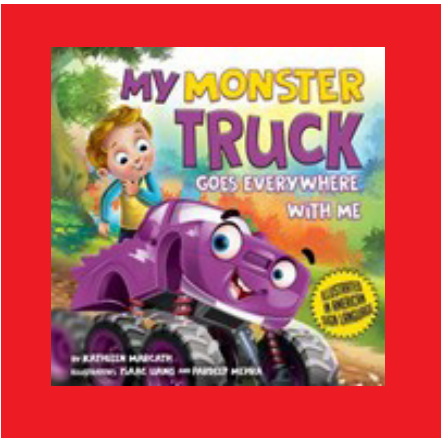
FORUM SPOTLIGHT: KEYNOTE SPEAKER,
AUTHOR KATHLEEN MARCATH




The Michigan Lions Forum Committee is pleased to announce the 2026 Keynote Speaker at this year's event.

After several years working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students as a Special Education Sign Language Supporter, Kathleen decided to pursue her dream of writing for children. Her grandson, then three years old and attending the same school daycare where she worked,

became the heart behind her story. When he ran to greet her and they asked him to wait, Kathleen knew it was time to focus on family. Together, they played with monster trucks—building ramps, racing, laughing—and My Monster Truck Goes Everywhere with Me – Illustrated in American Sign Language was born. Inspired by her grandson and her love for children, Kathleen's delightful award-winning picture book captures imagination while encouraging a love of reading, language, and learning. Speaker and author Kathleen Marcath's presentation, delivered in an inspirational storytelling format, shares the moving story of how one language—American Sign Language—opens hearts, minds, and possibilities. From the moment young Alice Cogswell learned her name for the first time at age nine, to children inspired by My Monster Truck Goes Everywhere with Me, the talk invites audiences to experience the power of connection and the importance of communication for every child—regardless of hearing, vision, or circumstance. At its core, her message echoes the Lions' values through their service: compassion, inclusion, and community. ASL Picture Books exist to help children feel seen, heard, and valued—and to remind us all that ASL is an untapped resource with limitless potential for our children.





MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM 2026: February 27-28

Please reserve a display table for the undersigned at the 2026 Michigan Lions Forum, held at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo, 2747 S 11th St., Kalamazoo, Michigan. (Set up available on 2/27/26) Enclosed is a check covering the exhibition fee of \$55.00 OR \$85, which includes an ad in the Forum proceedings booklet. The charge is fully refundable only if, for any reason, the Forum 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.

Exhibitor Hours: Friday, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Exhibitors shall take precautions to provide security to safeguard their property during show hours. It is understood that neither the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. nor the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo (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 or while in the hotel property or otherwise. The exhibitor assumes complete responsibility and liability for all injury to any and all persons or property in any way connected with exhibitor's display caused by the exhibitor, his agents, representatives or employees. The exhibitor indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11, Inc. and the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo (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, representatives, employees or any other persons.




Exhibit Table and Full-page Ad
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Registration Deadline to guarantee booklet: February 9, 2026
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PHONE: 517.887.6640 FAX: 517.887.6642 EMAIL: wburns@lionsofmi.com

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Email address:	Cell Phone:
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<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$	



LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM SERVICE PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Forget Me Not Little Heroes Heroes is an organization dedicated to supplying backpacks full of essential items to fostered, sheltered, and underprivileged children ages 3-12 years old. They have been selected as our Forum Service Project this year.

Why Backpacks?

Most children arrive at foster homes and shelters with nothing but a garbage bag. When the organizers heard of this, they stepped up to make a change. Items are designed to fit in a backpack. It makes them feel special, keeps them organized and teaches them to care about their belongings

What Can You Do To Help?

Our goal is to fill 300 backpacks with color coordinated items in their very own backpack. The cost for one backpack is \$40.00. Through districts, clubs and grants, our goal is to raise \$12,000.00. Each club is being asked to donate as much as they can afford as part of a club service project, enabling us to provide many more of these special items for special kids. Please consider donating to this worthy cause!

Checks can be written and mailed to Three Rivers Lions Club:

Three Rivers Lions Club
PO Box 134
Three Rivers, MI 49093
Attn: Forum Service Project

Contact PDG Julie Mayuiers, Michigan Lions Forum Chair, with any questions you may have. 269-254-1938 or jumayuiers@gmail.com.



LIONS MICHIGAN FORUM SPOTLIGHT: PUPPY RAISER BREAKOUT SESSION

Future Leader Dogs Visit State Office

Lansing area puppy raisers joined together at the Lions of Michigan State Office for a training session for puppies. There were puppies around 3-5 months of age that got together to do some training exercises. We appreciate so much having space that we can borrow from time to time.

For a dog to become a Leader Dog, they spend their important first year with a volunteer puppy raiser. Some puppies are raised on college campuses, in homes, or even in prisons! More puppy raisers! No dog training experience required. We will teach you all the tools you need.



Join us at the upcoming Michigan Lions Forum to learn more about how to volunteer to raise a puppy or host a breeding stock dog. It will also change your life! This session will be led by Lion Amy Schupska.

<https://www.leaderdog.org/volunteer/raise-a-puppy/puppyraisers/>



JANUARY IS HUNGER AWARENESS MONTH



LEARN

- Invite a community health professional to visit your club and educate members on the prevalence and impact of hunger in your community.

ACT // BEGINNER

- Support your local food bank by donating time, equipment or food.
- Create a resource list of hunger related volunteer opportunities in your region to share with other clubs in your district.
- Use social media to raise awareness about childhood hunger in your community and to inspire others to become involved.
- Host a healthy eating event at your school, community center or place of worship. Invite a nutritionist as a keynote speaker.
- Deliver nutritious, prepared meals to elderly, disabled or ill community members.
- **Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.**
- Donate to organizations that provide micro-nutrient powders to malnourished children.
- Bring a variety of fruits and vegetables to an elementary school class. Explain to the students where the food comes from and encourage them to taste different types of produce.

ACT // INTERMEDIATE

- Volunteer with a "gleaning group" to harvest unpicked fruits and vegetables at farms and orchards.
- Host a grocery store or market tour where a nutritionist gives participants tips on choosing healthy and nutritious groceries.
- **Collaborate with a food bank to organize a community food drive, focusing on collecting items most needed in your area.**
- Write a cookbook of inexpensive, healthy, easy-to-make recipes.
- Work with your local school to provide weekend take-home bags of nutritious snacks for children in need.
- Sponsor a cooking class for youth to learn basic cooking skills for healthy living.
- Create an online resource on planning and portioning meals to reduce household food waste.

ACT // ADVANCED

- Conduct an assessment of food access in your community. Advocate to local government leaders for additional or improved options in areas of need.
- Support pregnant women and new mothers by ensuring there are comfortable, safe and clean areas for them to nurse in the community.
- Use your professional networks to connect food banks to food industry leaders interested in food recovery.
- Develop a program to provide underserved students with food during holiday times when school is not in session.
- Establish a community or school vegetable garden for residents in a food-insecure neighborhood.
- Establish a weekly produce stand in a food desert.
- Create a volunteer transportation program to help individuals and families get to and from grocery stores, food banks and soup kitchens.
- Develop an animal husbandry program where a few families receive a small stock of animals. A portion of the animals' offspring will be given to neighboring families for sustainable growth of the program.

Lions Bear Lake Camp

4TH ANNUAL

ICE PLUNGE & DINNER

Fundraiser

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Dinner Includes Jumper Contests

Soup Bar Prizes for
Bread Bowls Best Costume
Salad Bar Best Jump (no diving)
Hot Chocolate Bar
Dessert Best Jump (no diving)
Cash Bar and Most Money Raised

FEBRUARY 7TH 2026

2:00 PM Check-In 3:00 PM Ice Plunge followed by Dinner

\$50 - Jump/Dinner
\$25 Dinner for Spectators Only
(Ages 0-5 Free, 6-12 \$10)

Seating limited to 200
so get your tickets early.

For More Information Contact
traci@bearlakecamp.org
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under the "Events" Tab

Costumes are encouraged, birthday suits highly discouraged.

> NEWS FROM SD10



We are proud to report that the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute was attended by five District 10 Lions this year! I was honored to participate as an instructor this year but also very proud to have such a great representation from our District. I am hoping that their experience will inspire others to take advantage of this great opportunity next year! (L to R) Judy Racette, Delta Menominee Heart of the North; Jane Lanaville, Delta Menominee Heart of the North; Colleen Maki, District Governor and Leadership Institute

Instructor; Christian Tackman, Gladstone Lions; Morgan Frappier, Bay de Noc Lions and Sara Salo, Trenary Lions.

The following are their comments:
•I appreciated the opportunity to attend. So many like minded people gathered to learn and share experiences and ideas! Judy
•It was great to reconnect with people I haven't seen in a while and meet



new people – even from our own District. The food was plentiful and very good, accommodations more than adequate. Training was a great refresher for me and I did leave with some ideas from my other classmates. Jane
•Being a fairly new Lions member it was an honor to attend. Not only did I learn a lot about Lions but I met some pretty amazing people who opened their arms to me. The instructors not only teach lessons but at the end of the day, came to socialize and play cards with us – something I will cherish. I now have a much better understanding of how I can be a part of my club's continuing success! Morgan

•The ELLI course was such fertile soil for not only club growth but personal growth. When they said “This is a safe place – no judgement” they meant it! You didn't have to be afraid to raise your hand or admit you didn't know something. Everyone equally needed guidance or provided guidance. Everyone there had the same passionate hearts to serve. It was truly a life changing experience that I will forever be grateful for. Sara

•I had a great time at Leadership Institute meeting with other Lions from all over the state. We were able to share ideas and experiences on how we can best serve out communities and ways in which we can try to find and create new Lions that will help



carry the torch. Christian

LEO Club Spreading Cheer. Members of the Norway High School LEO Club recently spread holiday cheer by creating handmade cards for UP Lions Serve/Childhood Cancer, a program that supports children and families across the Upper Peninsula. (Pictured: Back Row: Emilee Temrowski, Lilly Tomlanovich, Brayah Meneghini, Parker Dennocenzo, Ethan Alessandrone, Kara Stanchina, Kendall Burklund, Jessa Rossler, Jordyn Moln Front Row: Marisa Pipp, Arianna Porthouse, Mackenzie Lessor, Emily Carlson, Addyson Burklund)

The students spent time designing and writing heartfelt messages to brighten the holidays for youth who give back to their communities through service. Each card was made with care and creativity, reflecting the spirit of kindness and giving that defines the LEO Club. This project is one of many service activities the group takes part in throughout the year, as LEO Club members continue to demonstrate leadership, compassion, and community pride.

The club extends warm holiday wishes to all and hopes their cards bring smiles to those who receive them.

Member Spotlight: PDG Jack Holzworth Jack and his wife, Arlene decided to move “up north” in 1976 to Jack's maternal family's homestead farm in Stonington. Upon relocating to the U.P. Jack joined the Rapid River Lions while he delivered mail in Escanaba. He then became Postmaster in Ewen, and joined the Ottawa Lions Club. After two years he became Postmaster of Wells MI. and then, rejoined the Rapid River Lions. To date, Jack has been a member of the Clark Lake Lions, the Ottawa Lions, and twice the Rapid River Lions. “I have had the pleasure of serving in many leadership roles While in Lionism,” PDG Jack reports. “The three most important things to me, have been serving as the District Governor, Zone Chair and my service to Leader Dogs for the Blind. All offices I held were important, but I did have these favorites.” Lion Jack



Holzworth, served his country, his family, his community, and District 10 in a lifelong career of service. Thank you PDG Jack!

Canine Paratroopers Serve Our Military As our district Leader Dog Co-Chairs, Lion Pam Miller, Leader Dog Floyd, PDG Gretchen Preston were invited to give a Leader Dog presentation to the Swedish Club in Rapid River. We shared a meal with about a dozen mostly elderly gentlemen and talked about Leader Dogs for the Blind and their various programs. We shared our need for puppy-raisers and the conversation at the table sparked to a discussion of the men's past and present dogs. One WWII veteran shared his experience as a paratrooper jumping behind enemy lines with his trained military dog strapped to him. Lion Pam and I were amazed. We knew nothing about these canine heroes. So, we did what most of us would do, we conducted an on-line search. Below is what we found. The use of canine paratroopers in military operations has been a significant and often overlooked aspect of warfare. These dogs, trained to perform specialized tasks, have played crucial roles in various conflicts, including World War II and the Vietnam War.

Sources for more information:

Stars and Stripes
The daring dogs of D-Day - Stripes Europe
National Geographic Hero War Dog Skydives
Modern War Dogs



2025 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

The Lions of Michigan State Office
Attn: Scholarship Committee
5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911
www.lionsofmi.com

Phone: (517) 887-6640
Fax: (517) 887-6642
email: lions@lionsofmi.com



Scholarship Criteria:

1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor). (A person is considered legally blind when their vision acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye with best correction, or when their field of vision is 20 degrees or less in the better eye.)
2. Applicants must be a United States Citizen or have an F1 Visa. (Official proof required)
3. Scholarships will be awarded with PRIORITY given: 1st to Michigan residents, 2nd other state residents (state ID required), and 3rd international residents with an F1 visa.
4. Applicants must be either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university. (Documentation on school letterhead required.)
5. Applicants' GPA must be a minimum of 2.5 (transcript required).
6. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application **and** submit an essay outlining need for funds. One (1) letter of recommendation is also required.
7. Winners are strongly urged to attend the Lions of Michigan Forum luncheon on 2/28/26 in Kalamazoo, MI. Actual checks will be issued to trade or business college/university upon acceptance.
8. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 30th , 2025

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. Lions of Michigan Scholarship Committee will review all applications during January.
2. This scholarship will be awarded in February annually at the Michigan Forum.

Name				Phone	()	
Address						
City			State		Zip	
Email Address						
Date of Birth			* Degree of visual acuity			
* Legally blind is defined as best corrected vision in both eyes of 20/200 or less and/or visual fields of less than 20 degrees.						
How did you hear about the scholarship?						

Education Information

High School you attended		
What college or other institution are you attending/planning to attend?		
Have you been accepted?		
What do you plan to study?		
What are your personal and educational goals?		
How will the scholarship funds be used? (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition	<input type="checkbox"/> Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Equipment (please specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____		

Organizations, Activities and Awards

Describe briefly your most significant public service, community, or campus activities associated with your education and/or future career goals.	
Special honors and awards	
Special talents and training	

TOUCHSTONE STORY #75

THE GIFT OF HEARING



Lions around the world are working to raise awareness, bring medical care and provide education to help prevent hearing loss. More than 275 million people worldwide are hearing-impaired or deaf, according to the World Health Organization.

Just as vision-related programs have been a key element of Lions Clubs International activities since before Helen Keller called on Lions in 1925 to carry out a “crusade against darkness,” Lions have also been prominent in the battle to help people with hearing impairments.

It’s an important fight. Keller, who was deaf as well as blind, understood the isolation that hearing impairments can impose.

“Blindness separates people from things,” she once said, but “deafness separates people from people.”

Lions formally identified hearing conservation as a major activity in the early 1970s. That effort gained momentum when Past International President Ralph A. Lynam, who served from 1978 to 1979, designated helping the hearing impaired as his major program

In countries from India to the U.S., Lions have equipped special mobile screening units to screen infants for hearing problems, as early diagnosis is key to learning and socialization. These “hearing vans” go to shopping malls and crowded city neighborhoods.

Lions also offer special camps where children who are deaf can enjoy the outdoors while learning skills that help them to navigate a silent world. Some camps such as Camp Pacifica and the Lions Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children, which opened in California in 1979 and 1980 respectively, specialize in hosting children with hearing impairments. In addition, many

of Lions’ summer camps for children who are disabled offer special sessions for children with hearing impairments.

Lions put their experience creating programs to improve sight and prevent blindness to work in creating programs to serve people with hearing loss. Just as Lions collect and refurbish used eyeglasses for distribution, they created the Hearing Aid Recycling Program in 2000 to refurbish and distribute hearing aids.

And just as guide dogs offer remarkable help to people who are blind or visually impaired, Lions help fund programs for dogs to guide people with hearing impairments. These hearing guide dogs are trained to respond to household sounds like a knock on the door, a smoke alarm or even a baby’s cry. “We’re all ears for the hearing impaired,” is the motto of the Lions’ hearing dog program in Australia, which trains its own dogs.

Because surgical interventions and equipment can be costly, Lions often provide financial assistance. But aid comes in other forms, too. Lions conduct public-awareness programs to educate their neighbors about protecting hearing and identifying hearing problems in youngsters. Sometimes, that guidance can be priceless.

In the U.S., at the Lions Hearing Center of Michigan in Detroit, Toni Cannon-Mitchell found counseling and free services for her son M.J. after learning he was deaf. Without the help of the Lions facility, which opened in 1999, M.J. wouldn’t have made the fine progress he has achieved “and he might not have the bright future he has now,” she said.

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Rooms will go quickly, so reserve yours now!

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Start Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026
End Date: Sunday, March 01, 2026
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> HONG KONG NEWS

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2026

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July 3–7, 2026 • 108th Lions International Convention



Let's shine bright
in Hong Kong.

With visa-free entry for more than 170 countries, it's never been easier to join us at the biggest Lion event of the year! So get ready to make memories that will last a lifetime as we celebrate our service in vibrant and bustling Hong Kong, China.

- Take in the stunning skyline, mountains and harbor
- Wander the buzzing night markets and savor the sights, sounds and smells
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MERRY CHRISTMAS 2025

In the spirit of the season, we extend a heartfelt thank you for all you do to support your community and our Lions association, and we wish you and your family a healthy and peaceful New Year

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Lions of Michigan Foundation
Board of Trustees and Staff



40th ANNUAL Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes
A GUARANTEED Fundraiser

TICKET SELLER INCENTIVES

Tickets Sellers Drawing - May 2, 2026
1st Prize - \$1,000 - 2nd Prize - \$500
3rd Prize - \$250 - 4th Prize - \$100

Raffle: Lions Club sales of 100 or more tickets
1st Prize - 1 Melvin Jones Fellowship

Raffle: New Participating Lions Clubs
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3rd Prize - 10th Prize: \$1,000 Each

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EASY MONEY

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100-149 Tickets Sold = \$5.00 Per Ticket
250+ Tickets Sold = \$5.50 Per Ticket

DRAWINGS

Ticket Sellers Drawing - May 2, 2026
Lions State Office - Lansing, MI

Final Raffle Drawing - May 16, 2026
Shanty Creek Resort - Belliare, MI

Attention-Attention-Attention

Do you have a friend or relative who has everything?

What better gift could you give than one that helps those in need? For a gift of \$10, you can buy a Sight & Hearing Sweepstakes ticket for a friend or family member, providing them with a chance to win several cash prizes, including the grand prize of \$5,000.

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Donation Amount: \$ _____

Donor's Name(s): _____

Donor's Email Address: _____

Donor's Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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LCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - WE ARE GLOBAL!

Membership Application

WE ARE GLOBAL

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.

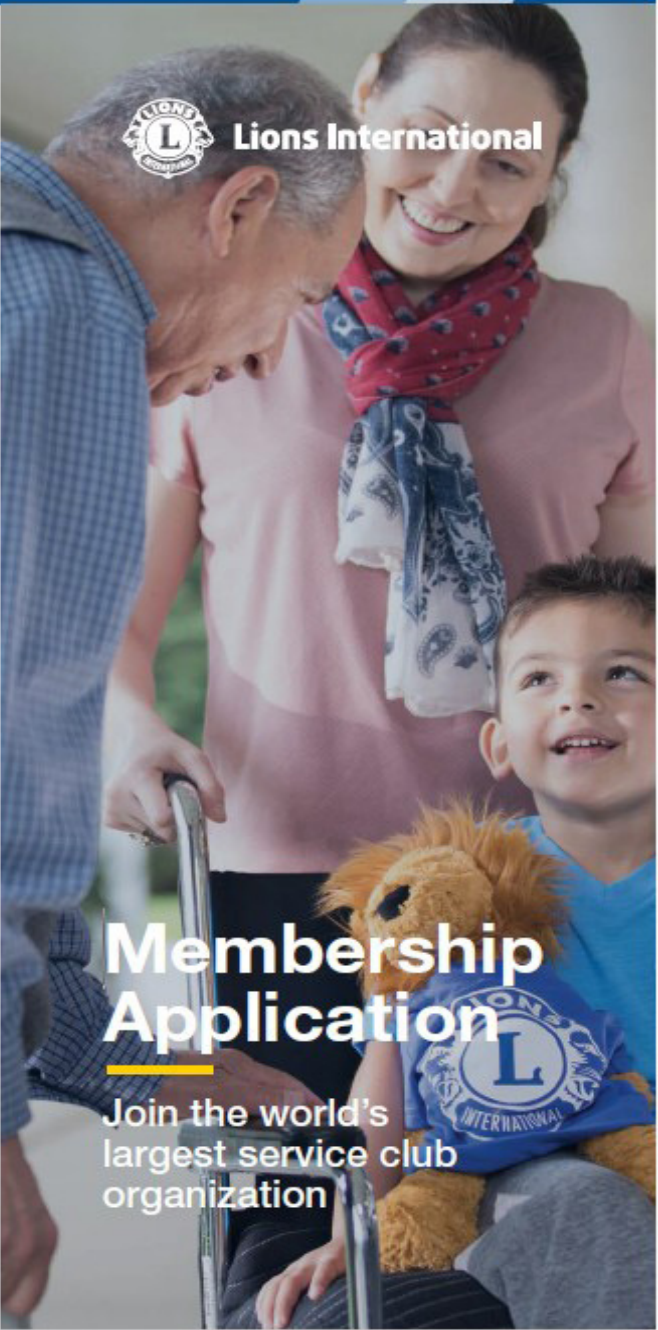
Leos over age 35 who have served as a Leo for at least a year and a day receive an entrance/charter fee waiver.

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.

11 A1



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A Legacy of Service Across Borders
In 1920, the Detroit Lions Club made history by reaching across the border and sponsoring the very first Lions International Club in Windsor, Ontario. What began as one club supporting another has grown into a century-long legacy of service and impact.

Today, the Windsor Lions Club continues to live out that vision through remarkable community service. One of their greatest achievements is Lion's Manor, a 100-unit riverview apartment building that serves senior citizens and visually impaired residents. Not only does the facility provide safe and welcoming housing, but it also offers the lowest rental rates in Windsor—a true testament to Lions' commitment to helping those in need.

Outside of Lion's Manor stands a meaningful sculpture honoring Helen Keller and Leader Dogs for the Blind, a reminder of the Lions' worldwide mission to serve the visually impaired and to answer Keller's historic challenge for Lions to become "knights of the blind."

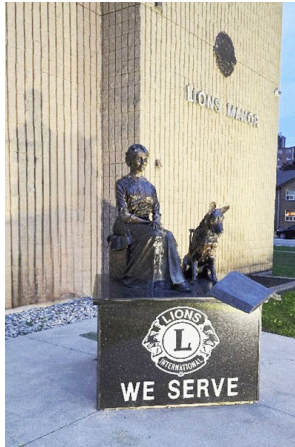
On a personal note, this story reminds us of the power of simply reaching out. Because the Detroit club extended an invitation more than 100 years ago, countless lives have been touched and changed. Imagine the ripple effect you could create by inviting just one friend or family member to join Lions. That one simple act of asking could impact generations to come.

Just Ask. You could make a difference also.

We Serve... Better Together.



A1 District Governor Snyders and MD 11A1 District Governor Kim Hooper. With the Governors is Windsor Lions Secretary Ron Devos and 11A1 Zone Chair Dr. Daniel L. Rathbun.



Statue portraying Helen Keller with a leader dog located in Windsor.

DG Kim installs the newest Lions of District 11 A1 and members of the Brownstone Lions Club! **SAVE THE DATE 2025** is the year for the Deaf Celebration Day September 27, 2025, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. District 11 A1 Lion Eboni Love-Peel of Greater Metro Detroit Lions Club will be showing new artwork at this event. More information coming, or go to www.justjameen.com to view her new works. Penrickton for Blind Children Kick Off Dinner Friday, October 17, 2025 Dearborn Inn, Autograph Collection 20301 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn 48124 Tickets are \$50 each and available now! District A1 will participate in the Building Healthier Communities Initiative on 9/13, to be held at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Monroe. In a message to the local newspaper, DG Hooper stated the following: "Lions internationally support 'Strides for Diabetes.' These walks are fun activities to help promote awareness and management," Kim Hooper, district governor for 32 Lions clubs in Monroe and Wayne counties, said in an email. "We support diabetes peer groups and diabetes camps for children along with Type 2 diabetes screening. So, when the Michigan Kidney Foundation approached the Lions of Michigan, it seemed like a perfect match." Hooper said events like these are important to the community to bring a free opportunity to those who may be underserved or who may not know that they may be at risk. "Many of us know people who have diabetes or even kidney failure," Hooper said. "The sooner they know there may be a problem the sooner the problem can be addressed and controlled. Knowledge is power and we are making it easier and more affordable for our friends to be screened."



Brownstown Lions Club officer installation was held this month with DG Kim Hooper in attendance. Three new members were also installed.



Several free screenings will be offered to help community members better understand their health. Medical professionals and trained volunteers will be available to explain results, answer questions and connect participants to community resources. Screenings include: Diabetic eye exams; chronic kidney disease risk assessment; blood pressure checks; blood sugar/glucose testing; and body Mass Index (BMI) and waist circumference measurement.

Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club: An 11-year-old young lady sang Lift Every Voice & Sing for the Detroit Westtown HARTFORD Juneteenth celebration at our monthly meeting. She did a phenomenal job. Everyone had fun, as well as food and snacks.

The Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club and Transitional Outreach Ministry served lunch, played games, and provided books and goodie bags to neighborhood children and their parents/caregivers at Crossroads of Michigan on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, and on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. The Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club also presented Crossroads with a \$300 donation.

11 A2



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District 11-A2 This is a service project was done at the Region 3 Meeting At the Region 3 Meeting on November 19, our Lions prepared around 100 peanut butter enrichment toys for Leader Dogs in training to enjoy! Leader Dogs for the Blind has around 150 dogs on campus, and they love frozen Kong toys with peanut butter and Charlee Bear treats. These toys challenge the dogs to get creative to get to the food, which helps relieve stress and entertain them



Richmond Lions Club did it again, in spite of the freezing temperatures! Richmond Lion members sell Old Newsboy's publications to raise funds which will help purchase holiday food and gifts for families in need. This year, they were able to assist 34 families with a combined total of 73 children.



Finding Freedom — A Journey from Spain to Leader Dog
For Itxaso, a 25-year-old from Madrid, Spain, running has always been her escape — a way to set aside her worries and feel completely free. Born with a rare eye condition that led to complete vision loss by age 12, she learned to navigate her world with determination and independence, relying on a cane to get around. Still, she longed for that same sense of freedom in every part of her life. When she received her first guide dog through the partnership between Leader Dogs for the Blind and ONCE—Spain's national organization supporting people who are blind or visually impaired—that wish became reality. 11 A-2 Newsletter is published monthly by Lions District 11 A-2. The editor, Lion Kathy Gladd can be reached at lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com. To submit an event, email details to lionsnewsletter11a2@gmail.com. The deadline is the 10th of each month. Club news is to be submitted by the 25 of each month.



Sterling Heights Lions Club Fundraiser - 1st Mrs. Roper Romp Casino Bus Trip was a huge success. We celebrated what would have been Helen's 107th Birthday with several Helen's, Stanley's, and even a Chrissy.

Sterling Heights Lions Club held their 4th Annual Tom Klingensmith Golf Tournament -Lion Tom at Timberwood Golf Course in Ray MI. Many of the golfers have attended all four years. We had a mixture of men and women, with the woman kicking the men's butt. We had longest drive for the men and women as well as closest to the pin. We also had a Vegas hole where the golfers could place a wager to hit within ten feet of the flag. If so they would get double their wager back. Only two golfers were able to do it. After golf we had a wonderful dinner and a very nice raffle to end the night.



Sterling Heights Lion PDG Ron Papa serving up sweet treats at a recent event.



Clawson Lions Club did an amazing job building bleachers for the Clawson Parks and Recreation Community Center youth soccer field..



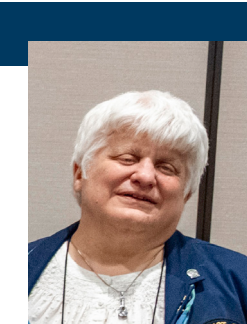
Richmond Lions Club received a request to build a ramp for a community member in need. After doing some research they found a company called Faith Works that would install a ramp valued at \$6,000.00. The club contacted other clubs to raise the required \$1,000.00 to make this happen. A Proud Project completed by the Richmond Lions Club and Lion Mike Manchik V.P Richmond Lions Club



District Convention Location Change From Lion Dick Maxwell: For the first time to my knowledge the location of our Lions District Convention has changed. Due to operational difficulties during the hotel renovations at the Saginaw Four Pointes by Marriott they lost their food and beverage service. As a result of this, we have had to relocate the March 2026 District Convention to the Grand Rapids Airport Doubletree by Hilton. The convention will keep the same dates March 20 to 22, 2026. The room rates will be \$105.00 a night. More details will be announced at the upcoming Cabinet and Region Meeting.

> REGION NEWS

11 B1



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Two well established Michigan Lions, PDG AI and Lion Ann Roeseler have transferred to the Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club. They have recently moved from the Coleman Mi. to Marshall, to be near family.



Battle Creek Area Lions that attended the IPDG Louvenia Shack-Seal Appreciation Dinner were John Dammers, PDG Craig Bishop, Roger Bosse, Mark Soule, Dorothy Bosse, Muriel Walters, Elaine Prough, and Linda Lewis-Redmon.



DG Bea Furman presented a gift to IPDG Louvenia Shack-Seals at her appreciation dinner.



The Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club conducted a Mental Health Service Day at the Calhoun County Medical Center to play games and have conversation. Participating were Lions Cherry Ralston, Elaine Prough, Dorothy Bosse, Roger Bosse, Jane Cook, Bryan Cook, Elizabeth Raleigh, and Dawn Guzak.



President Dorothy Bosse flanked by Grace and Mika Roinila Salvation Army Captains, Mika and Grace Roinila visited the Battle Creek Cereal City Lions Club led the group in a couple of Christmas related songs. They shared statistics on their services in Battle Creek, including meal servings, food distributions, and assistance provided through various programs. They emphasized the importance of the Christmas campaign and encouraged Lions to participate in Red Kettle bell ringing.



Battle Creek area Lions clubs assisted with moving items from the First Congregational Church to Charitable Union for their annual winter give away. There were 500 families served during the event, with coats, gloves and hats.



Lions Scott Swank and Muriel Walters Lions Elizabeth Raleigh, and Kay Calley Martin. The District 11-B1 Stride Walk for Diabetes Awareness was held on Saturday October 18 at Riverside Park in Battle Creek. Seventeen local lions volunteered for the event. Over 65 stride walkers and 100 participants walked and talked along the path from 10-12 noon. Participants received a t-shirt, water bottle, and a tote bag for healthy snacks distributed along the way. Paid participants contributed over \$1200 for Diabetes related causes and LCIF



ZC Hope Swank and 1VDG Teresa Gest. Lions Susan Miller, Elizabeth Raleigh and 1VDG Teresa Gest Battle Creek Cereal City Lions conducted KidSight vision screening at North Pointe Woods retirement community. Lion Mary Wallace and her crew of VDG Tessa Gest, Hope Swank, Muriel Walters, Kay Smith and Diane Elliotte screened 47 children with six referrals.



Mike Taft, Jayden Bennett, Anna Pekrul and DG Bea Furman The Dexter Lions Club welcomed new members Mike Taft, Jayden Bennett, and Anna Pekrul, as they were inducted by DG Bea Furman.



Hanover Horton Area Lions Club President Roger Yoder records public service announcements for veterans programs and benefits and for the Lions Clubs International eight core causes that air daily on eight radio stations within the district. Saline Lions Club donated \$2,500 to the Saline Area Social Service (SASS). SASS is a food pantry that provides food to families in the Saline Area School District.



Jasmine Young, Karen Hutton, Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club Rang the Bell for the Salvation Army. There were 16 members volunteering eight hours of valuable service time at the Jackson Crossing Mall.



PID Esther LaMothe and Lion Margaret O'Connor. PID Esther LaMothe presented Past President Margaret O'Connor with a Presidential Certificate for finishing her year with a plus membership for the Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club. The Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club made a donation to Leader Dogs for a Memorial Brick in memory of long time club member Nancy Anderson.



Bedford Area Lions Club and committee of Battle Creek Cereal City Lions were hosts for the Fall Conference/Parade of Checks and the second cabinet meeting held on Saturday, November 1. Lions and their guests enjoyed a soup and salad lunch. District clubs contributed over \$55,000 to support our Lions projects.



Lion Roger Bosse donated his beard and hair for a Winter Camp for the Blind Fundraiser during the Fall Conference. Lion Bosse raised over \$5,500, with volunteers needed at the next camp for blind and visually impaired adults to be held February 6-8 at Camp Clear Lake in Dowling, Michigan.



Pennfield Lions Club welcomed guest speaker Todd Hugget on December 3. Hugget is from Fitness Pros Battle Creek, with Personal Trainer certification and a Gold Certified Clinical Exercise Specialist. He is an author of three fitness books

11 B2



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What a great week! The PKS volunteers from 11B2 managed to screen 2,221 students and found 232 referrals so far. Not bad for us jumping back into screening again. I appreciate all of you for getting up early volunteering to take care of our future generations. And, schools are starting to line up for screenings for the rest of the year. Looking forward to a good year for Project KidSight!



The Buchanan-Galien Lions Club participated in Buchanan's Faith & Family Day on August 24. We offered free vision screenings, snow cones and popcorn for those in attendance. "We Serve" is more than just the Lions' motto. It is our call to action.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our community and everyone who supported our Corn and Sausage roast August 23. We truly appreciate your support. Weather was beautiful, food was great, and the people wonderful!



Three Rivers Lions held their August picnic on the 26th where several awards were presented. Lion Gary Reames received the 2024-2025 Lion of the Year Award from Club President Dave Miller. Lion PJ Storm-Artis received a Helen Keller Fellowship for her efforts in Project KidSight, presented by Past Council Chair Jeff Mayuiers and assisted by District Governor Karen Joy.

No one has more fun than the Lions at their weekly meetings. Hope some of you can make it this Thursday when the area Football Coaches are with us to brag about their squads. Last week we had a reporter visit us from the Herald Palladium so keep your eyes peeled for a piece by Lauren Rice one of these days!

Remember to bring shelter items this week - bath and kitchen cleaning items. Laundry soap, dish snoop and more



The Mattawan Lions Club was on hand to serve up breakfast for hungry flyers and onlookers at the annual Dawn Patrol Fly-In held in August at Newman's Air Field in Kalamazoo. The weather was excellent this year, which brought in flyers from all over the tri-state area to sample the blueberry pancakes and fixin's.



South Haven Lions attended the South Haven National Night Out. We had a fun spinner game with prizes and passed out special fans (they came in handy on this warm night) along with information on Our Lions Club. We also gave away books.



Paw Paw Lions Welcome to our newest Lions. Lion Sue Swank and her sponsor Lion Noreen Miller, Lions Robert and Michelle Ramirez with their sponsors PCC Don and PDG Marsha



Thank you to our trainers from last night's training event. PCC Jeff, PDG Julie, Lion Tammie, Lion Carol. Shout out to Sister Lakes Lions Club for hosting the event and to DG Karen for the giveaway prizes and to GLT Lion Dan for setting up the training! Next training will be Zone Chair training on Sept. 8 and the next President, Secretary, Treasurer, Service and Membership training will be on November 15 along with a Chili/Soup Cook off. All at Antwerp Activity Center!



Cub catch up! Granville and Zoey read to their friends at River Ridge Senior Living today. Cubs Max, Trevor, and Zoey were a huge help Friday setting up for the South Haven Black River Lions Club BBQ On The Bluff. These kids are amazing!



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Lyons-Muir Lions Club held a KidSight screening at the Portland Red Mill Community Event, this fall. 6 club members participated in this event. There were 57 kids tested, with only 5 referrals. DG Earl Howell invited Leader Dog to join them at the KidSight Event, with three Trainers and dogs participating. They were a big draw with the kids and parents asking about becoming a trainer. The group expressed interest in attending other KidSight events in the district.



SPARTA LIONS Sparta Lions and District 11C1 are proud to share that our very own PDG Oscar Anderson was inducted into the Lions Hall of Fame is the highest honor a Michigan Lion can receive. PDG Oscar's dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to service have made a lasting impact on our community and beyond.

SPARTA LIONS are proud to have helped change the life of a young child by providing funding for a prosthetic. Thanks to the support of many, she has the chance to play and grow with confidence. Seeing her smile and excitement reminds us all why we do what we do. Together, we serve!!



Lyons Muir Lions held a fun event for kids with disabilities to have a fun time, which included corn hole, face painting, duck tank for prizes, and a sucker stand



Hubbardston American Legion 182 Women Auxiliary, presented a \$1000 check to DG Earl Howell to our District Backpack project to benefit homeless Veterans.

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District C1 Vision Service Update: Rockford Hosts New Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Rockford Lions Club is now hosting a new Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center (LERC) serving West Michigan and clubs across MD-11. Location: 12750 Northland Dr., Cedar Springs, MI — just north of Rockford, a couple minutes off US-131 at the M-57 exit. Eyeglass recycling is one of our longest-running global service traditions. With this facility, we can centralize collection, sorting, repair, and redistribution at a site designed for club-to-club collaboration and hands-on service.

KIDSIGHT IN RAVENNA Lions Members from Muskegon Northside, Ravenna, and Fruitport provided vision screenings at Beechnau Elementary School, in Ravenna. 342 students were screened and 24 potential vision problems were identified..



Project KidSight Contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil Clubs from MD 11-C1 namely: Alto, Fruitport, provided vision screening at the Muskegon School District. 5 schools, 1446 students, 202 potential vision problems identified. Read Between the Lions, led by Lion Dr. Robert Hohendorf, a specialized screening for eye movements in readers was also offered. We extend our gratitude to the Lion members who volunteered their time, and contributing to the success of this event. Lions Gail McCready, Kathleen Cobler, Joan Carlson, Laura Silkenga, Marsha Stewart and Charles Johnson took turns in giving stickers and flow of traffic. Lions Jackie Ball, Rich Carlson, Amy Viereck, Denise Sabo, Ken Frary, Ken Adamy and Sandy Graham took turns in scanning. Lions Elvie Marfil and Maryann Adamy took care of referrals. Read Between the Lion Team: Lions Bob and Sue Hohendorf, Becci Schomaker and Jackie Ball. We also would like to thank the principals and staff for allowed us to provided vision screening to their students.



Shoreline Lions Clubs collaborated with other organizations to provide local students with complimentary back-to-school supplies, T-shirts and other items cultivating a supportive environment that encourages them to strive for excellence. Concurrently, the Fruitport Lions Club implemented a KidSight program, conducting vision screenings for 22 children and identifying 2 referrals to facilitate a brighter future. Fruitport Lions offered a complimentary dinner consisting of hotdogs, chips, watermelon, and water to families in attendance



Our first group of kiddos picking, hauling washing and pressing cider. 21 gallons of cider were produced!



Touch to Riverside Park and wrapped up a special community legacy project that we're proud to share with all of you. As part of the newly completed Riverside Park renovation downtown by the dam, the Rockford Lions helped sponsor a beautiful gas fireplace—now a central gathering spot for residents and visitors alike. A plaque at the site says "Rockford Lions Club" & "Warmth provided by the Rockford Lions Club." It's a small but lasting reminder of our club's commitment to service and fellowship. This project reflects the spirit of partnership that makes Rockford strong. Alongside other service groups, local businesses, and the city, we were able to contribute something that truly enhances the park and showcases Lions service at its best.

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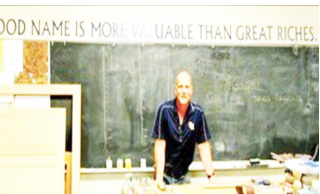
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Mason Lions Jeff Routson and Rich Bailey did their club's annual Mason Food Bank check presentation last month at the Mason Food Bank. Mason Food Bank's Debbie Zielinski sent a thank you note to the club. A check is a great idea at this point and greatly appreciated."



We're delighted to name Madison Wohlshied as Student of the Month for the Grand Ledge Lions Club! Her exemplary achievements and dedication set a high standard for us all. Madison also had the privilege of speaking at this month's Lions Club meeting, sharing her thoughts on service, leadership, and the value of giving back to our community. She is a shining example of what one student can bring to our town. Please join the Grand Ledge Lions Club in celebrating Madison for this well-deserved honor!



Elsie Lions Club will be hosting the 32nd Annual Wild Game Dinner January 16. This year's guest speaker will be Everett Smith, a retired Ovid-Elsie Industrial Arts teacher, who taught for 38 years. Everett is an avid outdoorsman; he taught students to build over 800 traditional recurve bows. Everett writes in his spare time for The Woods-Water News, featuring selected mature hunters with life stories. He will share many of his successful hunting stories. Raffle drawings include a Mossberg Patriot 350 Rifle Gun with Vortex 3-9X40 Scope, Fish Finder, and Vexilar FL-SE Game Pack. Tickets on sale at \$10/per ticket now by calling Lion Richard Easlick 517-881-0024 or Lion Rick Jones 989-666-2781 or at the door if not sold out!



1st Vice President and Sponsor Jeff Fisher presents Dan Laverty's with his Official Membership Certificate. Vermontville Lions Club - Longtime resident Dan Laverty was installed as a new Vermontville Lions Club Member. Lion Dan looks forward to giving back to the Vermontville community. The Vermontville Lions Club Welcomes Lion Dan!



Owosso Lions Club Thank you so much to everyone who stopped at VG's last month to help fill empty food bank shelves! Thanks also to our drop-off partners at Defying Gravity Bakery Café, Kim's Dance Dynamics, Ollie's Coffee & Café, Etcetera, and Great Lakes Apparel Co. LLC.



Lions Gwyn Jansen, Nancy Presocki, and Cheryl Hickey with CCCC staff member Kendra Collins, Peer Support Specialist St. Johns Lions Club accepted the LCI challenge unite in service for three 2025-2026 Global Service Week initiatives. The first initiative promotes the importance of mental health and well-being. Three members of the St. Johns Lions Club delivered boxes of material to the Clinton County Counseling Center for the agency's Drop-In Center. The items include snacks for bingo prizes and art and craft supplies. The Drop-In Center at CCCC is peer support led and delivers services to strengthen resilience, support, and advocate for the recovery and well-being of individuals. It integrates them into the community and offers a safe haven for people to go and experience life free from stigma. They are empowered as they travel the road to recovery, experiencing life, making friends, socializing, going on outings, helping each other, and sharing stories of wellness and recovery. The skill-building groups like managing emotions or dealing with relationships, also builds knowledge for a better quality of life.



Bretton Woods Lions Club Thank you to Lion Doug Klein, Public Relations Chair for Michigan for the opportunity to talk about the power of publicity with our club! He was our guest speaker in November. We also had a special visitor, Lioness Lori Shepard.



Grand Ledge Lions Club: Congratulations to all our Chevron Award recipients! Thank you for your passion, your service, and the countless ways you've helped strengthen the Grand Ledge community. Your devotion to the Lions motto — "We Serve"— continues to inspire us all. Please join us in applauding these wonderful Lions for their extraordinary contributions. Above are a few of the happy recipients with DG Aleta Cozart.



Elsie Lions Club recently donated \$2,500 to Modern Woodman for a Matching Fund Project.



Laingsburg Lions Club hosted special guests DG Aleta Cozart and PDG Carl Cozart on November 13th to install 3 new members. Pictured left to right: sponsor Lion Lori Leonard, new member Peggy Leonard, new member Fred J Schaard, DG Aleta Cozart, sponsor Terry Fraidenburg, new member Ed Tyler and sponsor Nick Holtman.



St. Johns Lions Club members attended a wine and cheese brown bag auction fundraiser tonight hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The club was a sponsor of this event. All proceeds will support scouting in Clinton County. KofC member and Lions Club president Dean Hartenburg served as auctioneer. It was a fun night that raised nearly \$4000. Photo above: Back row L-R: Nancy Presocki, Gwyn Jansen, Carrie Hartenburg, Duane Witter, and Dean Hartenburg. Front row L-R: Bob Jansen, Gloria Carnicom, Marilyn Witter, and Cheryl Hickey.



St. Johns Lions gathered to celebrate and recognize members for their service. They brought donations to be distributed to the local food bank. The club is working on a project to donate additional funding to the Basic Needs Center and Beacon of Hope to be announced soon. Bath Township Lions

We have a new eyeglass collection box! Special thanks to A&D Repair for the new paint job!— with A&D Repair Inc.



Grand Ledge Lions Club Steve Gabriel from Grand Ledge schools presented plaques to Lion Jim Brandt at our Club's meeting and Lion Kim Spalsbury at a recent school board meeting regarding the naming of GLHS Track & Field facility in their honor. PDG Ray Robins was the speaker on Veteran's Day. He spoke of the Lions Michigan Foundation who have donated over \$2 million in grants to Michigan residents.



Vermontville Lions Club- Lion Bill Martin and his daughter Bess Ann talked about the details of Lion Bill Martin's Veteran Honor Flight to Washington DC that took place on October 13 and 14. Veterans submit their applications to participate in the Honor Flight program and there is a very long waiting list. Lion Bill was able to tour the memorials and said they were treated with honor before, during, and after they arrived back home. Lion Bill is a Vietnam Veteran, and his service is very much appreciated!

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Lions Carol Graham-Banes and Craig Banes from the Frankenmuth Lions Club attended the annual USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2025 in Atlantic City. The Forum offered workshop topics including families serving together, LCIF information, recruiting, motivation, marketing, specialty clubs, and team building! The 2026 USA/Canada Forum is scheduled to be held in Memphis, TN.



District D1 Lions enjoying a golf outing to benefit persons with special needs.

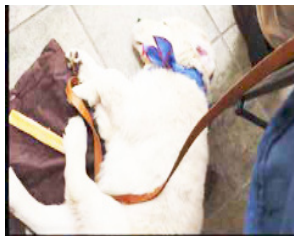
Congratulations to PDG Steve VanTol on receiving the International President's Award for his outstanding service as Global Leadership Chair for the district. The award was recently sent to Lion Steve by IPIP Fabricio Oliveira.



Mayville Lions Lawrence and Margaret are all smiles as they collect donations during our annual mint sale weekend.



Caro Lions Club presented a lifetime membership to Lion Larry Seale. He joined Lions in 1974 and will have served 52 years in January 2026.



Flushing Lions Club wore out 6-week old future Leader Dog, Hunter.



Caro Lions President, Tony Szczygiel, along with DG Jerry Whitney and 1VDG Tobias Webber were in Caro helping build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Lion Szczygiel also serves as President of the Caro Chapter of SHP. Join us for the next build-a-bed event on December 6.

Flushing Lions Club participated in numerous activities recently. They held a pool party complete with dogs, both puppies and two leader dogs in attendance. New member Lori Carrig was inducted by PDG Larry Porn. Food was plentiful, and the dogs were a riot. Four Flushing Lions attended the Governor's Appreciation Dinner in Bay City. The club opened their concession stand at Eastview Park during a baseball tournament and attended Flushing Schools Raider Rally to present a \$3,000 scholarship to Elizabeth Hartman. White Cane days in September netted \$6,500! Afterwards, members crafted 1,000 luminaries out of milk jugs for the upcoming Candle Walk.



Mayville Lions Lawrence and Margaret are all smiles as they collect donations during our annual mint sale weekend.



PDGs Ron Johnson and Alice Zajac attended the Mayville Lions Club meeting to install new officers.



Shields Lions Club held a KidSight screening in conjunction with the Fire Department's pancake breakfast. Shields Lions Club also partnered with Freeland Lions, Swan Valley Schools and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to sponsor a food give away.



Buena Vista Lions Club continues to support the Sickle Cell Community by attending Flint's Annual walk, which took place September 6th at the historic Max Brandon Park. We, along with a few partnership organizations, promoted awareness, scholarship opportunities, and blood drives. Lastly, our club attended Saginaw's 54th NAACP Freedom Fund celebration held at the Horizon Center in Saginaw Township. Notable attendees were Mayor Brenda Moore, Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, State Representative Amos O'Neal, and keynote speaker, Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice, Noah Hood. All are firm supporters of Michigan Lions, our service and efforts to meet the needs of communities throughout the state.

Auburn Williams Lions Planning Walk for Type 1 Diabetes. Our club cordially invites our neighboring clubs to join us in raising funds to provide help and support in our community and beyond for families dealing with Type 1 Diabetes. Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) Walks take place all over the country. Every step drives research, advocacy and support to improve lives until we find a cure. This event is scheduled to take place at Auburn Park in November, 2026. For information on how you and your club can become involved, please reach out to Lion Robin Devereaux at 989-928-3561.



Millington Lions Club welcomed new members Tom Schiefer (C-L) and Greg Mohr (C-R). Also pictured as member sponsors are Steve Kern, Dwight Keinath and installing member RG Barnum. Welcome Lions Tom and Greg!

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USA Lions club repeated a very successful Christmas service project by writing greeting cards of encouragement to be given to residents of our local Assisted Living home Bay View Gardens in Sebewaing. The cards are given to residents in time for Christmas. Lindy Wineman from USA is handing over the cards to the Grinch!



Port Austin Lions Club wanted to share some things they are helping with in our community. We just gave \$100,000 toward a new Ice Rink/ community center that is currently under construction. We also donated \$10,000 to "Shop with a Hero" On Thanksgiving Day, we delivered Hot Thanksgiving Dinners to families that needed a little help. December 13, we will be delivering our "Good Fellows" Food Boxes as well as some Christmas Gifts, Gas Cards and brand-new winter coats and socks. We will deliver to 45 families this year. The coats are donated by a local family and delivered by the Lions. Monetary donations were made to help offset the cost of these boxes. Thumb Area Charter Captains Association, Pointe Aux Borques Community, Sons of American Legion Post 499, and many private individuals donate towards this event. I hope you can put this information into the Lion Pride Publication. Thank You and Merry Christmas.



Please help District 11D2 Pediatric Cancer project to get young Hudson, who has neuroblastoma, and his family assistance with his medical needs. Donations of returnable cans and bottles are needed. Pick up available through Lion Wendy Drinkard-Wojtas. Thank you for your support!



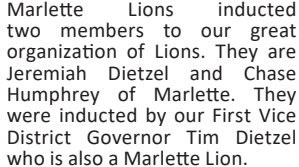
Marysville Lions Club was honored to host four families this evening for "Buyin' with a Lion" at Marysville Meijers. Students from Marysville Public Schools joined us for a Holiday shopping experience. What a wonderful project to celebrate and SERVE.



Memphis Lions and Leos hosted their year-end senior dinner. What a fantastic turnout! This was well attended with over 100 attendees. The Leo club had several of their members helping with the dinner also working on the bingo game. Mixing the youth of the Leos and the wisdom of the elderly was very inspiring.



Marlette Lions inducted two members to our great organization of Lions. They are Jeremiah Dietzel and Chase Humphrey of Marlette. They were inducted by our First Vice District Governor Tim Dietzel who is also a Marlette Lion.



Elkton Lions ~ Huron Youth Center committee hosted their annual Halloween Trick or Treat in downtown Elkton, inviting the Rose Garden Assisted Living residents to dress up in costumes and hand out treats to area trick or treaters. While the Elkton Lions ~ Parks & Rec committee joined the fun and hosted an annual walk through Halloween Fun House. Other businesses, town residents and organizations joined the fun to celebrate Halloween for over 600 kids and their families.



Memphis Lions Clubs held their annual food drive. Lion Nancy Thomson organized the food collections with the help of the boy scouts and members of the club. Memphis Lions do their Goodfellow paper to help compensate for the food boxes. There are others that contribute. This has been Memphis Lions tradition for several decades, going back to 1960's. We include more than food to help the twenty four needy families.



Almont Lions Club ended the year with big support given to Santa with a load of toys for good girls and boys!

Harsens Island Lioness Lions coordinated a donation drive for the Algonac Schools Comfort Closet that provides much needed clothes and toiletries for the young people who attend the schools. Thank you, Lioness Lion Denise S., for shopping an organizing the donations. Thank you to the community for coming through. The schools were most grateful.



Memphis Lions once again, did their Goodfellow paper drive this year. The Lions have done this for decades to feed the hunger during the Christmas holidays. Lion Larry Wilson has sold these papers every year. Larry celebrated his 95 birthday this year.




Minden City Lions Club Elves were out and about recently, delivering Christmas Cheer to area community members. Left to right... Lion Dale Halifax, Lion Dave Horan, Lion Bob Kaufman, and Lion Margaret Oldenburg.

Capac Lions would like to welcome you back. Over the last few years, the club has experienced a decline in membership and the ability to serve our community. I'm pleased to say that we are starting to turn that around. We just had seven new members come aboard. There are plans in the works to refurbish the old Capac Lions cellophane this year, and make it available for rentals, which will help with community goals. This cellophane has been around for many years, and has been part of local, district, state and even international events. In the near future we are planning a Euchre tournament. There will be flyers coming out soon with details. Some of our members were part of the crew that put on the awesome Mexican dinners on at the Capac Catholic Church over the last few years. They are making plans to bring the same quality Mexican meals to our club as another way to help serve and support the Capac Community.



Pictured is Memphis President Jason Sopha and son Jackson loading their car up and ready for deliveries!

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Midland Lions: DG Jeff Schafer was able to induct 3 new members during his visit with the Midland Lions Club. From Left to Right: new member Ken Henderson, sponsor Lion Alan Ducham; new member Cyndi Breault, sponsor Lion Thayre Talcott; new member Ryan Pelletier, sponsor Lion David Romeresko; DG Jeff Schafer



Shepherd Lions: DG Schafer inducted three new members to the club during the Region 2 Zone 1 meeting held at the Shepherd Bar & Restaurant. From Left to Right: new member Tom & Renee Chispell, sponsor Lion Richard Hetherington; new member Kim Lavigne, sponsor Lion Robert Gates; DG Jeff Schafer



Cedar-Maple City Lions: DG Jeff was able to induct 1 new member and award a 10-year Length of Service Chevron during his visit with the Cedar-Maple City Lion. (Left to Right): Sponsor Tom Pleva (President), new member Mike Salamino, & DG Jeff Schafer.



(Left to Right): Lion Mary Kapat (Secretary) receiving her 10-year length of service Chevron from DG Jeff Schafer.

NOTICE: 3rd District 11-E1 Cabinet Town Hall Meeting Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 9am-3pm Isabella Commission on Aging 2200 S Lincoln Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes More information on lunch will be in the January Newsletter.



Coleman Lions celebrated their 85th Anniversary with their annual Charter Night Dinner and Auction! They had over 140 guests attend the event which included a wonderful dinner cooked and served by the Coleman Culinary School, which is a career and technical education program offered by the Coleman Community Schools for high school students in Midland County. There were silent auction items, head-tails game, 50 square board for a meat package, 100 square board for a king size quilt, purchase a key unlock a lock for an inflatable kayak, a raffle for an elevated deer blind, 50/50 raffle and a live auction.



“Heart of the Lion” annual award was given to Roxy Smith for her endless hours and dedication in supporting the Coleman Community.



Kaleva Lions Club celebrated their 63rd anniversary in conjunction with District Governor Jeff Schafer's official visit. During the visit Lion King Chris Hall was presented with the “Lion of the Year” award. There were members from the Coleman Lions and Onkama Lions attending the event too. Pictured (from left to right): Lion King Chris and DG Jeff.



Lake Ann Lions Club in action with a service project putting together some power book bags!



Northport Lions Club welcomes new members: Jan Rygwelski, Dan Malski, Tom and Martha Shaver, Ivan Paciorka, Chris McCann, Pam Strawbridge and Hugh Scott. Northport Lions have added 13 new members since September!



Northport Lions Chuck Whetsel and Marian Kromkowski serving hot dogs at Leelanau Christian Neighbors.



Northport Lions are well known in the community for their yellow hats and great service! Recent activities included Northport Dog Parade, Leelanau Uncaged, Music in the Park, the Recycling Center, Holiday Toy distribution, Winter Carnival, Walk to School Day, White Cane Day, and recently serving hot dogs for those who came to Leelanau Christian Neighbors Food Pantry.

Arcadia Lions - Arcadia Lions are down for the winter and the SnowBirds have gone south for the winter to a much warmer location.

Cadillac Lions - Get your Tip-ups ready for winter fishing season. “The Sink the Shack” contest will be starting soon as enough ice is on Lake Cadillac. Contact the Cadillac Lions if you want tickets.


Kaleva Lions - Thanks to a great group of volunteers pasties are made and sold every Thursday (except Holidays). We will be selling pasties at the Maple Grove Community Center Craft Sale in December. We have helped several families who lost their homes to fires. Also working on the 2026 Club Activities Calendar.

Manistee Lions - Manistee Lions are slowing down with a significant amount of SnowBirds going to warmer weather.

Mesick Lions - December 6, 2025, Breakfast with Santa. Mesick Lions are having a Hat and Mitten Drive for Mesick School Kids. They will be adopting ten children for Christmas gifts.

Onkama Lions: Fundraiser for Onkama High School Girls Softball Team on December 13, 2025. Working on food Baskets for Christmas. January 2026 Corn Hole starts on Fridays. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for food and Corn Hole Starts at 6:30 p.m. Have a Safe and Happy New Year! WE SERVE

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Alpena Lions Club packaged gift bags for the many residents of the local MediLodge. Deliveries were made by Lion tamer Gary Stevens. They're sure to bring JOY to the local residents!



Alpena Lions Club donated \$2,500 of their Od Newsboys sales to the Salvation Army



Boyer Valley Lions Club had orders for over 400 pasties at their recent sale. Pasties were picked-up via a drive through process with Lions passing the orders over to the cars in line. They were up 77 additional pasties over last year, bringing the total to 444. Another great event for Boyer Valley Lions Club!



DG Marie Leather presented IPDG Dennis Gocha with the Governor's Plaque for fulfilling his term with dedication and service to the district.



Central Lake Lions Club filled up on Thanksgiving dinner and proceeded to fill the Salvation Buckets over the holiday weekend, raising \$979.00 for this great cause. To kick off the start of the season, Lions Ray and Brian welcomed Santa's reindeer to Central Lake's Window Night. This long-standing, fun and festive community event has been held in the Central Lake community for decades, with Santa's reindeer flying in to assist share the event with Central Lake Lions Club the past 7 years.



Cheboygan Lions Club – Oktoberfest was another annual event the club has participated in! Lions Cindy and Chris Bauer joined the fun by bartending at the event.



Pictured are Lion Peace Poster Coordinator Linda Poole, art instructor Mike Schroeder, Alexis Wenz, King Lion Dan Miller, and Secretary Linda Gocha

East Jordan Lions Club tended the flower gardens in town and at the Community Park. They sponsored a Peace Poster Contest, providing a \$50 prize to the top winner.



Pictured are Jennifer Thompson, Linda Poole, Faye Miller, Sherry Pursel, Linda Gocha, Dan Miller, Linda Chase and Bill Chase. Not pictured is Kim Burzych. We Serve!



District 11-E2 received a Chevron Service Award at the District 11-E2 Cabinet meeting on November 22nd. They were Dennis and Linda Gocha for 15 years, Di Labeau for 20 years and Kris Roberts for 10 years of service. Thank you for your service and hard work!



East Jordan Lions welcomed Lisa Clavier from Kiersten's Ride as a suicide prevention speaker to their meeting.



From everyone here at Eversight, thank you for your continued support! We wish you and yours a happy, healthy holiday season.



Painting by cornea recipient Becky Mullins



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