

# LION PRIDE WE SERVE

A PUBLICATION OF THE LIONS OF LOWER MICHIGAN - MD11

240 Lions from around the state, Indiana, Tennessee, North Dakota and Guatemala overtook the conference center at the Delta Marriott Kalamazoo last month. They exchanged smiles, handshakes, hugs and laughter.

The Lions Michigan Forum offered 16 outstanding breakout sessions involving 24 presenters. Out keynote address by Lion Carl Webster got us all thinking about how to stay out of the obituary column with his talk on "Autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club: Why Lions Clubs Die", and our White Cane Scholars showed us why they were born to lead.

Lions were able to screen for diabetic retinopathy, meet with our state project leaders, learn about Michigan forestry, dementia and brain health, as well as our Lion traditions. utilizing social media, ways to develop healthy clubs and strengthen membership. All this knowledge and power under one roof!

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this year's program. In addition to the session speakers there were 17 exhibitors representing an array of service programs, including hand crafted jewelry.

Service always plays a big role at the Forum and this year 150 fleece blankets were hand tied and donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a special organization ensuring kids have a bed to sleep on and the necessary bedding to be comfortable and comforted.

**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US AGAIN IN KALAMAZOO NEXT FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 2025!**

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Piles of blankets filled the tables in preparation of the Lions Michigan Forum Service Project to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace



Blankets came in a colorful array with whimsical artwork and meaningful messages



Lions Amy Anderson and Tandra Stiffer work as a mother-daughter team



Former council Members - Friends for Life!



Council Chair John Daoud and Governors at the Forum. (Missing DGs Jim White and Dan Perkins)



PDG Karen Routson presents a handmade quilt to Sleep in Heavenly Peace representative



MD 11 GST Chair Terri Huffman demonstrates how easy it is



DG Lula Gardfrey and fellow Lions from District 11 A1



Busy Bee's tying up blankets! 150 blankets, to be exact.



Lion Jack from the Guatemala Lions Club gives a presentation on Hope to Walk

## UPCOMING Events:

**MARCH 22-23**  
District B2 Convention Delta Marriott Kalamazoo

**MARCH 31**  
Easter

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

Convention Season Continues  
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**APRIL 22**  
International Mother Earth Day

**APRIL 27**  
Worldside Induction Day

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

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

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

**JUNE 21 - 25**  
LCI Convention, MELBOURNE  
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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRIDE



We're approaching our final stretch to the end of the year, Lions, and with that comes the tradition of District Conventions and the MD 11 Conventions.

If you've never participated in your district convention or the MD 11 convention, here are some reasons why you should consider making it a priority.

**Networking opportunities**—if you only need one reason, here it is! Mingling with Lions is always a highlight at any convention, from the mixers to the entertainment, to the formal banquet and all the moments in between.

**Strengthen your Club** by attending as a group, taking part in the breakout sessions to be offered, and participating in the service project are all ways in which your club will benefit from.

**Serve More People** by participating in service projects at District Conventions and the MD 11 Convention. This is what Lions were meant to do, plain and simple. We Serve!

**Knowledge Sharing**—the convention serves as a platform for members to share their experiences, best practices, and innovative ideas with others. This can inspire creativity, problem-solving, and continuous improvement within our association.

**Recognition and Awards**—Many service organizations use the annual convention as an opportunity to recognize and award outstanding

members for their contributions, achievements, and dedication. It's a great opportunity to boost morale and motivate us all.

**Voting** on issues that matter to our organization. Make your voice heard!

Educational offerings at the MD 11 Convention in Grand Rapids will include the following:

Fun with the Tail Twister – Strengthen your tail twisting knowledge and learn how to become the best!

Club President & Region Chair – Best practices and what to expect in this role.

Lions Informational Panel Discussion – A panel of experts made up of PIP Scruggs, PIDs, and Lion leaders will share their knowledge and answer your questions on all-things Lions around the world.

Service Project to benefit Kid's Coalition Against Hunger – Participate in a fast and easy project that you can learn from and take back information to your club. The Lion Pack is the 3rd and final project of the year and KCAH will provide the supplies to package **10,000** dehydrated ingredients for meals to be distributed to local communities, food banks, soup kitchens and backpack programs. Be a part of combating hunger in our state.

Lions of Michigan Foundation – Learn ways in which LMF can assist your club with emergency disaster grants, vision and hearing services for children and adults, and so much more.

Succulent Gardening for your Home and Garden – Calling all gardeners and wanna-be's! Succulents are easy (and addictive!) plants to freshen up your in-home or outdoor garden pots for the spring season. Best of all it offers a no-fuss transition to bring the green back into your home during the winter months.

Hope to Walk- This charitable organization was introduced to Michigan Lions at the Lions Michigan Forum and are back by popular demand at the MD 11 Convention. Dedicated to offering prosthetic legs and hope to a world in need. Michigan Lions. Changing the World!

As Lions you have many opportunities to learn, grow, and serve. You are all invited to participate in your District Conventions and the MD 11 Convention this May. I will look forward to meeting you in Grand Rapids as we continue to **Change the World!**

*Yours in Service,  
Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director*

### Spotlight GLT MD11 PDG Traci Tribley TEAM COORDINATOR



#### Springing into Action: The Power of Being a Lion Every Day

Dear Lions Leaders of Michigan, Spring is in the air, and it's a time to soak up inspiration and sow the seeds of positive change. To cultivate leadership and growth this season, I would like to share a few thoughts on what it means to be a Lion, not just in our club activities but every day.

Being a Lion isn't just a role we play during meetings or events, it's a way of life. Think of it as our superhero cape that we wear 24/7. As leaders, we're not just representing ourselves; we're the face of Lions International, and our actions paint a picture of our entire Lions community.

Juggling our personal and Lions lives can get a little bit crazy. But that's where a Lion's true strength shines through. Our commitment to service and respect should not be put up on the shelf when we walk out of our meetings or finish a service project; it should be incorporated into every aspect of our daily lives.

We all have challenges that we struggle with, and it's easy to let them color our interactions. However, as Lions, we should always try and rise above personal challenges to extend kindness and respect to others. Our fellow Lions, community members, and even strangers deserve our respect. It's all about treating others the way we would want to be treated, even when life throws us curveballs.

Leadership isn't just about fancy titles - it's about how we show up in our daily lives. Whether at a family gathering, in the workplace, shopping for groceries, or checking into a hotel, let's make sure we display the values that make Lions "Ambassadors of Goodwill". In every interaction, we should ask ourselves: "Am I embodying the spirit of a Lion in this moment?" The answer should guide our actions and reinforce the values and convictions that Lions uphold.

Every day we wake up and step out into the world, we have an opportunity to make an impact on those we interact with...let's make sure it's a positive one.

As we enter the invigorating season of spring, let's continue to guide our leadership journey with heart, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to respect. Together, as Lions of Michigan, let's foster a community that flourishes and blooms.

Yours In Service,  
TRACI TRIBLEY PDG

### Spotlight GST MD11 CHAIR PDG Terri Huffman COUNCIL CHAIR ELECT



Success to me is based on the lives that were impacted by the act of service. When I reflect on the recent Sleep in Heavenly Peace project, the number of lives impacted is unbelievable.

It isn't just about the Lions who were able to take blankets back to their communities to distribute, it was also about those Lions that eagerly showed up to make over 150 blankets. The smiles, laughs, conversations and diligence to complete the blankets by everyone who attended was just incredible.

The Michigan Lions Forum service project was an incredible success. Even though the scissors were an obstacle, we got the project done! A huge thank you to the Edwardsburg Lions who took the left-over blankets back to their Leo members to finish the job. I am going to 'fess up to a huge oversight on my part, so that at your service projects you will not make the same mistake. I should have had a sign in sheet. We estimate over 120 Lions participated. Lesson learned!

Next up, the MD 11 Convention service project on Saturday, May 18. We're calling this one The Lion Pack, as we work together to assemble 10,000 dehydrated ingredients to be boxed and distributed by Kids Coalition against Hunger, an organization located in White Lake, MI. I hope to see you all there.

TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!  
Lion Terri Huffman, Global Service Chair

PS: On a personal note, I need to get in contact with the Lion who filmed the breakout session I presented during the Forum. If you are this wonderful woman, please contact Executive Director Wendy Burns at the Lions of Michigan State Office - Thank you!

## Spotlight District Governor DG Steve Murch MD 11E2



Why are you a Lion? Surely it's a question you've heard before, either from someone who is curious about your service and your club or from a fellow Lion who is trying to find out what makes club members volunteer.

When a fellow Lion asks when you started as a Lion and when you became a Lion, we know they aren't talking about the same thing. We know they are talking about when we were inducted as a Lions vs. when we really had that "A-ha" moment of what being a Lion means.

It's a bit trickier when asked why we are Lions.

Did you have an answer for that question? We all have an answer, but certainly most of us have seen that answer change over time as we spend more time being Lions and serving our various communities. It's only natural that the more time we spend as a Lion and become more deeply involved in our clubs that why we serve changes a least to a small degree.

Not only does how we view our service as individual Lions change, but over time our clubs change. We have to because the needs of our communities change. Sure, the core missions and focuses of Lions remain the same, but the boots-on-the-ground service of our clubs changes in myriad ways.

Our communities' needs change, so it would be natural for our service to change. The bigger question is whether or not we properly change with the community needs. Are we adapting to the changing times?

All communities have needs when it comes to hunger. Most clubs are right there trying to help in some manner, whether making monetary donations to organizations or hosting food drives.

The Hillman Lions Club has embraced helping the community's needs when it comes to hunger. The club holds pop-up pantries to help those who have food needs. The club's dedication to it has led to it being honored by the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The club will receive the 2023 Partner Leadership Award in April.

Obviously, hunger is not the only way our clubs serve their communities. The Oscoda Lions Club swings hammers every year, building ramps from mobility challenged people in their community.

The club has built over 90 ramps over the years, helping people who need to have easier access in and out of their homes. Last fall, the club extended their service by building a ramp for a woman who lives in a community without a Lions club nearly 50 miles away.

These are just two examples of why people are Lions. Being a Lion is an act of altruism, doing something for others without an expectation of anything given in return.

There are clubs that have members read to children at the local library or Boys and Girls Club, while other clubs take part in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Some clubs have members do spring cleanup for elder residents who can't do the yardwork themselves, or they might even paint an elderly person's house.

We do all of this without even thinking about why we are Lions. It's what we do. The best of us are always looking for ways to serve our communities while the rest of us say "OK" and roll up our sleeves and help fulfill those new ideas to help our communities.

So let's go back to that first question: Why are you a Lion? There are no wrong answers, we all do it for our own reasons. Those answers still aren't selfish because ultimately if we are active Lions we are helping others in a selfless manner.

I'll go first in answering my own question. I'm a Lion because I want to make a difference in my community, like my family has been doing now for 98 years of Lionism. I was inducted as a Lion in January 2010 and became a Lion the second time the same woman, probably around 80 years old, gave me a donation during a street sale and told me that her husband still remembers being helped by Lions when he was a child when the club gave his family a food basket during the holidays.

So again: Why are you a Lion?

DG Steve Murch 11E2

## WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED AT MI FORUM

Sight Conservation/White Cane MD 11 Chair and Cereal City Lion Roger Bosse, introduced and presented checks to the 2024 recipients of the Grace Lange Scholarship winners. Felicia Bradford, Nicole Smith, Caleb Geiger, and Luca Schwalm were this year's winners of the \$3,000 grant. All are students who are seeking a higher education degree and are blind or visually impaired.

The scholarships are funded through the Grace Lange Memorial Fund, set up in the 1970's by the estate of Grace Lange to assist blind and visually impaired students achieve their academic goals. The basic requirements for the scholarship are to be a Michigan resident, acceptance to a higher education institution (university, community college, etc.), and have a diagnosed visual impairment.



## MD11 CONVENTION SCHEDULE! MAY 18 - 20

### Thursday, May 18

Convention Kick-off Picnic Rockford Rotary Pavilion Catering by Spart Lions Club  
Host: Rockford Lions Club

### Friday, May 19 – Michigan Lions - Changing the World!

9:00 am Council of Governors Meeting  
9:00 am Exhibitor's Hall Open

### 10:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions

Succulent Gardening  
Tour Meijer Garden, Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids Area Attractions

### 1:30 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2023-2024 Meeting Planning

### 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Fun with the Tail Twister – Become the Best!  
Club President & Region Chair Best Practices  
Hope to Walk – Changing the World with Prosthetic Legs

### 6:00 p.m Welcome Party! Lions Senior Prom themed event!

### Saturday, May 20 – Learn and Grow Together at the Convention

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open  
8:00 a.m. Awards Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Business Session featuring news from around our state and world.

### 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Service Project – Kid's Coalition Against Hunger  
Lions Informational Panel Discussion with PIP Sid Scruggs  
Lions of Michigan Foundation

### 6:00 p.m. Reception – LMASB Performance -- Awards Banquet

S.A. Dodge Recipients PDG Wes Wagester, D2 and PDG Pam Schroeder, E1

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

LIONS OF MICHIGAN  
PROUDLY PRESENT  
PDG DAVE WINEMAN  
MD11 ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR  
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Thankyou Michigan



"We Serve"

> COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS

**NEW POLICY ON ELECTING MD11 COUNCIL CHAIR**

At the December Council of Governors meeting the District Governors voted to change the process for electing a council chair. PID Justin Faber introduced this new process as outlined by LCI President Dr. Patti Hill.

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

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

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

Interested Lions may fill out the application form and send it along with a letter of interest to Executive Director Wendy Burns.

**Emailed or mailed copies are accepted.**

**Deadline to submit an application is May 6, 2024.**

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

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

**MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2025-2026 Application Form**

*Please type or print:*

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Last Name                                      First Name                                      Middle Initial

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Spouse's Name (if applicable)

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Residence Phone (Include Area Code)                                      Business Phone (Include Area Code)

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E-Mail Address

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Your Lions Club                                      District #                                      Year Served as a DG

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

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER:**

Offices held at the club level:

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

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

Special awards, honors, and recognitions you have received:

Skills or talents you bring to the position:

**Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind**

*Serving youth with blindness or low vision*

**OUB's Mission:**

Building life-skills, self-confidence and independence for children and young adults who are blind or have low vision.

*OUB is a charitable nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)3. We gladly accept your generous donations!*



**Contact Us:**  
616-755-2221  
[oubmichigan.org](http://oubmichigan.org)

Located in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Registration is limited. Accepting applications for staff members! Apply today!

**More than a Summer Camp!**

OUB Camps are fantastic opportunities for children and young adults with blindness or low vision to learn, grow and thrive! Our camps provide outdoor educational experiences and job training where kids and staff can participate in all of the usual camping activities like campfires, boating, swimming and hiking, while learning skills, like cooking, that will help them prepare for a lifetime of independence and success.

At OUB Camps, children and adults learn:

- Social Skills
- Cooking
- Mobility
- Gardening
- Science
- Nature
- Self-reliance
- Self-confidence
- Blindness is not barrier, just an obstacle!



**Who can attend?**

Any child age 7-17 who is blind or has low vision that interferes with their living, learning and social interaction is welcome to attend OUB Camps.



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 11 PROPOSED DUES INCREASE

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

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

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

Currently Article VIII Section 1 reads:

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

The proposed new amendment would read as follows:

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

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

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

## LION PRIDE MAGAZINE

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by PDG Dave Wineman



## Dave's Corner! PDG Dave Wineman

### LIONS DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK!



**Braudio Thorne. Braudio is the super great promoter and teammate of the New York Lions Adaptive Blind Baseball Team.**

One of the most interesting things about our Lions organization is its vastness! Some know, but many do not, that our organization in 1947 was granted consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council, committed to the welfare of people worldwide. Governments needed an organization that had a worldwide presence and values that the UN needed to project – that being world peace. That may sound like a line out of a Miss Congeniality beauty pageant, but it is very relevant. More

than ever our organization holds those values today as much as we did after World War II.

This was my fourth trip to Lions Day at the UN. Each trip is cherished. Each trip new Lion friends are made and there are opportunities to catch up with so many. The variety of Lions met on trips such as this make a difference in our lives through their intellect and diversity. New things are learned. New horizons viewed. Just when one seems to have things figured out, someone will throw a different perspective on the table. Friends young and old are to be made. So many have left a positive impression. This year like others, Past International President Al Brandel MC'ed the event. Saturday morning following the gathering there was an opportunity to sit with PIP Al and his wife Lion Maureen. It was huge to hear his perspective. One of their beliefs is that this cause helps organize Lions in advocacy and the spread of new ideas amongst our membership. These are valid points, and they sure weigh in.

Inside our Lions organization, advocacy is about bringing awareness, education and positive change to society. At Lions Day at the UN two prominent items this year were Environmental Awareness and Lions Qwest. These programs exemplify International President Patty Hill's theme, "Changing the World". You can learn more about Lions advocacy programs and support by visiting the [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) webpage, searching for "advocacy" in the search. The Advocacy Toolkit is a great place to start.

To finish off the Lions Day at the UN there was a treat. On a previous journey an invitation had been extended to the New York Financial Lions Districts dinner. All that can be said is it is nothing like dinner in Sebawaing, Michigan. New friends were made from France. We struggled through the translations and there was a genuine invitation to visit southeast France. We were treated to opera singing by some of the professional opera singers in the club. It was breathtaking. OK, so opera may not hit your top 40's chart. But... Chills will run down your spine hearing them standing next to you. They were great! It beats hearing my singing in the shower by a long way.

The biggest take away from the evening with the New York Financial District Lions was meeting Braudio Thorne. Braudio is the super great promoter and teammate of the New York Lions Adaptive Blind Baseball Team. You read it right. A blind baseball team. I made a friend, I learned much. Together Lions just need a dream and we can accomplish so much. You can learn more about the team on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/NyLionsBB/>

Take a peek at their page. Understand what we as Lions can accomplish!

Lions Day at the UN was a great experience. It changes the world! If the opportunity ever presents itself take advantage of it. How would you change the world?

Cheers!

PDG Dave Wineman  
email: [dww@abadata.com](mailto:dww@abadata.com)

PS.. That evening we added two more members "to our dream and our team" as International President Patty Hill installed two new Lions! Be the Lion to encourage someone you know to become the newest Lion on the globe.



> LIONS OF MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME

# Lions of Michigan



# HALL OF FAME

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

The 2024 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 15th Annual, will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Lodging, including taxes, is \$150.00 per night for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Lions of Michigan State Office at 517-887-6640 - info@lmsf.net.

## HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Dr. Gary Anderson, PID  
 Harold "Hop" Anderson, PCC  
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 R.G. Barnum, PDG  
 William "Doc" Barr, PDG  
 Jack Becher, PDG  
 Dennis Bellinger, PCC  
 David Bennett, PDG  
 Terry Bowerman, PCC  
 Don Brown, PCC  
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 Granville Cutler, PDG  
 George Daly, PID  
 Ray DeWitt, PCC  
 Glen Dings, PDG  
 Nancy Dings, PDG  
 S.A. Dodge, PIP  
 Wendell Doty, PDG  
 Dr. Sara Doubledee, PCC

Dr. Tom Doyle, PDG  
 James Dunn, PCS  
 Barb Durlinger, PDG  
 Bill Erickson, PDG  
 Justin Faber, PID  
 Duane Farnsworth, PDG  
 Richard Foust, PST  
 Charles Frederick, PCC  
 Paul Frederick, PDG  
 James Frendewey, PID  
 Harold "Hal" Geppert, PDG  
 Dan Gibbons, PDG  
 Stuart Goodrich, PDG  
 Budd Goodwin, PSS  
 Gerald Griffin, Sr., PDG  
 William "Bill" Hanel, PID  
 William "Bill" Hansen, PID  
 Dale Hart, PDG  
 Robert "Bob" Heft, PDG  
 Paul Hemeryck, PCC  
 Jerry Hinton, PCC  
 Robert "Bob" Jenkins, PCC  
 Harry Johnson, PDG  
 Al Kassin, PDG  
 Al Kelpinski, PDG  
 Lloyd Kilbreath, PDG

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

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

### 2024 Hall of Fame - Registration Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DEADLINE: July 1, 2024**

## Lions of Michigan FOUNDATION



**KENNETH E. LAUTZENHEISER FELLOWSHIP—Donations: \$500+**  
 Honorees receive an acrylic plaque and lapel pin. Progressive honorees receive a certificate and progressive lapel pin.

Ken E. Lautzenheiser served Lions for over 45 years, and he was a charter member of the Inter-lakes Lions Club. Ken was elected to the Board of Lions Clubs International in 1985, and he has served Lions in almost every capacity. Ken was instrumental in organizing the Lions of Michigan Foundation in the early 1980's. He believed there was a definite need in Michigan for an organization that could address the medical needs of individuals that had no insurance and nowhere else to turn. Ken knew that if Lions Clubs combined resources for a mutual cause, Lions could have a greater impact on their communities and do more to help people in need.



**HELEN KELLER FELLOWSHIP—Donations: \$750+ (KidSight Fund)**  
 Honorees receive a certificate, medal and lapel pin. Progressive honorees receive a certificate and progressive lapel pin.

Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf. With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille. A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The Lions accepted her challenge, and our work, ever since, has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness.



**JOHN S. NOEL FELLOWSHIP—Donations: \$1,000+**  
 Honorees receive a hardwood plaque and lapel pin. Progressive honorees receive a certificate and progressive lapel pin.

John S. Noel was a charter member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club in 1919, and he was Michigan's 1st President of Lions Clubs International in 1923-24. John helped establish much of the structure and many of the policies that we now enjoy as Lions. The John Noel Fellowship is the highest honor bestowed by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. It represents John's many accomplishments in the advancement of Lionism in Michigan and throughout the world and his tireless efforts to help people in need.



**EXTRA EXTRA  
READ ALL ABOUT IT!**



**YOUTH EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM**

Contributed by Lion Elvie Marfil. State Chairperson



An invitation has been extended to LEO Club members to join the Youth Camp & Exchange at Lions Bear Lake Camp, 3409 N Five Lakes Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446, August 11-17, 2024.

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

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

Cost: \$150.00 (Please make check payable to: Lions Of Michigan, memo: Youth Camps & Exchange.

Bring essential items such as pillow, twin fitted sheet, blanket, towel, toiletries, bug spray, & sunscreen.

The Host family is responsible for picking up and dropping off students from/ to airport and camp. Multiple District 11 is looking for some families in the community who can open their hearts and homes for the month of summer 2024 to host a Youth Exchange Ambassador. These young people are part of Lions International Youth Camps & Exchange program, bringing young adults from various parts of the world to the United States during the summer program July 25 – August 22, 2024.

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

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please contact: State Chair Lion Elvie Marfil at 818-800-1060 or email epmarfil5@gmail.com.

Additionally, clubs that donate \$100 will receive a YCE Banner Patch or a 2023-2024 year patch.

**2023-24 LIONS OF MICHIGAN STATE COMMITTEES & STATE PROJECTS**

There are many ways to serve the membership of MD 11. Participating as a State Chairperson or District Representative on one of our many State Committees is just one of several opportunities. Thank you to the many Lions who have volunteered to serve our membership in this capacity!

**2023-2024 Lions of Michigan State Committees**

- Lions All State Band -Chair, Tom MacNaughton
- Lions Bear Lake Camp-Chair, Jack Patton
- Childhood Cancer-Chair, Darlene Anderson
- Constitution and By-Laws-Chair, Dick DeLong
- Diabetes-Chair, Roger Blackwell
- District Editors Advisory-Chair, Bob Tetzlaff
- Global Leadership Team-Chair, Traci Tribley
- Global Membership Team-Chair, Shawn Blaszczyk
- Global Service Team-Chair, Terri Huffman
- Hearing-Chair, Bev Bodum
- Hunger-Chair, Lloyd Foster
- Information Technology-Chair, Ray Robins
- Lions Clubs International Convention-Chair, Wendy Burns
- Lions Clubs International Foundation-Chair, Harold Stephens/Justin Faber
- Leader Dogs for the Blind-Chair, Frank Cunningham
- Leo Clubs-Chair, Larry Wegrzyn
- Lions Michigan Forum-Chair, Jim Leach, Jr.
- Lions Quest-Chair, Stan Masters
- MD 11 Lions Convention-Co Chairs, Brenda & Dave Hacker
- Michigan Eversight-Chair, Kurt Stromlund
- Public Relations/Social Media-Chair, Doug Klein
- Reading Action Plan-Chair, Don Spinks
- Sight Conservation/White Cane-Chair, Roger Bosse
- Youth Exchange-Chair, Elvie Marfil

Some of the state chair terms will expire on 6-30-2024. Anyone interested in serving during the 2024-2025 Lions year is asked to submit a request in writing to:

Executive Director Wendy Burns, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, 48911

or email your letter of interest to:  
[wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com)

Please submit no later than April 20, 2024



**SAVE THE DATE!  
DISTRICT CONVENTIONS 2024**



- A1 April 19-21, 2024**  
Lion Lula Gardfrey - Detroit, MI - PID Deb Weaverling
- A2 April 12-14, 2024**  
Lion Kelly Unruh - Grand Rapids, MI - PID Tom Gordon
- B1 April 6 2024**  
Lion Annette Hemeryck - Jackson, MI - ID Marie Cunning
- B2 March 22-23, 2024**  
Lion Amy Thackston - Kalamazoo, MI - ID Joanne Ogden
- C1 10-May-24**  
Lion Mike O'Lonergan - LST Muskegon - PID Jenny Ware
- C2 March 8 - 9-24**  
Lion Ted Hamilton, Owosso MI, - ID Lee Vieze
- D1 April 5-7, 2024**  
Lion Bill Bauder - Cadillac, MI - ID Edwin Guy Hollander
- D2 April 5-7, 2024**  
Lion Jim White - Port Huron, MI - PID Shea Nickell
- E1 April 19-20, 2024**  
Lion Jim Patterson - Mt. Pleasant, MI - PID Bob Block
- E2 April 19-20, 2024**  
Lion Steven Murch - Alpena, MI - ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- SD10 April 19-21, 2024**  
Lion Dan Perkins - Ishpeming, MI - PID Dianne Pitts
- MD11 May 16-18, 2024**  
CC John Daoud - Grand Rapids, MI - PIP Sid Scruggs III

> MD11 CONVENTION NEWS

# MD 11 104TH CONVENTION

## SHERATON BY MARRIOTT

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

The MD 11 Convention committee is proud to host PIP Sid Scruggs at the convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 16-18. The convention will be held at the Sheraton by Marriott Airport Hotel

PIP Scruggs was elected to serve at the LCI Convention held in Sydney, Australia in 2010. In addition to his Lions activities, Past President Scruggs served many years as chairperson of the board of directors of the North Carolina Governor Morehead School for the Blind. He is also a life member of the American Airlines Grey Eagles Association and the Naval Academy Alumni Association.

He has been presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest award given by the State of North Carolina, by the Governor of North Carolina. He is a member of the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame and in 2010 he was elected to the United States Blind



Golf Association Hall of Fame. He has received an honorary doctorate of humanities from World University.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Scruggs has received numerous awards including the Key of Nations Award for sponsoring more than 100 Lions members, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Past President Scruggs and his wife, Judy, will travel to Michigan from North Carolina to take part in our 104th Lions MD 11 Convention.

MD11 Convention  
MAY 16-18, GRAND RAPIDS SHERATON

# Kickoff Picnic

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

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

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

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

# LIONS PROM NIGHT CELEBRATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

**COME PROM ATTIRE READY!**

**Lions Clubs of Michigan**  
SD10 and MD11, Lions International

**MICHIGAN LIONS...CHANGING THE WORLD!**  
The Lions of Michigan MD 11 Convention Committee is please to offer the opportunity for corporate and personal sponsorships for the 2024 Multiple District 11 Lions Convention May 16-18, 2024 SHERATON by MARRIOTT, GRAND RAPIDS, 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 10 minutes); advertisement in convention proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display throughout event

**Silver Sponsor - \$400**  
Advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; banner on display throughout the event; insert included in welcome packet

**Bronze Sponsor - \$300**  
Our highly popular Kick-off Picnic, Hospitality Room or Coffee Break sponsor; advertisement in proceedings booklet; complimentary exhibitor table; your banner on display; 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, 2024, 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](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com) or call 517-887-6640 for further details.

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# CONVENTION MAY 16-18 2024 SHERATON, GRAND RAPIDS MI



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MICHIGAN LIONS...CHANGING THE WORLD!**  
**104<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION – MAY 16-18, 2024**  
**SHERATON by MARRIOTT GRAND RAPIDS AIRPORT**  
**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:	\$45.00

Please note that all ads must be prepaid by **April 22, 2024**. Mail form to Lions of Michigan State Office, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911; email to [wburns@lionsofmi.com](mailto:wburns@lionsofmi.com) or fax: 517-887-6642

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Business Name:</b>
<b>Billing Address:</b>
<b>City, State, Zip</b>
<b>Home Phone:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Business Phone:</b></span>
<b>Email address:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Cell Phone:</b></span>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Included is a print ready ad or message</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Please design my personal or business ad to read (please attach detailed information for your ad)</b>
<b>CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b>
<b>Ad Size: 1/4 page 1/2 page Full page</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Enclosed is my check for \$</b>
<b>Please bill my Credit Card: Card Number:</b>
<b>Card Expiration Date:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Security Code:</b></span>

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

**MICHIGAN LIONS – CHANGING THE WORLD!**  
**EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT – MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION**  
**FRIDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 17-18, 2024**  
**Sheraton by Marriott, Airport - Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Please reserve a display table for me on: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Only (May 17, 2024) \$50.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only (May 18, 2024) \$50.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Friday and Saturday w/ad \$80.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ad Only: \$25.00  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ Boxed Lunch Saturday: \$15.00/ea

Exhibitor Hours: Set- Up Thursday after 5:00 pm  
 Friday 9:00 am -6:00 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 May 1, 2024**  
**Mail your registration to:**  
**Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911**  
**Questions? Call 517-887-6640 ext. 102**  
**Confirmation letter with complete details will be mailed upon receipt of payment.**



**MISSION 1.5** We're on a mission to grow.

## MD 11 CONVENTION DELEGATE FORM

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, all Lions Clubs in good standing with Lions International and the Multiple District are entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to is five (5) or more members.

The number of delegates your club is entitled to for the MD 11 Convention is figured from your Membership Report as of the end of March - provided it is submitted to Lions International in a timely manner. When you complete your Membership Report for March, you can compute the number of delegates and alternates your club is entitled to and select your representative(s). List their names below on the left side of this form. Also indicate whether each representative listed is a Delegate or an Alternate.

Your delegate(s) must register and obtain a name badge before they can be certified to vote. Then they must sign this form at the convention and receive a delegate sticker from the Certification Desk. All delegates must be REGISTERED AND CERTIFIED by 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024 in order to vote at the convention.  
**VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AT THE SHERATON AIRPORT, GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Number of Lions in YOUR Club as of April 1, 2024 who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day.**

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLUB SECRETARY	THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED AT CONVENTION SITE
Name	Delegate or Alternate
	Signature

I hereby certify that the delegates and alternates listed above are in good standing with Lions Clubs International and the Lions of Michigan Multiple District 11.

Lions Club of \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 President's or Secretary's Signature Signature of Governor or Governor-Elect  
(Valid only at convention and only if President/Secretary of club is not present)

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM. All Lions must register before they can be certified to vote. Please advise your delegates to arrive early. The Certification Desk at the Sheraton Airport, Grand Rapids, MI is open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2024 and from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024  
 Any Lion who is not in line by 11:30 a.m. Saturday will not be certified as a delegate and will not be allowed to vote. Voting will take place between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2024

> LIONS CONVENTIONS AND FORUMS

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

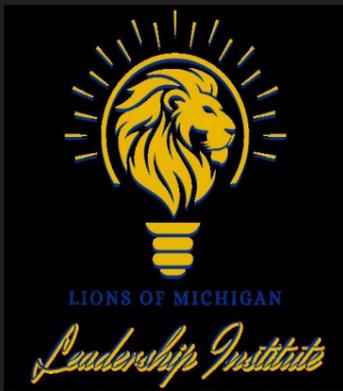
**2ND ANNUAL POLAR  
PLUNGE AT LIONS BEAR  
LAKE CAMP**



**JUNE 21 - 25 2024**

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

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



**SAVE THE DATE**

Leadership Institute  
returns  
November 8-10, 2024

Registration opens August 1, 2024  
Additional information to follow

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



We're excited to share the icy adventures, daring leaps, and heartwarming moments that unfolded during our 2nd Annual Polar Plunge Fundraiser and Dinner.

It was a balmy 40 degrees on February 10th, the weather had been warm all week but our team still had 5 inches of ice to cut through to make a hole in the lake for the plungers to make their daring leap. In the water, we had Deerfield Township Fire and Rescue's Dive Team, and onshore Lapeer County EMS stood ready to assist if needed. We had 26 jumpers brave the cold. Our Executive Director, the fearless Traci Tribley, led the charge dressed as none other than Wonder Woman! Now, that's how you make a splash.

Participants from various Lions clubs, including Ashley, Durand, Bancroft Lioness Lions, Shiawassee Leos, Ovid, Clinton County Champs, Westland, Eastpointe, Jackson Host, Hanover Horton Area, Washington, Harper Woods Grosse Point Woods, and Mount Clemens took the plunge. We also had our Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program Coordinator as well as one of our sponsors ServPro leaping into the icy waters.

The excitement at the lake was accompanied by the beats from Youngs Entertainment, setting the perfect tone for a day filled with laughter and joy. Our amazing judges, Dorothy Walling (LBLC Nature Director), Shawn Blaszczyk IPDG 11-A2, and Kelly Lubbe IPDG 11-B1, had the challenging task of selecting the winners. Speaking of winners, the honors for the best jump & crowd favorite went to Lion Daniel Rathbun "Mr. Incredulous" from Mount Clemens Lions Club. The winner of the best costume went to 2VDG Bea Furman from Jackson Host Lions Club.

Over 130 Lions and community members gathered to witness the event and indulge in a delicious Soup Bar and Salad Bar prepared by Lions Bear Lake Camp Kitchen Staff and amazing volunteers from the Bancroft Lioness Lions and Delta Dewitt Ledges. But that's not all – the event was a fundraising success! Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we raised over \$19,000 through sponsorships, pledges, registrations, 50/50 draws, and raffles. Your commitment to our mission is truly heartening, and we are grateful for your support.

A huge shoutout to our sponsors: Hartland Lions Club, Jays Septic, Lapeer County Eye Associates, Bieber & Lubinski Law Offices, Grand Ledge Lions Club, Lansing Capital Lioness Lions, Bancroft Lioness Lions, Harsens Island Lions, District 11 E2, Holt Eye Care, T & T Construction, Fort Gratiot/Burtchville Lions, JAD (ServPro), Lapeer Optimist Club, Friendly's Auto Group, and Eastpointe Lions Club. Thank you to our Raffle Prize Donors: Woodchips BBQ, Michigan DNR, Bark Box, Oriental Trading, Massage Green Spa, Detroit Lions, Lion Kay Olson, and Teasers Salon. A huge thank you goes out also to Youngs Entertainment, Lapeer EMS, Deerfield Township Fire Department, Lions Bear Lake Camp Board of Directors, Assistant Director Jesse



**ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE REPORT**



11 A1

**DG Lula Gardfrey**  
**MONROE • WAYNE**  
[www.metrodetroitlions.org](http://www.metrodetroitlions.org)

**District A1 • District Editor: Michelle White**  
 20171 Alhambra Southfield, MI 48076  
[michellewhitebusiness@gmail.com](mailto:michellewhitebusiness@gmail.com)



Lion leaders of District A1 attend the 3rd Cabinet meeting of the year.

Detroit Westtown Hartford Lions Club Fundraiser play "Joe Turner's Come and Gone" by August Wilson was a great success! Thank you to everyone who joined us.



Michigan Cyber Lions Club hosted their Roar for Bowling event to raise money for Humanitarian projects. The event, which included 3 hours of unlimited bowling, shoes pizza and beverage was a huge success.



District 11 A1 Lions Club Members have been going out to service Communities within the Greater Metro Detroit area almost weekly. Lion Ted Robinson & Lion Michelle White, along with some potential new members, went out the weekends of Feb 3rd & 11th serving (7) family's homes with furniture. Seven Children now have warm beds to sleep in, one senior has a new living room and dining room set and (7) families now have dining room sets and couches. To date, over one thousand households have benefited from this project over the past 2 years. Together We Serve Our Communities! The next free giveaway is scheduled for June 15.



Detroit Renaissance Lions Club hosted a wine tasting event coordinated by Laurie Palimore of VinVinVin and Chair Lions Johnny. Thank you all who supported this fun event! The club will again hold 4 book club discussions February-May this year, with books that focus on blind, visually impaired, and deaf & hard of hearing topics. The purpose of this series is to help educate the community as well as help the Blind and Deaf community feel seen.



Livonia High Nooners welcomed three new members into the club. Our sincere welcome goes to new Lions Sarah Webb, Vern Webb, and Alisa Anderson. We are so glad you chose to join us in serving the Livonia and Redford communities and hope you find tremendous satisfaction in knowing you're helping our neighbors in need. The club recently invited the Foster Closet of Michigan in Western Wayne County to share information on their wonderful charitable organization. Directors Allison and Gordon Johnson shared that The Foster Closet (a 501c3) provides initial and ongoing necessary clothing and supplies for children removed from their homes and entering the foster care system. Most are removed abruptly from less-than optimal living conditions and may have only a plastic bag of random items they hurriedly selected. The Foster Closet is able to step in and offer much needed assistance.



Harper Woods Grosse Pointe Woods participated in the Polar Plunge, sponsored by Lions Bear Lake Camp. Lion Daniel Rathbun, aka Mr. Incredible, took the plunge and helped raise \$300 for LBLC. Money raised will ensure an unforgettable camp experience this summer.



Lions represent the district at the LBLC Polar Plunge



And away he goes! Lion Daniel Rathbun, Mr. Incredible.

Bedford Lion's had the privilege of transporting some very special people to the dress rehearsal of "It's a Good Life Charlie Brown". President Kim Hooper presented a check to support the Theater Department at Bedford High School. All the attendees were thrilled to attend such a wonderful performance. Great job by all the actors! "We Serve"



Bedford Lions enjoying a night at the theater!



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New Baltimore Lions took a road trip to Algonac Lions to attend their club meeting and have dinner with Lion friends.



Eastpointe Lions Club held a Euchre tournament and awarded trophy's and prizes to- 2nd Place Rick & Laura, 3rd Place Kenny & Mark, and bringing up the rear, Annie & Alicia!

New Baltimore Lions Club - Viva Las Vegas! Join us on April 26th for an exciting night of entertainment by Michael Carluccio! Featuring a Vegas-style tribute to performers like Elvis, The Rat Pack and more! Tickets must be purchased in advance at [www.newbaltimorelions.com/whitecane](http://www.newbaltimorelions.com/whitecane) \$50/person or \$400/table of 8 Includes dinner and entertainment! Prize raffles and cash bar. All proceeds will benefit White Cane Week and will be donated to help provide FREE white canes for visually impaired persons.

Attend the District Convention April 14- 16, 2024 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Grand Rapids!

Friday night Mixer includes photo booth fun, and Saturday's service project we will partner with Business Connect. This social enterprise, located in Grand Rapids, is committed to providing citizens living in developing countries with affordable and easy access to essential resources. Through water and sanitation technology, they aim to provide dignity and create hope.

Diabetic Retinopathy screenings will be available throughout the weekend, and you are encouraged to experience this new technology and incorporate it into your service projects. Send in your reservation form today! Contact Lion Dick Maxwell for details.



Lion ZC Bob Westbury inducted three new members for our Royal Oak Lions Club on Monday, February 26. Pictured with Lion Bob are new members, Lion Jeff Coote (sponsored by our President Lion Maureen Elliott), Lion Karen Billings and Lion Rhett Billings (both sponsored by Rhett's sister, Lion Rev. Renee Machiniak).

Three members of the Royal Oak Lions Club attended the Michigan Forum on February 23-24 and participated in the Blanket-Making project for Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Kalamazoo. Four members of the Royal Oak Lions Club assisted with stuffing "New Resident Bags" with information and coupons from Berkley Chamber of Commerce members for new homeowners. These bags will be distributed to new residents of the city of Berkley by City Hall personnel as a Welcome to our City- club information was included!



Troy Community Lions were awarded \$500 from the Flame Cares Program. Flame Furnace believes in the power of collaboration and community involvement and helping charitable organizations make a greater impact in their community. Pictured: Troy Community Lions President Jed Sprunger and Flame Furnace Representative Lion Tom Smith.



PDG Patti & Lion Donald



PDG Patti & Lion Scott



PDG Patti & Lion Jamie

Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club celebrated 65 years of service to the community by honoring their members. PDG Patti Barr presented a PMJF award to PRC Donald Kuechle, along with a William "Doc" Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship to Lion Jamie Hill. Also, a MJF was posthumously awarded to Lion Scott Nauman. Scott's father, PCT David Nauman, accepted the award from PDG Patti Barr.



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Volunteers are the heartbeat of Winter Camp for the Blind!



Jesse Bolinger and Kristin Brown became engaged at camp this year, much to the delight of onlookers! Congratulations to our future Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bolinger.



Campers come well prepared for the long weekend! Warmer weather made it enjoyable for outdoor activities and the sleigh ride was transformed into a horse-drawn wagon ride.



Book donations were presented by Manchester Lions Club to the Manchester District Library.



Ann Arbor Host Lion Richard Westbury does a great job coordinating Project KidSight for the clubs of Ann Arbor. He has established a connection with the Delta Gamma sorority students, who like helping while accumulating service hours.

The WIHI Leos have drop boxes for used eyeglasses/hearing aids at the main entrance lobby of their school and at the Dairy Queen on Washtenaw Ave. in Ypsilanti. The club partnered with Growing Hope, to make seed balls for the organization's garden project. They worked with their sponsor club, Ann Arbor Host Lions Club, in cutting back the plants in the Sensory Garden and mulching for the winter season, collected donations for Ozone House and volunteered at Open Door Ministries. This is a busy, active, club!



WIFI Leo Club Members are sponsored by Ann Arbor Host Lions Club



L-R Lion Dorothy Bosse, Lori Sunie-SM Food Bank, Lion Roger Bosse Battle Creek Cereal City Lions made a \$1,000 contribution to the South Michigan Food Bank in December. Starr Commonwealth in Albion representatives met with the club at a recent meeting to provide information on their programs offered to children, families, communities, and professionals. Calling All Lions! You are invited and encouraged to join Region 2, Zones 3 and 4 on Saturday, March 30, for an environmental service project to clean the Vandercook Lake Jackson County Park. Lions will be painting the shelter and cleaning the shoreline around the baseball/softball field and playground. Bring your gloves, rakes, and weed trimmers. The points of contact are Jim Phelan ([pizzajim2@aol.com](mailto:pizzajim2@aol.com)), Bea Furman ([healingsongcmt@gmail.com](mailto:healingsongcmt@gmail.com)), and Roger Yoder ([rogeryoder@yahoo.com](mailto:rogeryoder@yahoo.com)).

Ann Arbor Evening Lions heard Lion Dr. Donna Wicker share a presentation on her Lions Vision Mission with Gary Anderson and the Grand Rapids Lions to Suriname. Suriname is located on the north coast of South America. Most eyeglasses donated to Lions clubs in Michigan get routed to the eyeglass recycle center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Scott Brady of the Grand Rapids Lions has been managing the eyeglass recycling center for 16 years now. He is happy to answer any questions you may have about the process.

Battle Creek Host Lions Club will celebrate the milestone of 100 Years of Service in April. A special event will be held in recognition of their achievement on April 21. Dexter Lions will be awarding 6 - \$1000.00 Scholarships to Dexter High School Seniors this year. One scholarship will be the Ron Raiford Memorial Scholarship for a student going into one of the trades. The popular Vidalia Onion Sale has begun, and for just \$12 you can own a 10# bag. They continue to support their community through donations to a variety of projects.



Happy 97th Birthday Dexter Lion Lou!



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The Michigan Lions Forum drew a large crowd in Kalamazoo at the Delta Hotel Conference Center with many from the district attending. The event will again be held in Kalamazoo Feb.28-March 1, 2025. This year's B2 Convention will be held at the same location, with plans for an 80's themed Murder Mystery Dinner to kick off the weekend. LCI Guest ID Joanne Ogdone from Ontario, Canada, will be our honored guest.



Project KidSight Volunteers hold regular screenings all over the district.



Another successful ramp build by Coloma Lions Club for local couple who have been struggling with their stairs!

Portage Lions Club has been busy with their Butter Braids fundraiser. If you missed out this year, plan early to get in on this sale next year!

Mattawan Lions Club held a soup supper and Euchre Tournament with funds raised donated to the Bronson Pediatric Cancer artificial lighting mural project.



Portage Lions Club will be raffling off a vintage, never before used, Meerschaum Pipe. Proceeds from the raffle will help fund a newly created project to plant trees in honor of deceased members. Meerschaum is from the mineral sepiolite. The first recorded use of meerschaum for making pipes dates back to around 1723, and the pipes are prized for their ability to provide a cool, dry, and flavorful smoke.



Thank you Portage Lions for your support last year during the annual Make-A-Wish bike tour!

The 37th Annual Wish-A-Mile® Bicycle Tour will take place July 26-28, 2024

This year, the Wish-A-Mile® Bicycle Tour will start on Friday, July 26th in Marshall with participants riding 100 miles to stay the night in Holland. On Saturday morning, riders will log another 100 miles as they make their way to Kalamazoo for the night, and then their final 100 miles back to Marshall on Sunday, July 28, where they will meet their wish heroes. This is a great opportunity for clubs to become involved as volunteers. Please reach out to Matt Seagrave [mseagrave@michigan.wish.org](mailto:mseagrave@michigan.wish.org) if you are interested in volunteering to support our riders and make transformational wishes come true.

Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club donation to the Benton Harbor High School Recognition of the Benton Harbor-Fairplain Lions Club donation to the Benton Harbor High School Athletic Department towards the purchase of a new scorer's table in Farnum Gym at Benton Harbor High School.



Trivia Champions Forever Young! Buchanan-Galien Lions Club hosted their annual Trivia Night on 2/24/24. Thanks to all of our partners and participants who contributed to the successful evening. The event was a sellout, that included a taco bar and online auction.



Zone Chair Lion Dan Chopp initiates new members Jody Krohn and Tim Tinney as sponsor Lion Dave Mead and secretary Lion Patsy Richardson welcomes them as new members of the Bloomingdale- Gobles Kal Haven Trail Lions.



Kal-Haven Lions Club PDGS Julie and Jeff Mayuiers, and Lion Kathy Richardson study the Lion pin collections of Kal Haven Lion Rob Ferguson and Zone Chair Lion Dan Chopp at a recent Kal Haven dinner meeting. The pins represent Lion Clubs from around the world.



The Lakeshore Lions Club visited the Lance-A-Bot robotics team at Lakeshore High School to present a \$1,000 donation to the robotics club to help offset some of their costs. Members of the team have visited the club to talk about their robotics team and discuss how robots are created.

South Haven Black River Lions February program meeting was a presentation from Opportunities Unlimited Camp for the Blind. They do so many amazing things to help blind children learn to live a normal day to day life.

St. Joseph Lions Club held a Jr. High boys Basketball Tournament and raised a little over \$1100 for the club's support of Camp Leo.



We would like to continue honoring those Lions with 50+ years of service to Lions Club International at the District 11-B2 Convention. If you have a Lion in your club who has recently reached the 50-year status of outstanding service, they will be presented with a special certificate. If they cannot attend the convention, the certificate can be presented at another time. Please send their name, club name and years of service to CS Tammie ([cheftammie@gmail.com](mailto:cheftammie@gmail.com)) Another recognition will be the Shining Star which is designed to offer a special award to a fresh new member within their first year or two as a Lion; one that provides the spark or enthusiasm and hard work that a new member brings. Contact CS Tammie with your nomination!



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



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



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

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

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

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

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



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



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**St. Johns Easter Egg Hunt:** This annual event will be held at the City Park on Saturday, March 30, at 1:00 p.m. Lion Nancy Presocki is serving as chair. Activities will begin in the pavilion at 12:30. A lot of tasks are underway, but there is a lot more to do. A sign-up sheet to help the day of the event will be available at the February meeting. The event has been posted on social media and details can be found on the Lions Club Facebook page.



Lions Sanda Martin, Randy Horton, Jody Sivyer, Ward Martin, CarolAnne Smith, Olivia Sivyer, and Donna Kanan

The Owosso Lions Club prepared and served a hot breakfast and sack lunch to people in need at St. John's Church (located in Owosso). The church organizes a free breakfast and sack lunch every Saturday. Anyone in the community can show up and receive a hot meal and fellowship, no questions asked. The church needs community partners to purchase, prepare, and serve the meals, and the Owosso Lions Club was happy to step up and help once again.



DeWitt Lions Lion George Walter, Wayne Lacy

Lion Tom Doyle introduced Mr Wayne Lacy from Shaymac Mortgage - A DeWitt company offering various types of mortgage loans. He also offers classes about handling credit for high school students. He said that At Shaymac Mortgage, we believe in giving back to the communities that have supported our journey. Our dedication to charity work is not just a corporate responsibility; it's a core part of our identity.

VP George Walter thanked Mr Wayne Lacy for his informative presentation and presented him with one of our DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club coffee mugs.



Durand Lion PDG Tracy Temple and the Durand Lions recently helped the Durand Senior Center acquire a storage shed for their recycling needs



Lion Rebekah and Red Thunder Robotics Teams assisted with

the Laingsburg Lions Club held their 2nd spaghetti dinner of 2024 on Feb. 20th.

The American Legion Post in Laingsburg was packed with eager participants and enjoy our spaghetti with meatballs dinner. We served 199 meals, another record turnout.



DG Hamilton paid a visit to the Delta DeWitt Ledges Lions Club and honored these Lions for their years of service.

Lion Vicki White - 40 years (unavailable for photo)

Lion Wendy Mater - 40 years

Lion Ginny Balgoyen - 25 years

Lion Nancy Ristow - 10 years

Vermontville Lions Club- Lion Jeff Fisher chairs the Student of the Month program the club sponsors and recently had the privilege to present the Lions March Student of month award to Aubrie Roth. She received a gift certificate to JoLei's Diner. Aubrie was nominated by Maple Valley Principal Goggins, and she is a 9th grader at the school. Her parents are Karissa Stoecker and Sean Roth. Congratulations, Aubrie!



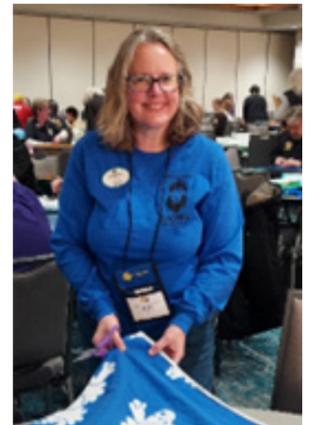
Lions Dianne Barmes, Anne Goeme, Cristina Stuck, Lions Robert Phillips, Connie O'Neill

The Charlotte Lions Club purchased a new vacuum for the Charlotte Library. The Lions shopped locally in Charlotte and bought local from Jim's Village Cycle shop in Charlotte. The Charlotte Lions Board of Directors presented the vacuum in January to the community Library's Assistant Director and Director of Youth Services



Durand Lion 11-C2 District Governor Ted taking the plunge to help the Lions Bear Lake Camp Polar plunge fundraiser in February

Durand Lion PDG Becky Hamilton helping 11-C2 Lions make blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace at the Lions of Michigan Forum in February



St. Johns Lions Club will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park and will combine the event with a KidSight screening. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos, face painting, screenings and more!



Lion Jeff and Aubrie Roth

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Peace Poster Chair Lion Laurie Berner facilitated a wonderful awards ceremony for 18 students from 9 participating middle schools who placed 1st and 2nd in our Bay City Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. The "Dare to Dream" theme inspired such creativity among the students. We were happy to host the winners, their parents, and school representatives for a delicious lunch.



Bay City Lions collected bedding for the Sleep In Heavenly Peace bed build. 16 blankets, 45 sheet sets, 21 complete bed in a bag sets, 24 pillows, 14 mattress protectors, 10 pillow protectors, and 12 comforters to add to our \$5000 donation. 31 Lions and their guests participated in the February 17 Bed Build at Delta college, helping to build 50 beds that will help aid in the efforts to ensure no kid sleeps on the floor. Many thanks to Lions Harold and Mary from Gaines, Jonathan from Auburn, and Tony from Caro who joined us! Many thanks to project chairman Lion Mike McMeans who spearheaded this project and stored the mound of bedding in his home and made the big delivery.



Merrill Lions Club will be sponsoring the "Read to Ride" program. This program will give Merrill elementary school an opportunity to enhance their reading skills and a chance to receive a bike for reading. There will be 1 entry per book read and 2 bikes will be awarded. May 1, 2024 will be the award presentation and Mid-May a bike rodeo.



Fenton Lions Club hosted our 2nd Mid-Winter Night Out on Feb 1st @ Fenton Winery and Brewery. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year we brought in a little under \$8000. Dinner with an open bar, 50/50 raffle, Lucky Chance Drawing, (60 baskets donated for this part of the fundraiser) and our entertainment was the Dueling Pianos.

Flushing Lions Club members have been going and educating kids about Leader Dog. We have been to 2 different Cub Scout meetings and a Girl Scout meeting. We will be going to a local school and speaking to 2 different 4th grade classes this week. We are scheduled to go and speak to our local Rotary Club March 19. We have a date already this summer for our latchkey program in town.



Millington Lions Club presented a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the Millington High School Robotics team to assist with the 2024 robot build. The team is a club activity, and it is preparing for its second season of competition.

Zilwaukee Lions Club members riverfront committee spend countless hours monitoring the boats being launched. We also maintain the docks and attract boaters from not only throughout the state but out of state too.



Buena Vista Lions supported a fundraising project this month for Saginaw County's Intermediate School District athletic department. On two separate occasions, February 8th at SHS and February 16th at the Dow Event Center, our club held money raffles netting the school district just under \$2000 dollars. This is also a great start for the new high school, Saginaw United, its students and sports programs.



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Governor James White had the great privilege of meeting with the Lapeer Lions last week and see how Lions accomplish so much for others. DG White presented them with their well-earned Model club award. It is clubs like this that give meaning to the word service. Congratulations and thank you Lapeer Lions!



Pearl Beach Lions Karen, Amy, Dave, Rocky and Keith. Pearl Beach Lions Club was honored during a recent Sturgeon for Tomorrow meeting. Pearl Beach Lions received the award in appreciation of their longtime commitment to the Annual Sturgeonfest.



Metamora Lioness Lions are looking to honor the memory of our Vicki McComas by increasing our membership. I encourage all past Lionesses and anyone else to honor the memory of Vicki and to continue the mission she held so dearly. Come see us on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Lion's Hall. Vicki epitomizes the word Lionism. She worked endlessly to help others, all others. If you needed someone to help, she was there. God rest her soul.



Uby Lions Club members relax after a wreath-making marathon!



Uby Lions hard at work

Port Sanilac Lions Club: Did you hear? We sold out of sandwiches today! Thank you to everyone who purchased a sandwich or donated. This is how a Lions club services the community. The funds generated by the sales are going right back to the citizens. A big thank you to Sanilac Coffee and Huron Shores Golf Club for all their help with this fundraiser. See you all next week.

11D2 Region 3 Chair Rich Cochill had a Regional meeting at the Elkton Lions club. Seven clubs were present and shared all the service activities that they are doing this year. Also, PDG Don Spinks conducted service reporting to LCI. This was a well-attended meeting in Region 3 of 11D2. Governor White was in attendance also and thanked all who attended for coming.



Uby Lions Club - Pierogi Palooza is in the books! Pierogies were made but most importantly fun and camaraderie were had. Uby Lions working together made it seem easy!



Harsens Island Lions Club Muskrat Dinner featured not only muskrat but ham, potatoes, and all the trimmings!

Harsens Island Lions Club is famous for their annual Muskrat Dinner. 2024 was another successful dinner. Thank you to the Lioness Lions who always come thru in preparation and cooking for the entire group! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped serve dinner, sell tickets, and bartend for the event! Huge shoutout to Flats Epoxy (Ryan Morse) for being this year's sponsor.



Marysville Lions Club welcomes warm weather and baseball/softball season for many. The club is pitching in with our traditional donation to support the Marysville Little League. Nicole Stocker and Ryan shared all the exciting news for the upcoming season. Joining them in the picture are Lions Tina and Scott. Good luck to all the kids and have fun!

Marlette Lions Club - Reading Action Program Chair PDG Don Spinks had a great time at the Marlette Middle School during their reading fair. The theme was Pirates, and the hallways were all decked out in pirate theme. PDG Don managed the book vending machine and provided every child with a token to insert into the vending machine and chose a book to keep. What a great program this is! March is National Reading Month. Now is your opportunity to get books into the hands of children and do your part in building our leaders for the future. Fill the Little Free Libraries with books. Buy books for your children and donate books to your local school library.

Deckerville Lions Club Deckerville worked together to assemble hand-crafted fresh evergreen wreath and grave blankets as a fundraising project during the holiday season. Eighty wreaths and grave blankets were assembled and sold. Their hard work was followed by dinner which included PID Justin Faber. This is another club that does these events to raise funds so they can better serve the community.

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Coleman Lions Club members (from left to right:) Lion Chuck Dinsmore, PDG Sheryl & PCC Jeff Schafer, Guide Dog Puppy Captain, PDG Al and Lion Ann (President) Roeseler) enjoyed their time while attending the Lions of Michigan Forum held in Kalamazoo. They participated in the service project Friday night, along with helping out with the computer lab educating Lions on how to enter service projects on MyLion. They spent most of Saturday attending classes ranging from leadership, healthy clubs, demystifying dementia, social media and marketing, Michigan Forestry, and diabetic screening.



Thanks to your support of the State Service Projects, over 150 fleece blankets were tied and donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace during the Forum. Lions from every District in our state had fun working together on this project. District 11 E2 made a sizeable donation to Hope to Walk in support of the prosthetic legs they build. A \$2,311 donation was presented and a total of \$12,000 in overall donations from all of the districts was raised. This will provide 48 prosthetic legs. Thank you to all of our clubs that donated to this great cause.

Central Montcalm Lions Club has heard a presentation from guest speakers of the Montcalm Intermediate School District to discuss the Bond Proposal. The club has voted to make donations to the Big O Foundation which helps cancer patients in the Montcalm community; the Central Montcalm Wrestling program, who will be traveling to Ford Field for the state tournament, and to Emma Johnson who has been selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum in Chicago later this summer.



Stanwood Lions Club held their annual Gun Raffle recently, with Lions Jim Walls and Steve Cole overseeing the drawings.



Midland Lions have contributed to the Puppy Raisers program and are symbolic puppy sponsors of the 2 dogs pictured. Mali is pictured on the left and Juno on the right. They both are female and are being raised in Michigan.

Mali is a Labrador retriever. Her parents are Jan and Banner. She is confident, lovable, and watchful. Her favorite toy is a Kong Wobbler. Juno is a Golden retriever. Her parents are Maysaa and Bucky. She is active, comical, and thoughtful. Her favorite toy is deer antlers.



Luther Lions club held their monthly breakfast fundraiser in March and hosted the Feed America truck at the Luther Lions Club. Members handed out donated food. Also this month the held an Irish Social with dinner and entertainment by the Northern Lights Irish Dance Academy. Up next – the Easter Bunny will make an appearance at a club dinner and fun night, geared toward the whole family. Harrison Lions Club held a Bingo fundraiser along with their annual Vidalia Onion Sale through April 5. In April they will be busy selling hot dogs at Whitbeck's in Clare and baked goods at Jay's Sporting Goods, also located in Clare.

Lakeview Michigan Lions Club met recently for a fun meeting with members who hadn't flown the coop for Florida. DG Jim Patterson was present to honor service chevrons to Rosemary D for 25 years, Greg M for 1- years and Dennis L for 15 years. Dedicated Lions everyone, and a powerful force for good in their community.



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East Jordan Lions Bob and Sherry Pursel received the Chevron award from DG Steve Murch and Lion Linda Chase in recognition of their 15-years of service!



Oscoda Lions Club hosted the 12th Annual Souper Supper, with Lions providing the meal and students from Richardson Elementary School Art class creating the bowls to sell. The art class made \$600 which will be applied toward a new kiln.

If your travels take you through Mackinaw City April 17, stop in for the Mackinaw City Lions Club Pancake Dinner from 4:00-6:00 pm!



Boyne Valley Lions Club invited Northern Michigan Equine Therapy to speak with club members about programs they offer, specifically the equine-assisted occupational therapy, which uses the natural movement of the horse as a therapeutic tool. Occupational therapists' partner with the client's physician to develop a detailed plan and they choose a therapy horse specifically for their movements to match the client's goals.

Ellsworth Lions Club is supporting three High School students on their trip to Australia with the Lions of Michigan All State Band trip this summer to perform at the LCI Convention.



Petoskey Lions Club worked together with the district to receive a matching grant which enabled the club to donate \$1,000 to a family in need of support while navigating their young child's cancer care.

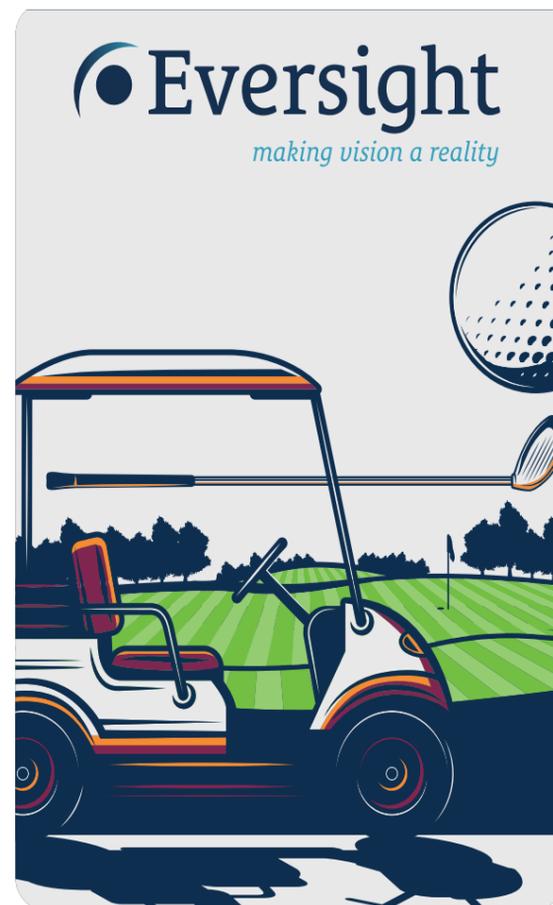
Friends of Trestle Park are honored to accept a grant awarded by the Houghton Lake Lions Club, for the purchase of a custom windscreen stage surround and stage lighting for the Jean A. Schneider Waterfront Stage! Thank you so much to the HL Lions for your generosity and for all you do for our community! (Shown below L-R, Lion Sandy Egbers, FOTP representative Mary Michela, and Lions President Pamela Kincaid)



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