

LION PRIDE WE SERVE

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WELCOME LCI PRESIDENT A.P. SINGH & PID SANGEETA JATIA!



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UPCOMING Events:

APRIL 24 - MAY 3 2026
WHITE CANE PROCLAMATION WEEK

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

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

MAY 15 2026
5th COG
Shanty Creek Resort Bellaire MI

JULY 3-7 2026
2026 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
HONG KONG

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

September 3 - 5 2026
USA/Canada Forum
Memphis TN

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

The planning committee is excited to announce that not only do we have our International President **A.P. Singh** attending, but we can now announce **PID Sangeeta Jatia** will attend as well. We are honored to host this dynamic duo at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire.

You will NOT want to miss this opportunity to meet in person President Singh and PID Jatia in person and learn more about their individual Lions journey and their mission as servant leaders. Both President Singh and PID Jatia will be our guest speakers on Saturday.

Past Director Jatia is an economics graduate from Calcutta University. A member of the Calcutta Midtown Lions Club since 1988, she has held many offices within the association, including Club President, District Sight First Chair, District Coordinator, VDG and Multiple District Leadership Chair. Additionally, she served as a member of Mission 30 and Team 20K, a GMT Area Leader, on the DGE Seminar Faculty and as coordinator of the India edition of LION Magazine.

MD 11 Lions Convention May 14-16, Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire. Reserve your room by April 14 to receive the discounted rate of \$119.00. 231.533.3000.

MAY 14-16, 2026

MD 11 LIONS CONVENTION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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

PREPARE TO BE MERRY

READ ALL ABOUT IT – ONLINE!

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A limited number of papers will be printed and can be mailed to those who prefer this option.



> EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - NEWS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRIDE
BY LION WENDY BURNS



One of the best parts of my job is working with the committee to plan the MD 11 Lion Convention. This year is no exception! We recently received word that PID Sangeeta Jatia will be traveling with President Singh to take part in this year's convention at Shanty Creek Resort. I can't believe our good fortune. PID Sangeeta will take part in the Women in Leadership panel discussion on Saturday afternoon, featuring PID Esther LaMothe, PID Jenny Ware, and CC-E Cheryl Anderson. President Singh will take part in the Business Session and provide the keynote address Saturday evening, where we will honor our S.A. Dodge recipients IPDG Cheryl Anderson and DGE Larry Wegrzyn

Maybe I love the planning due to the research it involves. Last week I met up with Convention Chairs, Dave and Brenda Hacker in Bellaire to go over final details with Shanty Creek staff. From there we checked out the Grass River Nature Area where tours will take place Friday morning. It was a beautiful drive to join DG Marie and PDG Rod Leathers at Cellar 1914, the location for the Thursday night kick-off picnic. Charlevoix Lions Club will don their aprons and fire up the grill for a chicken dinner you won't soon forget! Friday night's Renaissance themed event will be talked about for years to come. Prepare thy costumes, Lions!

The beauty of northern Michigan, Lions hospitality and comradery, and the rare opportunity to personally meet with our seated LCI President, A.P. Singh and PID Sangeeta make for an event you will want to be present for. See you May 14-16! – Lion Wendy

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Lion Faith Burns has worked at the front desk of the Lions of Michigan State Office on and off since 2018. She has her degree in Advertising Management from Michigan State University.

Her role as Member Services Coordinator includes maintaining the Lions of Michigan website, social media posting, creation of marketing and design materials the Michigan Forum and MD 11 Convention and events.

When she's not working, she enjoys cooking, baking, arts and crafts, listening to podcasts and spending time with her mom and cat.

She is the newest member of Jackson Eyeopeners Lions Club and will soon become Mrs. Faith Johnson! She looks forward to her continued service to members throughout the state



MD 11 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS DATES

DISTRICT	DATE	DISTRICT GOVERNOR	LOCATION	CITY
A1	April 24-25	Kim Hooper	Monroe Community College,	Monroe
B1	May 1	Bea Furman	Cascades Manor House,	Jackson
D1	April 18-19	Gerald Whitney	Comfort Inn,	Mt. Pleasant
D2	April 16-18	Dave Fisher	Wyndham Gateway	Flint/Grand Blanc
E2	April 24-26	Marie Leathers	TreeTops Resort,	Gaylord
SD10	May 1-3	Coleen Maki	Island Casino	Harris
MD11	May 14-16	CC Becky Hamilton	Shanty Creek Resort,	Bellaire

LEADERSHIP MEANS KNOWING WHEN TO SLOW THE PACE
BY PDG TRACI TRIBLEY MD11 GLT COORDINATOR

Leadership is often measured by output. Projects completed. Meetings held. Goals reached. That is what shows up on paper. That is what gets reported. Yet the people serving beside you are not keeping score that way. They are paying attention to something quieter. They are asking themselves whether they feel supported. Whether they feel understood. Whether they feel safe enough to say, "I am struggling," without worrying that it will be seen as weakness.

Burnout is one of the quietest dangers within any club or organization. It does not crash through the door. It slips in unnoticed. A missed meeting that would have once been unthinkable. A shorter reply. A little less light in someone's voice. Work that used to energize now feeling heavy. By the time anyone names it, someone has usually been carrying too much for longer than they should have.

Strong leadership is not only about moving the mission forward. It is about guarding the people who move it. It means watching for the subtle shifts. It means being honest enough to see those same shifts in yourself. Fatigue does not always look like someone falling apart. Sometimes it looks like frustration. Sometimes it looks like pulling back. Sometimes it looks like a person who once cared deeply now doing only the bare minimum because they no longer have anything left to give.

Burnout is rarely found in those doing the least. It shows up in the ones who care the most. The first to volunteer. The last to leave. The ones who quietly say yes again and again because they do not want to disappoint anyone. They push through. They convince themselves they can manage one more responsibility. They tell themselves it is temporary. And by the time they admit they are overwhelmed, they have been stretched thin for months.

Leadership begins to crack when we start comparing loads. What feels manageable to you may feel impossible to someone else. Each person carries a different life beyond meetings and service. Family responsibilities. Work pressure. Health concerns. Private struggles no one else can see. When we dismiss someone's exhaustion because we believe ours is heavier, we create distance. We make it harder for them to be honest the next time.

Burnout does not simply disappear with a good night's sleep or a motivational talk. Left unaddressed, it lingers. It dulls passion. It changes how people show up. The way through it is not pressure. It is permission. Permission to pause. Permission to delegate. Permission to say no. Honest conversations. Shared responsibility. Real rest. Those small shifts can begin to restore what constant strain quietly erodes. Most people do not recognize burnout in

themselves right away. They assume they are just busy. Or tired. They expect it to pass. Sometimes it does. Sometimes it lingers and slowly changes how they show up. That is why attentiveness matters. Notice when the dependable member grows quiet. Notice when participation fades. Notice when someone who once leaned in now sits back. Addressing burnout is not about lowering expectations. It is about protecting the heart of your team. It is about checking in before frustration turns into resignation. It is about sharing the weight before resentment settles in. It is about creating a culture where stepping back is seen as wisdom, not weakness. It also requires something harder. Leaders must model it first. If we never rest. If we never delegate. If we never admit we are tired. The message is clear even if we never say it out loud.

Exhaustion becomes the price of commitment. Over time, that belief costs us good people. The individuals serving beside you are not resources to be used up. They are volunteers. Professionals. Parents. Caregivers. Community members with full lives beyond Lions. They choose to give their time because they believe in the mission. That choice deserves care. Leadership is not proven by how much you can carry alone. It is proven by whether your team can continue the work without losing themselves in the process. Before you push toward the next goal, pause long enough to ask yourself a few honest questions.

Are you noticing the small changes in your team. Have you created space where someone can say they are struggling and still feel valued. Are you modeling the balance you quietly hope others will find. That responsibility does not sit with one title. It rests with all of us.





DG SPOTLIGHT
DG KAREN JOY BOUWMAN
11B2

What Gets Remembered: Service, Story, and the Record We Leave Behind

Not everything that matters is remembered. Lions are a service organization. We make an impact every day.

Why don't more people know who we are and what we do? It's a storytelling problem. Not PR, not marketing. Storytelling. And it starts with you.

When Lions leadership at any level outside of your club looks to see what you are doing in service to your community, they don't first go to Facebook or Instagram. It's not through a Google search on Lions in [insert your town]. No—they turn to the Lions portal and pull a report. They don't get pictures of your last fundraiser where eleven of you, plus your non-member spouses and family, planned, shopped, marketed, and served a spaghetti dinner to over 150 people and raised \$1,142 for the Benton Harbor Youth Sports Network. Nope. That didn't happen. It wasn't documented.

I was personally tired (after only two years) of hearing from leadership the same message: "Get more members! Report your service!" It felt heavy and wrong. It wasn't what I came to Lions for. That's because I didn't see what they were really asking. They are asking us to tell our stories of service—tell them in a way that is quantifiable, in a way that future Lions can look back on and be impressed by. Sure, it's not pretty, like a color-illustrated storybook, but it's just as impactful. It teaches. It leaves a legacy.

When you look back at your life and the memories you have, how do you recall them as you get farther away in time? Snapshots? Trinkets and souvenirs? Facebook memories? Or maybe the ticket stubs and receipts you kept longer than required by the IRS. We nearly all collect and store indicators of where we have been and what we have done in our short lifetimes. What do your children, or your children's children, find out about you when you are gone? If you leave nothing behind, did you exist at all?

It's a funny thing to have your storied life reduced to detritus and data. And yet, wouldn't you rather leave a legacy of service? There's a saying in the circles of information technology and computer coding: "Not documented, not done." It applies to service and membership, too.

If you pulled my profile and history of service reporting from LCI and the portal, here is what you would find: joined in October six years ago, made a few donations to LCIF totaling \$255, served as Club Treasurer, Club Secretary, Club Vice President, Club President, Zone Chair, and District Governor, went to two fundraising events, never went to meetings, and paid my dues. Is that a good picture of the hours of service and volunteering I've done? No, it is not. But how would you—or leadership—know if I don't record it somewhere? Who is going to know or remember, except me...until I lose my memory or return to the earth?

DG Karen Joy, MD 11 B2



COUNCIL CHAIR'S CORNER
CC BECKY HAMILTON,
MD 11 COUNCIL CHAIR

Hello Lions!

Just a quick note to say what a wonderful time I have been having getting to know Lions from across the state, either by attending a District Convention, or through the MI Forum, Council of

Governors' meetings, or other various events. ALL events have been successful and fun!! You know the saying "If you're not having fun, you're doing it wrong!"

Congratulations to the District Governors who have already held their District Conventions. They were all unique, and each one brought a new perspective as to why we are Lions. I look forward to attending mostly all of the remaining Conventions.

I am really excited about the Multiple District Convention coming up May 14-16, 2026 at Shanty Creek in Bellaire. Not only is it jam-packed with exciting events and the rekindling of friendships from across the state, but we have the unique privilege of having our International President, A.P. Singh as our guest. You don't want to miss this opportunity! Get your reservations in today!

This Lions year is swiftly coming to an end, and I want to encourage everyone to help carry our Lions legacy forward into the future by inviting your non-Lion family and friends into our Pride. Where would we be without Lions serving our world, side by side, one person at a time?

Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead!!

LCIF - PCC TERRI HUFFMAN STATE CHAIRPERSON



When disaster strikes or a community need arises, like the recent devastating tornado in Union City, 11-B1, Lions don't hesitate—we serve. That's where the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) makes a powerful difference. LCIF offers Emergency Grants and Community

Grants that are not only impactful, but also accessible to local clubs and districts. These grants are designed to provide quick support when it matters most—whether helping families recover after storms, supporting local food banks, or funding urgent community projects. Emergency Grants allow Lions to respond rapidly to natural disasters, providing immediate relief and essential supplies. Community Grants, on the other hand, support smaller-scale projects that address pressing local needs right here in Michigan.

What makes these grants especially valuable is how approachable they are. The application process is straightforward, and Lions at the district level can take the lead in bringing resources directly to their communities.

Every Lion plays a role in supporting LCIF through donations, and in turn, LCIF empowers us to expand our service and increase our impact. Simply put—LCIF helps Lions help others, faster and more effectively.

To learn more about how your club can benefit from LCIF grants, talk with your district leadership and your District LCIF Coordinator and explore the opportunities available.

Together, we can continue to make a difference—one grant, one project, one community at a time.

PCC Terri Huffman

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



Lions Clubs International Reading Action Program (RAP) aims to enhance literacy globally. This Initiative encourages Lions clubs to engage in various literacy-related activities, including:

Volunteer Activities

- Serving as readers in schools and community centers.
- Supporting Braille literacy initiatives.
- Organizing book drives to collect and distribute books.
- Assisting in building classrooms and libraries

Program Goals

- To improve literacy rates in communities worldwide.
- To foster a love for reading among children and adults alike.

Sixty-six percent of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare.

FACT: Twenty-five percent of children in America grow up without learning how to read.

FACT: Nearly Eighty-five percent of the juveniles who face trial in the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate, proving that there is a close relationship between illiteracy and crime.

More than 60% of all inmates are functionally illiterate. In 2012, International President Wayne Madden began the Lions Reading Action Program to improve literacy around the world. In 2013, under the guidance of International President Barry Palmer, it was decided to extend the Lions RAP for an additional 10 years. Every Lions club is encouraged to have an active Reading Action Program in their communities.

How can we do this? A good start is to download the RAP Planning Guide from the LCI website, lionsclubs.org. Simply type RAP in the search box to find the document. It takes you through a process to direct your efforts. Some ideas for projects include developing a pre-school reading program, perhaps working with your local library. Another is to supply backpacks and school supplies to children in need. For the visually impaired, we can supply Braille books, or books on tape. We can also tutor adults in reading, math, or science. In the near future, include books in your Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets you distribute. (61% of low income families have no books at home to read.)

The possibilities are limitless. Please continue the Reading Action Program in each and every Lions club as an important way to serve our children.

> LIONS NEWS



Each year Lions are given the opportunity to serve in a number of ways through one of the 4 GAT positions or one of the 21 State chairperson positions.

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

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



Please provide a letter of interest, resume and Lions history to:

wburns@lionsofmi.com

Lions of Michigan

5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

In addition to GAT positions, Lions may send a letter of interest for any of the following positions: Committee State Chair, State Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. Positions are for a 1-3 year term.

Email Executive Director Wendy Burns by April 20:

wburns@lionsofmi.com

PROPOSED BY LAWS AMENDMENT 2026

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

ARTICLE II Appointment of Council Chairperson

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

Proposed amendment:

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

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

TIPS FOR BETTER BOOTH SHOWS

In a previous issue of the Lions PRIDE, we discussed what makes a successful booth show. In this follow-up article, we'll pass along some practical tips that will help you to engage with participants in the one or two seconds it takes for them to decide whether to stop and talk with you.

Again, whether held inside or outside, the usual booth setup -- sitting in a folding chair right behind a table -- makes you virtually invisible to people walking like "Egyptians" in front your booth. Ideally, get tables that go up to counter height and push them to the front of the booth and leave room to stand next to them, not behind them. If you need to relax a bit between visitors, bring a sturdy tall stool to perch on.

Below are some other simple steps you can take to increase your chances of meeting, engaging, and connecting with supporters, donors, and prospective members at your next event:

- Personalize your approach. Prepare several possible questions for starting conversations with attendees who walk by the booth. You can say something simple like: "Do you have any old eyeglasses stashed away at home somewhere?" or "Would you like to try a roll of fizzy fruit mints candy?"
- Member staff should be friendly at the show. A simple smile and hello make it easier for people to talk with you. Have your most engaging people there to engage the attendees. And contrary to popular opinion, it's not all about extroverts. In fact, your introverts may make better staffers because of their skills in listening to other people.
- Having well-trained staff is a necessity at shows. They meet people face to face and need to be able to ascertain their interests quickly. Have them minimize discussions with other staff to focus on the attendees. If appropriate, they should also be able to capture contact information and follow up personally after the show.
- Know your assets. You should be able to explain and articulate what makes your club stand out in your community. This is particularly important when you are introducing a new service project or working to revitalize a familiar one.
- Dress up. A "Lions look" ensures that people can identify your members right away, even when walking around outside the booth. Lions-themed clothing and gear make members look distinctive and look like they're having fun!
- Be responsive. If people look thirsty, offer them a bottle of water. If they are fumbling with handouts or giveaway items, offer them a carry bag. If they look tired, offer them an opportunity to sit down. (That's why you should put folding chairs at the back of your booth!)
- Stay hydrated. The reason many staffers have sore feet after working at a show is more a product of dehydration than improper footwear. When not in use, stash your water bottle somewhere handy, but just out of sight.
- Give small giveaways to attendees. Tie them to your promotional message. Make sure the gifts you purchase are relevant to your audience.
- Consider adding a subtle appeal to the senses. Maybe a pleasing scent can be diffused -- or bring along fresh baked cookies or popcorn.
- Good graphics are a great way to tell your story. When designing your materials think about the target audience. You want to pique their interest, so they want to talk to you and build a relationship.
- Only display information you want to showcase. People don't need to know everything about your club immediately. You can stash additional items behind or below and pull them out when appropriate to your conversation.
- Follow all the show guidelines. Always follow the rules. Remember, being invited back is very important. For example, if they say, "no balloons," don't do balloons! If they say, "stay in your booth," don't move out in the aisle.

Word of mouth is unmatched for promotion. Talk with attendees! Flyers, brochures, and business cards only "aid word of mouth," they do not substitute for it. Good luck with your next show!

Lion Doug Klein regularly passes along tips to help your Lions Club sharpen its public relations and marketing efforts. He has been a member of the Mason, Michigan Lions Club since he retired in 2018 as a Lansing Community College



adjunct professor of public relations, communication, business, and marketing. He is currently serving as Mason Lions Club Secretary, District 11-C2 Public Relations Chair, and MD11 State PR / Information Chair. A member of the Public Relations Society of America since 1983, he has held their prestigious APR designation (Accreditation in Public Relations) since 1996. He was inducted into the American Marketing Association's national honorary Alpha Mu Alpha in 2012. Contact him with any public relations or marketing questions at (517) 775-8601 or at dougklein@usa.net by email.

Lions of Michigan HALL OF FAME

The 2026 Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the 17th Annual, will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Lodging is \$120.00 per night, including tax, for a standard guest room. Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Comfort Inn (989-572-0473) or Lions of Michigan State Office (517-887-6640 or info@lmsf.net).

Lions of Michigan District Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than March 1 of each year.

HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

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| Barry Allen, PCC | Dr. Tom Doyle, PDG | Lloyd Kilbreath, PDG | Donald Schmalz, PCC |
| Dr. Gary Anderson, PID | James Dunn, PCS | William "Bill" Klingensmith, PDG | Pam Schroeder, PDG |
| Harold "Hop" Anderson, PCC | Barb Durlinger, PDG | Wayne Kreitner, PDG | Don Seifried, PCC |
| Oscar Anderson, PDG | Bill Erickson, PDG | Bruce LaBelle, PDG | Ralph Sheehan, PID |
| Gerald "Gary" Babcock, PDG | Justin Faber, PID | Esther LaMothe, PID | Brian Shepard, PCC |
| R.G. Bamum, PDG | Duane Farnsworth, PDG | Roger LaMothe, PCC | Karl Sornick, PIP |
| William "Doc" Barr, PDG | Eugene "Gene" Fisher, PDG | Jim Leach, Sr., PDG | Eugene "Gene" Staelens, PCC |
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| Terry Bowerman, PCC | James Frendewey, PID | Robert "Bob" Lutze, PDG | Loyst Trombley, PDG |
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| Dr. Sara Doubledee, PCC | Al Kelpinski, PDG | Wayne Schultz, PDG | |

2026 Hall of Fame - Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Registrant(s): \$27.50 Each = \$ _____

Choice of Entrée: Teriyaki Pork Loin #: _____ Grilled Shrimp #: _____ Pasta Primavera #: _____

Lions Club: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

DEADLINE: July 1, 2026

I WANT TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED

The LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Michigan with unmet needs by helping them become more independent. We provide emergency assistance and services aimed at helping people with sight and hearing deficiencies excel in school, secure and retain employment and remain self-sufficient. Your contribution will help us change lives.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- Enclosed is my gift for \$ _____ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.
- Please bill me for \$ _____ as my gift to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.
- Please charge my debit/credit card for \$ _____. This is a: One Time Gift ____ Monthly Recurring Gift ____ Annual Recurring Gift ____ to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

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This gift is for the:

- KidSight Fund
- Eye Care Assistance Fund
- General Programs Fund
- Medical Care Fund
- Dr. Robert Mathog Lions Hearing Centers
- Military Family and Veterans Relief Fund
- Emergency Disaster Relief Fund
- Other _____

This gift is in memory of: _____ in honor of: _____

Please acknowledge my gift to: _____

Mailing Address: _____



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LCI YOUTH EXCHANGE HONORS LION ELVIE MARFIL



"It is truly a profound privilege to be recognized as one of the top 10 Youth Exchange chairs out of 130 countries, and I am deeply grateful to the following individuals and groups whose unwavering support has been instrumental in this achievement: host/sponsor families, host/sponsor clubs, districts/chairs, and our multiple district for their selfless financial and physical contributions to this program. I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Lion Wendy Burns for her inspiring encouragement for me to chair this program. Special thanks to our PCC Terri Ann Pease-Huffman for nominating me for this prestigious LCI category."

Yours, Lion Elvie Marfil

Lion Elvie Marfil has led the Lions Youth Exchange Program for MD 11 for the past four years. She is pictured, bottom right, standing, with students and Leos from a former year at Lions Bear Lake Camp, where LYEP camp was held. It has been Lion Elvira who has made the YCE program important to MD 11 in Michigan. We are proud of how she represents the Lions of Michigan to the students and their families, along with the communities where she presents the students. Lion Elvira has made an impact on the lives of nearly 100 students over her years as a Lion and YCE Coordinator. As Council Chair I was proud to present her with the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for all she has accomplished with the YCE. She leads with sound morals, high integrity, and the humor of a caring soul. – IPCC Terri Huffman

The Lions Clubs of Michigan takes great pride in having a leader who has been recognized among the top 10 out of 130 countries. Congratulations, Lion Elvi Marfil!

> CONVENTION NEWS

2026 MD 11 CONVENTION

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

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

Thursday, May 14, 2026 6:00 p.m.

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

Friday, May 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. Council of Governors Meeting

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

10:00 a.m. Grass River Nature Area Tour

Enjoy a guided tour at the Grass River Natural Area is a 1,502-acre nature preserve surrounding the Grass River, located in the heart of Antrim County. Cost: \$10/person

1:15 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2026-2027 Planning Meeting

Friday Breakout Sessions 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2:00 Hear What's New at Leader Dogs for the Blind

3:00 Skegemog Raptor Center featuring raptor ambassadors

Welcome Reception - Renaissance Themed Evening 6:00 p.m.

Dress in your medieval finest and **Prepare to be Merry!**

A banquet feast and entertainment await you in the banquet hall

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

Saturday, May 16, 2026 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Exhibitor's Hall Open

8:30 a.m. Awards Breakfast

Special Guest Speaker Lion Hayley Laskowski, Boad Member, Michigan Ski for Light

10:30 a.m. Business Session

Featuring LCI updates from President Singh and news from around our state with updates from our State Project leaders

Saturday Breakout Sessions 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Women in Leadership - Join us for a panel discussion from leaders in the field! PID Esther LaMothe, PID Jenny Ware, Council Chair-Elect Cheryl Anderson. Invited: PID Sangeeta Jatia, LCI guest

3:00 p.m. When there's a need, there's a Lion! Learn how to successfully apply for a Community Grant, available to all Lions Clubs or any of the many grants available through LCI

S.A. Dodge Awards Banquet

5:30 p.m. - 6:40 p.m. Cocktail Reception honoring S.A. Dodge Recipients

5:30 p.m. Lions of Michigan All State Band performance

6:50 p.m. Memorial Recognition

7:15 p.m. Dinner

Keynote Address by Lions International President, A.P. Singh, India

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 S.A. Dodge Recipients:

PDG Cheryl Anderson, Council Chair-Elect, 11 C1 &

VDG Larry Wegrzyn, 11 A1

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

Prepare to be Merry!

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 16, 2026 in order to vote at the convention.

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AT SHANTY CREEK RESORT, BELLAIRE

Return this form prior to April 30, 2026 to: Lions of Michigan State Office • 5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911

Total Number of Lions in YOUR Club as of April 1, 2026 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 Shanty Creek Resort is open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2026 and from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026

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 16, 2026.



2026 MD 11 Lions Convention

LCI Guest Speaker President A.P. Singh
Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead.

**May 14-16, 2026 Lakeview Hotel & Conference Center
Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI
Reservations: 231.533.3000 Room Rate: \$119 +tax/fees
Register early for discounted rate by: 4.14.26**

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____ Lion Leo Spouse Guest

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

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

QUANTITY

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

Total: \$ _____

Entrée: ___ Regular Entrée ___ Vegetarian/Gluten Free

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

Everyone **MUST** pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless the registration fee is paid. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is **May 5, 2026**. No refunds after **May 1, 2026**. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at Lakeview Hotel, Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

CONVENTION INFORMATION

CONVENTION MAY 14-16, 2026



Lions Clubs of Michigan SD10 and MD11, Lions International

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

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000

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

Gold Sponsor - \$500

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

Silver Sponsor - \$400

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

Bronze Sponsor - \$300

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

Heart of a Lion - \$150 Club Special!

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

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

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

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

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

Total _____ \$ _____

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

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

Space is limited! Please submit by April 27, 2026

Register online:

www.lionsofmi.com

Mail your registration:

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

WHITE CANE PROCLAMATION



STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

April 24 – May 3, 2026
as
WHITE CANE WEEK

WHEREAS, the white cane has become an international symbol, identifying individuals who are blind or who have low vision and alerting Michigan drivers to observe caution for the safety of drivers and pedestrians alike; and,

WHEREAS, for decades, White Cane Week efforts have supported projects and organizations that benefit people who are blind or who have low vision and help provide examinations, eyeglasses, and white canes to those in need; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, we encourage Michiganders to learn more about White Cane Week and support projects and services that facilitate the independence of people who are blind or who have low vision; and,

WHEREAS, the Lions Club of Michigan is an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all people, particularly Michiganders who are blind or who have low vision, and providing them opportunities to achieve greater autonomy; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the dedicated volunteers of the Lions Club of Michigan for their continued commitment to community service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 24 – May 4, 2026 as White Cane Week in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor



RENAISSANCE NIGHT...



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

**ARTICLE II
Appointment of Council Chairperson**

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

Proposed amendment:

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

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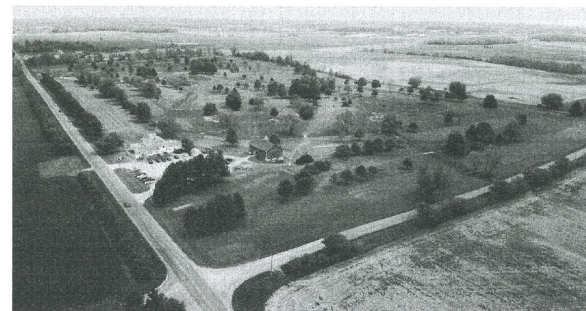
The purpose of this amendment is to bring MD-11 Constitution and Bylaws into alignment with the current practices and policy manual of the council of governors.

Should this amendment be approved?

Yes _____ No _____



Lyons-Muir Lions Club Golf Tournament



Portland Country Club Golf

4901 Divine Hwy, Lyons, MI 48851 (517-647-4521)

June 5, 2026 Tee Time - 9 AM

Entrance Fee: \$ 70.00 per player - 4 members per team
(Includes: Golf Cart, Food on the turn)

REGISTRATION

Include Team Member Name's to:
(Paying in advance or at event?)

Lyons-Muir Lions Club
11197 Borden Rd.
Hubbardston, MI 48845
989-763-5441

Text or howellejd@gmail.com
(I will verification I got your information)

Prize:	
1 st place	\$ 280.00
2 nd Place	\$ 140.00
3 rd Place	\$ 72.00
Hole in one	\$ 5000.00

LYONS MUIR LIONS CLUB
CODE: 5441



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EACH TEAM
MEMBER
NAME'S
IF
PAYING
BY
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LIONS CLUBS MD 11 CONVENTION MAY 14-16, 2026

> LCI MEMBERSHIP NEWS



FREE WHITE CANE PROGRAM



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

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

Request a Free White Cane

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

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

History

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

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

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

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

Lions and International White Cane Safety Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHITE CANE ORDER FORM

Lion Club Name _____
District _____ Date _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS: Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____
BILLING ADDRESS: Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____



UNITS	ITEM	UNIT	PRICE	TOTAL
	String Tags	1000/box	\$60.00	
	White Cane Stickers (roll)	1000/roll	\$32.00	
	Bib Apron	Each	\$14.00	
	Waist Apron	Each	\$8.00	
	White Cane Placemats	500/bundle	\$21.00	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (large)	Each	\$8.50	
	Eyeglass Collection Box (small)	Each	\$6.50	
	Extra Eyeglass Box Stickers (set of 3)	Each	\$3.00	
	White Cane Law Pamphlets	250/bundle	\$20.00	
	Certificate of Appreciation	Each	.60¢	
	White Cane Bookmarks	100/bundle	\$10.00	
	Leader Patch	Each	\$3.00	
	Leader Pin	Each	\$1.50	
	White Cane Lapel Pin	500/bundle	\$85.00	
	** Shipping and Handling			
**You will be billed for shipping and handling fees.			TOTAL:	

Order Form Online: www.lionsofmi.com

Mail to: Lions of Michigan • 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 • (517) 887-6640 ext. 1 • fax: (517) 887-6642

White Cane Supplies

Popular Picks: For photos of items visit our website at www.lionsofmi.com

Certificate of Appreciation
Recognize businesses and individuals who support your White Cane Drive.
60¢/each

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

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

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

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

Eyeglass & Hearing Aid Collection Boxes
White fiberboard collection boxes include stickers on three sides. Small box measures 9x9x1 1/2, large box measures 14x14x30.
\$6.50/each (small)
\$8.50/each (large)

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

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

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR OTHER GREAT ITEMS!

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

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

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

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

White Cane Stickers
Two-color stickers on a roll. Design features the Lions logo and White Cane traffic symbol. 2 1/2" in diameter.
\$32.00/1000

11 A1



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As District Governor, you get to meet and mingle with many important people. Show above is DG Kim Hooper doing just that on a recent visit to Plymouth Lions Club! DG Kim was visiting the club during their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4.



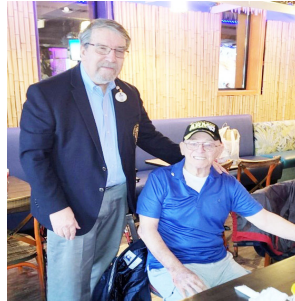
Detroit Renaissance Lions Club and CWR Community Center partnered together to host an Adult Easter Fun Event March 28.



Bedford Lions Den - Resale Shop is taking bids on the blue Haulmark trailer that sits behind the Bedford Lions Den. You have until Friday, March 13th to get your bid in. The trailer will be sold as is, no guarantees.



Join District A1 and fellow Lions for A Celebration of Service! Convention 2026 May 1 and 2, 2026. Monroe County Community College, 1555 S. Raisinville Rd., Monroe, MI 48161 Text or call 313-377-7767 or email it@metrodetroitlions.org We are Better Together



DG Kim Hooper presented the District Governor's Kindness Matter award to Nikki Quinn, Wayne Lions Club, for his continued financial contribution and support. Lion Ken Stacy was also recognized for his 50 years of Lion service.



Harper Woods Grosse Pointe Woods Lions Club held an outstanding pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday. Thank you to everybody who attended and/or donated to the event. We appreciate you. See you next year



Left to right: Lion Daniel Rathbun, Rose Rathbun, Gary Horton, Shelia Horton, Lion KaShonia Graham, Chris Samp, Lion Michelle Keeble.

This was the 36th Annual John Smoke Memorial Breakfast for the club. The money we raised today provides critical services through the many charities we support.

11 A2



DG Mark Scicluna
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lionsgladd@gmail.com



The Rochester Lions were pleased to welcome our current Zone Chair, PDG Jim Pettinato, District Governor Mark Scicluna, Current Leader Dog Client Lion Richard Holloway and Region Chair Pat Wojas to our recent meeting.



The Rochester Lions recently held their first annual, very successful, Pins for Pups (originally established by the Rochester Hills Lions) at Classic Lanes. This event was very well attended and the goal is to make it bigger and better next year.



Wixom-Walled Lake Lions Club - RC Pat Wojas presented 10 year Lion Chevrons to Lions Darlene & Jack Bonenberger at our recent club meeting. Also pictured is Club President, Zone Chairman, Roger Blackwell.

Remember White Cane Week runs from April 24 to May 3 2026

When You Give in April, Leader Dog Gets Double April's Matching Gift Challenge gives you and your club the opportunity to double your impact on the live of our clients. When you donate during the match, your generous gift to Leader Dog is matched by a contribution from one of our generous donors. Visit LeaderDog.org in April to learn how you can make twice the difference. Donate by mail or online at LeaderDog.org - Donate. Include a note with your Lions Club so we can recognize your gift. Leader Dogs for the Blind, Attn: Lions Department 1039 S Rochester Rd Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained How much do you know about guide dogs?

- ☑ True or False: Once people get a guide dog, they no longer need their white cane.
- ☑ True or False: A guide dog already knows where their handler wants them to go.
- ☑ True or False: A guide dog should go anywhere and everywhere with their handler.

It may surprise you that each of these statements is false! These are some of the most common misconceptions about guide dogs. The guide dog mobility instructors at Leader Dog recorded a video describing the truth behind each myth. Find it posted by Leader Dog on YouTube by searching 'Guide Dog Myths and Misconceptions Explained'. Share it on social media to celebrate International Guide Dog Day and spread awareness of Lions & Leader Dog's work for vision.



ID Mark Mansell and Lion Debbie were greeted at the airport by VDG Rick DeClaire, III.

ID Mark Mansell was the LCI guest speaker for District 11-A2 convention in Grand Rapids. He expressed his passion and gratitude for Leader Dogs for the Blind and the support Lions provide.



It's always a good time with DG Mark Scicluna in the house, shown here with ID Mark Mansell!



ID Mansell, PCC Jim Pettinato, and PID Gary Anderson at the A2 District Convention.



> REGION NEWS

11 B1



DG Bea Furman
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Cereal City Logs 2,260 Service Hours!
 Lions District 11-B1 Winter Camp for the Blind held in February at the Battle Creek Schools Outdoor Education Center at Clear Lake Camp in Dowling. Several of the many volunteers were FVDG Teresa Gest with cane repair, nurse Dorothy Bosse, Western Michigan University grad students with tech help, Michigan Youth Challenge Academy associates, Bedford Area Lions led braille bingo, and Pennfield Lions served breakfast.



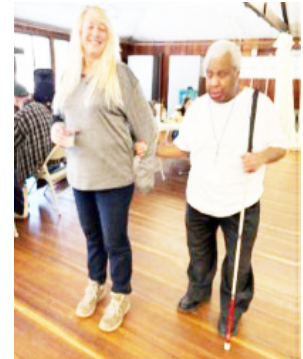
B1 Leadership attended the recent Michigan Lions Forum in Kalamazoo. Lion Roger Yoder donated a Detroit Tigers -themed gift basket for the raffle.



Adrian Evening Lions Bill Suydam, Wanda Suydam, Gary Laskowski and Carolyn Bater.



President Mark Soule stops at the Leader Dogs project table Battle Creek Host Lions at the Michigan Forum - Mark Soule, John Dammers, and PDG Craig Bishop were attendees.



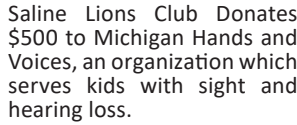
Adrian Breakfast/Hillsdale Lions - Live WBZV 102.5 Radio Auction The 25 April auction will help people in Adrian and Hillsdale areas.



Members of the U of M Lions Club are active in the Ann Arbor community. They recently put together Valentines for delivery to Atria Park residents.



Battle Creek Mayor Visits BCCC The Honorable Mark Behnke provided updates on the city.



Saline Lions Club Donates \$500 to Michigan Hands and Voices, an organization which serves kids with sight and hearing loss.



Television station WWMT News Channel 3 of Battle Creek downloaded their feature story "Blind and vision-impaired people enjoy winter activities at West Michigan camp" on YouTube.



Hanover Horton Lions celebrated 45 years of service in the community this year. They have recently recognized student athletes and artists with awards and presented a Heart of a Lion award to Unity Horton and Teen Xchange Program.

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District Governor Earl Howell opens the 2025-2026 District C1 Convention



DG Earl hands the sacred bell off to DGE Brian Werschem.



PDG Charis Austin receives the LCI Leadership Award presented by ID Ski Marcinowski



It's not all business! DG Earl managed to work in some fun along the way.



PDG Paul Hodge, center, received the LCI Presidential Medal, the highest honor. Presented by International Director Ski Marcinowski

Lyons-Muir Lions Club is holding a golf outing at the Portland Country Club on June 5. Entrance fee is \$70/player, four members per team. Registration includes golf, cart, food on the turn. 989-763-5441 for registration and details. 1st place winner received \$280, 2nd place winner \$140 and 3rd place, \$72. Hole-in-1 wins \$5,000!



DG Bea Furman and PCC Peggy Allen, District 11 B1, were in attendance this year and photo shows them in conversation with International Director "Ski" Marcinowski.

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The Lions of District 11-C2 held our annual Celebration of Service in Owosso on March 13-14. Friday night's service project allowed Lions to create inspirational cards for individuals served by Jennifer's Place of Owosso, a community drop-in center that provides a safe and warm space for those facing difficult times. The District also made \$1300 to their program. 1st VDG Kenny Kinsey was elected as District Governor 2026-2027. 2nd VDG Chuck Vasilion was elected 1st Vice District Governor, and Lion Curtis Sonnenberg was elected 2nd Vice District Governor. A Memorial Service honoring the Sonnenberg was elected 2nd Vice District Governor. A Memorial Service honoring the lives of 18 Lions in the District who passed away last year was held. It was a fun two-day event that was a time to renew old friendships and make new ones.

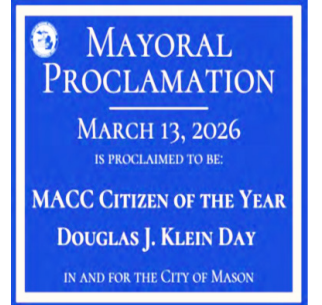


Governor Aleta Cozart is the Queen of Neckties. During the C2 Celebration Council Chair Becky Hamilton presented her with a hand crafted skirt made entirely of neckties by Linda Bennett, spouse of PDG Dave Bennett. Wear it with PRIDE!



Ithaca Lions Club members participated in the annual Tractor Races.

Lions International during the International President's year in office. This award is the 4th highest award from LCI. Lion Dean Hartenburg, president of the St. Johns Lions Club.



Mason Lions Club member Doug Klein was honored to be awarded Citizen of the Year for the City of Mason. "Mason Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Douglas J. Klein Day in and for the City of Mason. The MACC and City of Mason recognized Doug's tireless passion and devotion in service to the City of Mason and for being a truly inspirational leader in making Mason the great community we know today." Lion Doug was also presented with the International Presidential Leadership Award, given to a Lions Club member who has made significant leadership contributions during the International President's year in office. Congratulations, Lion Doug Klein!



Elsie Lions Club held a Wild Game Dinner in January along with a great speaker, Everett Smith. Pictured left-right are: Lion Rick Jones, Lion Douglas Sturgis, Lion Glenn Tucker, Lion Greg Snider, Lion Richard Easlick, PDG Lion Ted Hamilton, Lion Terry Broom, Lions Mr. & Mrs. from Maple Valley, Lion Paul Pung, Lion Ted Densmore, Lion Dr. Robert Peterson, PDG Lion Brent Beracy, Lion Les Loynes, guest speaker Everett Smith, Lion Don Gilbert, Lion Lloyd Kilbreath, Lion Blaine Lafler, PDG Lion Becky Hamilton, Lion John Shipley, and Lion Arden Densmore.



The Lions International President's Certificate of Appreciation Award is given to Lions Club members in recognition of distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions International during the International President's year in office. This award is the 4th highest award from LCI. Lion Dean Hartenburg, president of the St. Johns Lions Club.



Lansing Capitol Lioness Lions Club, Lion Kay Olson received a 35-year Chevron for years of service. Lion Andrea Ritcher received a 10-year Chevron for years of service. 1st Vice District Governor Lion Kenny Kinsey was available to help distribute the certificates.



Vermontville Lion Dan Laverty, Grand Ledge Lions Club President Chuck Wriska and Vermontville Lion Mark Jorgensen were at the Tuesday 3/24/26 Grand Ledge Lions Club meeting selling 50/50 Tickets for the LCIF Hunger Grant.



Laingsburg Lions Club successfully stuffed nearly 6,000 Easter eggs with the help of an incredible group of community volunteers. Around 40 individuals participated, representing Red Thunder Robotics, Wolfpack Robotics, Friends of the Laingsburg Library, and the Laingsburg Library. Their teamwork and enthusiasm made the entire process smooth and enjoyable.



Bancroft Lioness Lions Club held a fundraiser to benefit the students from the district who are traveling to Hong Kong with the Lions of Michigan All State Band.

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Bay City Lions Club had an active and impactful month of March, with successful events, strong community engagement, and continued preparation for upcoming service efforts. The club was proud to participate in the Bay City St. Patrick's Day Parade, showcasing Lionism within the community.

This year's parade was especially meaningful as Lion Rachelle Ovalle served as Parade Marshall—an honor that reflects her dedication and service. The day was made even more special as it coincided with her birthday, allowing members to celebrate both her leadership and this recognition.

In preparation for parade season, the club's float received a complete refresh. Third Vice President Lion Elizabeth Sturm, with the support of the marketing committee, led the effort to fully update and enhance the float. The redesigned float incorporated creative and meaningful elements, including a rearview mirror display featuring a Lion checking his reflection while wearing sunglasses, hanging dice, and a visible "tag" to represent Tag Days. In addition, new banners were created to highlight the various initiatives and causes supported by the Bay City Lions Club within the community.



Tag Days play a critical role in supporting the Bay City Lions Club's service initiatives, and member participation has been strong as the event approaches.



Frankenmuth Lions Club In March, welcomed the leadership of The Clothesline Thrift Store based in Frankenmuth. Established in 2004, the store helps those with limited incomes purchase modern, attractive clothes at very reasonable prices. Staffed by volunteers from churches and others from around the area, the non-profit has donated over \$1,160,000 to charities in the area. Pictured are President Lori Whiting, Administrator Corinne Welman along with Lions Debbie Baker and Nancy Lyon. Lion Nancy is also a dedicated volunteer at the store! It was a pleasure to hear their story!



Fenton Lions Club On March 21st, hosted the Spring Into the Meadows Dueling Pianos fundraiser at Spring Meadows Country Club, bringing together more than 100 attendees for an evening of music, community, and charitable giving. Guests enjoyed an energetic and interactive dueling piano performance that kept the crowd engaged throughout the night.



The event was especially meaningful as it welcomed Leader Dogs, highlighting Lions Club's ongoing commitment to support programs that improve independence and quality of life for individuals with vision loss.



Kingston Lions Club - Conducted a reading session with the 2 third grade classes. The book was LONG TALL LINCOLN and presented by Kingston Lions Sue Nemeth, Jan Grieve, and Caro Lions Eugene Eskelson aka as Abe Lincoln. and Jean Brinkman. The teachers are beside Abe in the photo. The club has been busy selling Easter candy!



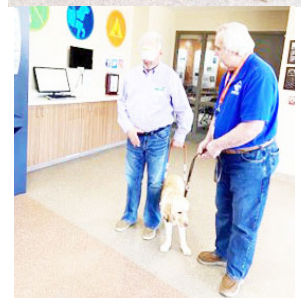
Shields Lions Club - Lion Duane Comerford with wife, JoAnne assisted with stuffing backpacks at the Lions Forum in Kalamazoo. The 450 backpacks are to be given to kids ages 3-12 that are in foster care. Instead of carrying the little they own in a garbage bag they will have a backpack that is theirs to carry what they have.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE
 WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM



Location: Club 24 Sports Bar & Grill
 1354 Mertz Rd, Caro
 NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Freeland Lions Club: Our biggest fundraiser of the year is set to take place April 23rd, 24th 25th & 26th. The Freeland Walleye Festival is known statewide and brings in thousands of visitors to our little town. If you have never been, take some time to visit and check out a few of our events. Events This Year include: Community Wide Rummage Sales, Comedy Night on Friday, Car Show, Casino Games, Carnival Rides, Kid's Trout Pond, Parade, DJs, Live Music, Beer Tent, Bingo and a Fishing Tournament. Disc Golf, Texas Hold'em & Beer Pong Tournaments. For more information, please visit www.freelandwalleyefestival.com You may also be interested in one of our many other events that we host throughout the year.



Caro Lions Club took a group down to the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills yesterday for a tour. That is one amazing complex, and the work they do. There is so rewarding to so many people. I would recommend anybody that has not been there to go and experience for yourself, what it would be like to be blind and the program that they have put together to help those in need is remarkable.

Shields Lions Club Annual Golf Outing - June 13, Swan Valley Golf Course, Saginaw.

District 11 D1 mourns the loss of PDG Steven VanTol who passed away in March. PDG VanTol served as Governor from 2019-2020. He served as President of the Lions of Michigan Foundation for two terms, among just two of the many positions held as a Lion. Lion Steve was a member of the Auburn Williams Lions Club, along with his wife, Lion Debra.

The Special Needs Vision Clinic is excited to announce our newest fundraiser, The Ace of Diamonds. This is a card progressive raffle with weekly drawings that began on March 4, 2026 and will continue through March 10, 2027. The Drawings are held Wednesday evenings at 7pm at Club 24 Sports Bar & Grill (1354 Mertz Road, Caro). One winner is drawn each week with the prize being determined by the card chosen. Tickets are \$5 and available at Club 24, at the Special Needs Vision Clinic or by contacting RG Barnum, Dolores Kowalski, Alice Zajac, or Joe Gwizdala. You need not be present to win! The actual drawing and winners are posted on the Special Needs Vision Clinic Facebook Page. We invite everyone to join us on Wednesdays to support the Special Needs Vision Clinic. Special 'shout out' to Lion Jerry Darling from the Shields Lions Club for his assistance in launching this fundraiser!!

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Marlette Lions Club has a unique, can't-be-missed, eyeglass collection box!



Marlette Lions Club members picked a sunny day and cleaned up the park, sprucing it up for a busy spring and summer season. Lions, NHS students and additional volunteers pitched in to help.



Pearl Beach Lions Dave and Brenda Hacker attended the Wild Game Dinner and Raffle to benefit Lions Bear Lake Camp. PDG Dave and Lion Brenda are known around the state as Co-Chairs of the MD 11 Lions Convention. Elkton Lions will be hitting the streets collecting for the Annual White Cane Fundraiser on Friday, April 24. You'll find them at the main stop light, downtown Elkton.

3 of the Ubly High School Band students will be traveling to Hong Kong in July with the Michigan Lions All State Band. Our local Lions Club in Ubly is helping Katie Sweeney (flute - grade 12), Maleah Roth (baritone - grade 12), and Laura Roth (French horn - grade 10) host a pancake dinner to support their trip. A Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held on April 23 at the school.

Memphis Lions Club held their spring blood drive with 26 sign-ups for donations. The procedure went without a hitch. The past blood drive was well supported, however there was a problem. It was fall and the yellow jackets started to swarm. It got so bad they had to get a bee specialist in and shut the collection DOWN.



Ubly Lions Club is becoming quite famous for their homemade pierogi sale held in February. Choices Cheese, Potato, and Sauerkraut Pierogis and this year was another sell-out.

Almont Lions Club held an American Red Cross blood drive at the town hall in February 31 units of blood was collected bringing the total since 2005 to 3,501 units of blood donated with the potential to save 10,501 lives!

Emmett Lions Club also held a blood drive this month, among one of their many activities this spring.



Ribbon cutting for the newly renovated hall. Hadley Lions Club will be having their first spaghetti dinner in the newly renovated hall this month. Our last spaghetti dinner was in December before the renovation started and they look forward to serving in the newly renovated space.



Port Huron Host Lions Club had a wonderful day we got to share together. We had some very happy kids participating in the egg hunt at the Lions Club. Thank you to YOUTH Matter Michigan who was more than happy to be a part of it and help us. Thank you to the fellow Lions that volunteered to help and enormous thank you to the Port Huron Prowlers for coming by and hanging out with the kids.



New Carsonville Lion member inducted. (Lion John is pictured on the left.) Carsonville Lion Club recently welcomed new member John Nichols in March. The Ceremony was witnessed by President Matt Lindley.

Elkton Lions Club are hitting the field-not actual Lions Club members, but the Elkton Lions Flag Football team! New to the Elkton area, Stardom Co-ed Flag Football organization will be hosting its first season in the area, and the Elkton Lions Club was more than eager to jump in and support our area kids with some equipment, uniforms and scholarships to get started to play. Stardom Flag Football hosts 6-week sessions in Spring, Summer and Fall for students ages 6 - 17.



Elkton Lions Club participated in building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. They donated funds and manpower to build 10-beds for donation to the program.



Elkton Lions Club also donates to the Huron County Childs Abuse and Neglect council and places Blue Pinwheels around town to help bring awareness to this great cause. Consider supporting your local council.



Sanilac Lions Club participated in the Literacy Night program at CPS Elementary, distributing bookmarks, coloring pages, and Goldfish crackers, while also informing parents about KidSight screenings, Bear Lake Camp, and Leader Dogs For the Blind.

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DG Jeff Schafer presents a \$4,250 check to Mekoe and David Peterson, Wexford & Missaukee County Chapter, Sleep in Heavenly Peace. District 11-E1 Service Project: Lions Clubs and individuals from around the district donated funds to build 17 beds and tie 16 blanket for the District Convention's service project. Members and their friends spent 3 hours at their Lake City facility helping to put their beds together.



PDG Schafer, Anchored in Service!



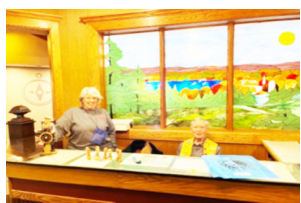
Jake & Jaymie Ricksgers (Weidman Lions Club)



Lion Elizabeth & ID Gary Steele and Lion Chuck Dinsmore (Coleman Lions Club)



Coleman Lions (Left to Right): Amy Hovey (President), Pat Hovey (Tail Twister), Billie Jo Parker (Secretary) and Pam Render (Treasurer)



Registration Desk Lions (Left to Right): Lion Christina Anderson (Cadillac Lions President) and Lion Mike Holdship (Cadillac Lions Club)



2nd Vice District Governor Lion Heather Dourron (Empire Lions Club) and Convention Chair Lion Chuck Dinsmore (Coleman Lions Club)



PDG Jim Patterson (Fremont Lions Club) providing music for the Memorial Service



Weidman Lions Club donated 4 bikes to us as grand prizes for the local elementary school for prizes for their reading contest "Read-A-Thon." They also donated \$500 each to the local Little League Teams, the local Library and Community Cancer Services.

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Boyer Valley Lions Club - Lisa Clavier from Kiersten's Ride was our speaker at a recent meeting. The club will participate in the Manna Food Project in April and will assist in Camp Daggett clean-up in May.



East Jordan Lions hosted guest speaker Elizabeth Gertz from Challenge Mountain speak at their Lions Club Meeting. She spoke about how they help individuals with disabilities with year-round adaptive recreation. East Jordan Lions contributed \$500 to this worthy organization.



East Jordan Lions Club held their annual Easter Fun and Games even for elementary age children. There were games, prizes and candy. Two bikes and fishing poles/tackle were also given away.



Oscoda Lions Club members Tony, Scott and Dan Gross built another ramp this winter with assistance from the homeowner's daughter and a local contractor. The project began at 9 am and finished a little after 1 pm.



Oscoda Lions Club held the Jane Meyer Memorial Bowling Fundraiser in March. There were plenty of bowlers and a lot of fun!

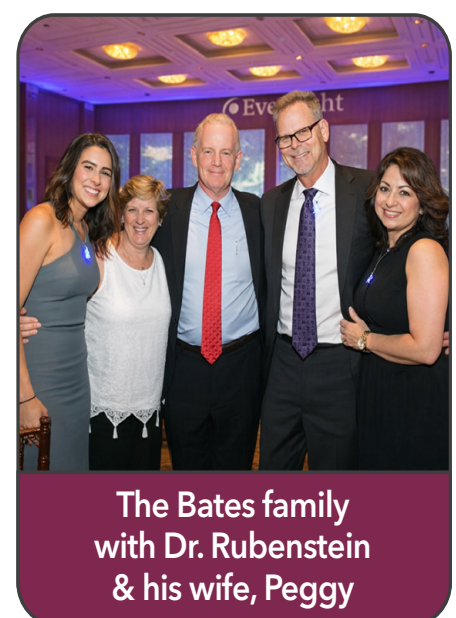
One moment can change the course of your life



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



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



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