LIONS DISTRICT 11D2 NEWS

WE SERVE HURON, LAPEER, SANILAC AND ST. CLAIR COUNTIES **NOVEMBER 2027**



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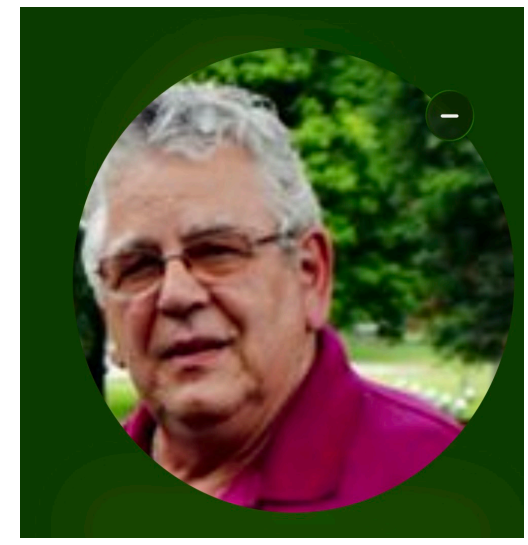
A TRIBUTE TO OUR EDITOR

Stories of our clubs, celebrated the achievements of our members, and highlighted the service that Lions perform every day throughout Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, and St. Clair Counties.



Because of his efforts, the accomplishments of hundreds of Lions and dozens of clubs have not gone unnoticed.

Lion Bruce Bronson has done much more than publish newsletters. He has helped unite clubs across our district, promoted fellowship among Lions, encouraged participation in district projects, and provided a valuable link between our communities and the larger mission of Lionism. Through his work, he has helped strengthen communication, foster cooperation, and promote the spirit of service that defines our organization.

The role of editor is often a thankless one. It requires patience, attention to detail, long hours, and an unwavering commitment to deadlines. It means gathering information from many sources, organizing it into meaningful stories, and ensuring that the work of others receives the recognition it deserves. Bruce has done all of this with dedication, professionalism, and a genuine love for Lions and the people we serve.

Perhaps one of his greatest contributions has been serving as the keeper of our district's memories. Through the newsletters he has produced, future Lions will be able to look back and see the remarkable work that was accomplished by the men and women of District 11-D2. His efforts have created a lasting record of service, leadership, fellowship, and compassion.

On behalf of the Lions, Lionesses, Leos, and communities touched by our service, we offer our heartfelt thanks to Lion Bruce Bronson for his many years of commitment, leadership, and dedicated service to District 11-D2.

Bruce, your work has enriched our district, strengthened our clubs, and preserved the story of Lionism for future generations. We are grateful for your tireless efforts, your friendship, and your unwavering commitment to the motto we all cherish:

WE SERVE.

Thank you, Lion Bruce, for all you have done and continue to do for Lions District 11-D2. **Go to Pages 6 and 7 of this issue to see more about 11D2 NEWS..**

UNITED IN SERVICE, GROWING TOGETHER



Tim Dietzel, District Governor

Fellow Lions,

As we continue our year of service, I want to encourage each of you to remain committed to the mission that brought us together: serving others and making a difference in our communities. Every act of kindness, every project completed, and every life touched reminds us why we are proud to be Lions.
As important as our service is, so is the unity we share. I encourage every club to strengthen the bonds within its own membership and to build relationships with other clubs throughout District 11D2. We are stronger when we work together, support one another, share ideas, and celebrate each other's accomplishments. Remember, we are not competing with one another; we are working toward the same purpose.

I want to sincerely thank all the clubs and members who have taken the time to report their service activities. Your efforts are appreciated! To those who have not yet reported, I encourage you to make this a priority. Reporting our service is more than keeping records. It allows us to recognize the difference Lions are making, share ideas, and inspire other clubs to take on new projects. When one club shares its service, another club may find the inspiration to serve in a new way.

I also encourage you to invite community members to participate in your service projects. Let them see firsthand what it means to be a Lion. Sometimes the best invitation to membership is simply allowing someone to experience the joy of serving alongside us.

...When people see the difference we make, they may discover a desire to become part of something greater. Let us remember that service is one of our greatest opportunities to grow membership.

As Lions, we must also remember our Code of Ethics. It should guide our conduct in everything we do, including our conversations and interactions online and within our social media communities. Whether we are speaking in person or communicating through a screen, we represent Lions Clubs International. Our words and actions should always reflect the respect, integrity, compassion, and kindness expected of members of the greatest service organization in the world.

I am equally proud of the generosity Lions demonstrate through their support of LCIF, Leader Dog, Lions BearLake Camp, Eversight, the Lions of Michigan Foundation, and the many local organizations and community needs that depend on our support.

Whether we give our time, talents,or financial resources, every contribution helps change lives. This generosity is another reflection of who we are as Lions. As your District Governor, I look forward with great enthusiasm to what lies ahead for District 11D2.

I believe our greatest accomplishments are still before us. By continuing to serve, strengthening our unity, welcoming new members, and supporting one another, we can build an even stronger district. Let us stand together, serve together, and grow together.

Thank you for all you do, for the communities you serve, and for the difference you make every day. It is an honor to serve alongside each of you.

Yours in Lionism,
Governor Tim Dietzel
District Governor – 11D2
2026–2027

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEB KAIGHEN REPORTS



The holidays are quickly approaching, and we as Lions Clubs start planning many community events. Whether it be something for the kids for Christmas or a shared meal for seniors, we put our hearts into serving.

The Lions are famous for their quote “We Serve” and now our new International President has taken on the motto of “Rooted in Service”. As I’ve been visiting clubs, my message is echoing this message.

When we join a club, we hope you understand that we are service oriented, its what we do! So don’t be hesitant to raise your hand and offer to take on a project. If your new and have an idea, share it with the club. Don’t be uncomfortable taking on something you’ve never done, were here to support you.

I know it seems as though, there is a core group in all clubs that do the work, and I find that with any organization. There are workers who step up for everything and those who do not. Sometimes its just asking that person personally, letting them know you think they would be great at it and then support them until they feel confident enough to do it again.

We raised 3 wonderful, successful sons and I was their biggest cheerleader in everything they tackled. But many times, they would lose their confidence and think they couldn’t do something, they weren’t smart enough. I grew up with the motto “Can’t never could” and you never know if you truly can’t if you never try

So when it comes to giving up some of your time to serve in your Lions Club , do it with confidence and see how far you will go….cause you know what ……Can’t Never Could

1st DVG Deb Kaighen

NEW MEMBERS

Algonac Lions Club
Clitus Schuyler
Heather Solgot & Chris Solgot

Almont Lions Club
Rachel Watt
Chantel Zender

Capac Lions Club
Terry Dobbyn

Elkton Lions Club
Thera Harder
Andrea Heck

Hadley Lions Club
Juanita Fischer & Larry Fischer
David Mallett

Harsens Island Lions Club
Tom Shiner
Wade Young

Lapeer Lions Club
Hunter Wisbiski

Lexington Lions Club
Wayne Kuyda

Marlette Lions Club
Robin Kamp

Marysville Lions Club
Terry Carlson

Memphis Lions Club
Staci Schott

Pearl Beach Lions Club
Rachel Bartram & Robert Bartram
Ruth Clark
Lisa Krall & Scott Krall

Port Austin Lions Club
Ron Deeachin
Joey Sancrant

Port Huron Host
Evelyn Hunter
Alan Lewandoiwski
Nanette Meier
Amadeus Sommers

St. Clair Lions Club
Cheryl Potthoff

DISTRICT

District Governor Tim Dietzel
1rst VDG Deb Kaighen
2nd VDG Cheryl Kriete

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Cabinet Treasurer Janet Devroye

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Region 1 Zone 1 Chair Gary Miodowski
Region 1 Zone 2 Chair Timothy Hunter

Region 2:
Region 2 Zone 1 Chair Ron Stevens
Region 2 Zone 2 Chair keith Kaighen

Region 3:
Region 3 Zone 1 Chair Tim Rutkowski
Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Irene Cole

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GLT Donald Spinks
GST
GET Dave Fisher
LCIF Co-Ordinator Shelly O'Henley

STATE PROJECTS

Lions of Michigan

LMASB Lions of Michigan All State Band

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Lions of Michigan Foundation

Lions Bear Lake Camp

Eversight

DECEASED MEMBERS RIP

Algonac Lions Club
Carl Stieler

Berville Lions Club
James O'Connor

Elkton Lions Club
Mark Birdsall

Emmett Lions Club
Gil Dueweke
Denny Sarsfield

Metamora Lions Club
George Nash

North Branch Lions Club
Gerald Strich

CLUBS

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Almont
Anchor Bay
Applegate
Bad Axe
Berville
Capac
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Deckerville
Elba Township
Elkton
Emmett
Frieburg Saint Ignatius
Great Lakes Bankers
Hadley
Harbor Beach
Harsents Island
Harson Lioness
Imlay City
Lapeer
Jeddo
Lerxington
Marlette
Marysville
Memphis
Metamora Lions
Metamora Lioness
Minden City
Marine City
North Branch
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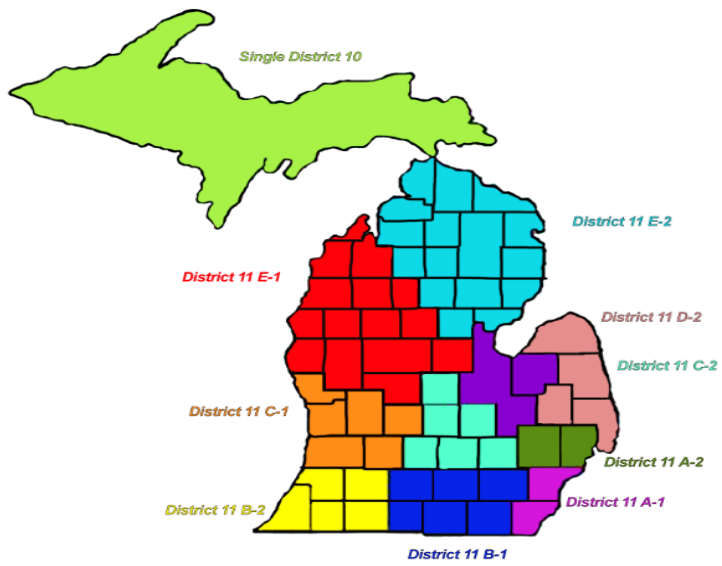

CROSWELL LIONS CLUB PRESENTS 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHERYL KRIETE



NEW! 11D2 NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING PROGRAM

The 11D2 Newsletter needs YOU!... District Treasurer Janet Devroye will be taking over the **advertising** side of the newsletter. This is a great idea so that local businesses to Lions will be able to purchase an area of the newsletter for the year or edition. Janet's email is **11D2DistrictTreasurer@gmail.com** or 989 550 4303 more details on page 7.

The **editing** side of the Newsletter is for now being put together by Lion Lindy Wineman and below this article is the brand new publication schedule to help us continue Bruce's success. Please send your submissions to Lindy at **lindy@abadata.com** or 989 450 3644

Advertising in the District Newsletter is now available on an annual basis covering all six editions published during the Lions year.

Advertisers may update or replace their advertisement prior to any issue at no additional cost.

Annual Advertising Rates

• Back Cover Full Page - $175 • Inside Front Cover - $150 • Inside Back Cover - $150 • Full Page - $120 • Half Page - $65 • Quarter Page - $35 • Business Card Listing - $20

Single-Issue Advertising

• Full Page - $30 • Half Page - $18 • Quarter Page - $10

Advertising helps support the continued publication of the District Newsletter and keeps Lions informed about activities, service projects, events, and opportunities throughout the district.

Please encourage Lions clubs and local businesses to become annual supporters and help strengthen communication across the district.

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Edition	Publication Date	Advertising Deadline	Articles & Photos Deadline
December Issue	December 1	November 5	November 10
February Issue	February 1	January 5	January 10
April Issue	April 1	March 5	March 10
June Issue	June 1	May 5	May 10
August Issue	August 1	July 5	July 10
October Issue	October 1	September 5	September 10

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DISTRICT 11-D2 NEWSLETTER

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- Service Projects
- Fundraisers & Events
- Awards & Recognition
- New Members & Club News
- Lion, Lioness & Leo Accomplishments
- Community Success Stories

All clubs: send articles, news and photos!
Include your club name, event details and photo captions.

Let's celebrate the good you do!



SEND NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS TO
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SCAM SMART

DON'T LET URGENCY FOOL YOU

Scammers want you to act before you have time to think.



Red Flags to Watch for:

- **Urgent requests** for money or immediate actions.
- "**Don't tell anyone**." or "Keep this a secret"
- **Pressure** to stay on the phone or act right now.
- Asking for **gift cards**, wire transfers, cryptocurrency or payment apps.
- Caller **claims** to be your **bank**, **police**, **IRS**, **lawyer** or family member.

How to Stay Safe:

- **Stop** - Don't act right away.
- **Think**- Does this make sense? Could this be a scam?
- **Verify**- Contact the person or organization using a phone number or website you know is legitimate.

When in doubt, hang up and call someone you trust.
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION RIGHT AWAY.

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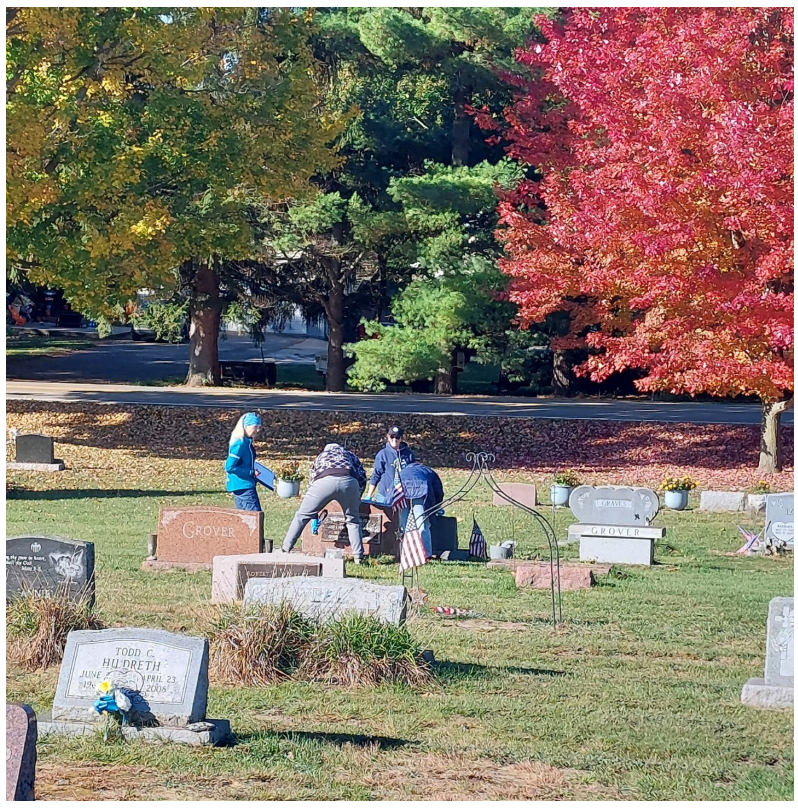
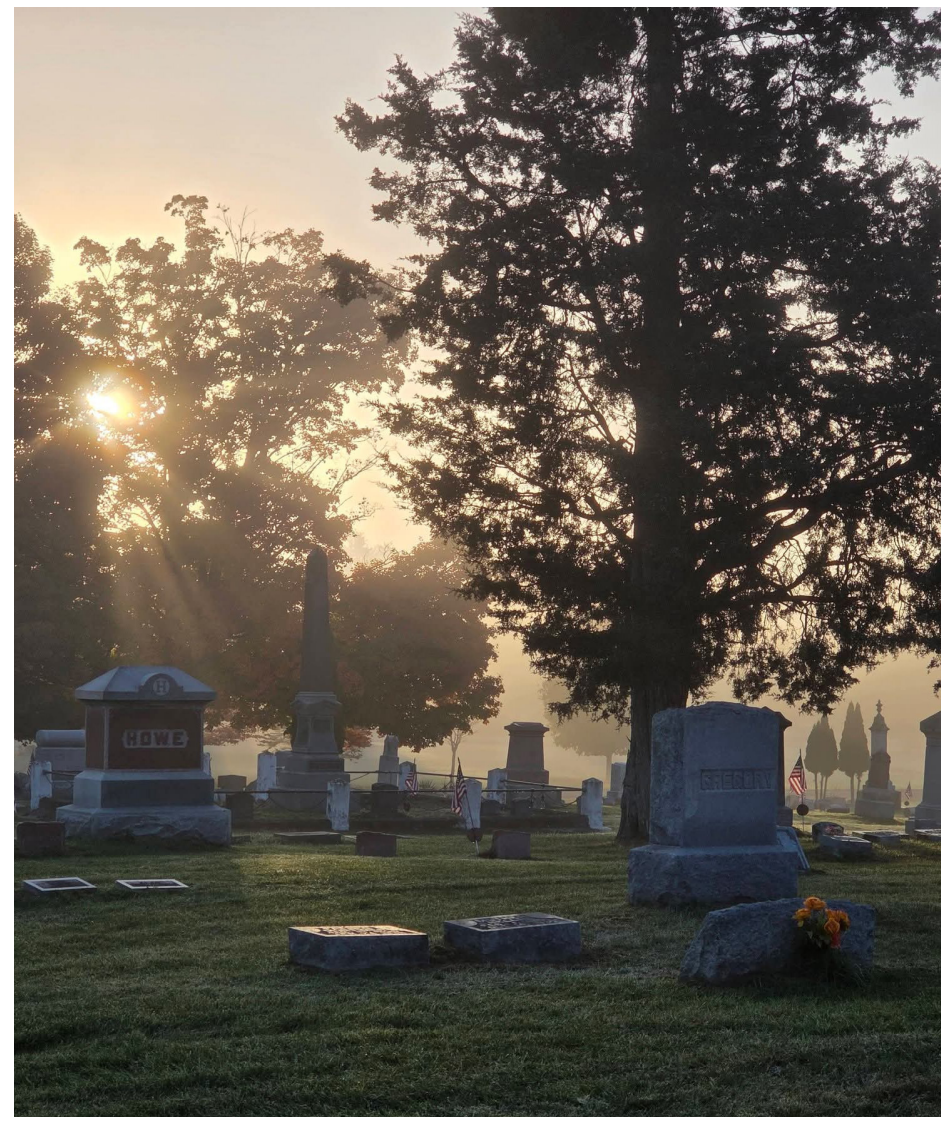
HADLEY LIONS CLUB

The Hadley Lions Club would like to thank everyone that donated to our food drive. We will continue to collect food at the next spaghetti dinner on November 19th to donate it to Stone Soup Kitchen for the holidays.







The Hadley Lions, along with the Lapeer County Genealogical Society worked together on October 24th on the "Honoring our Heroes project, One Tombstone at a Time" The goal was to clean as many veterans headstones as we could. We had 36 volunteers and accomplished cleaning 84 stones. From the war of 1812 through the Vietnam War.



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MEDICARE SCAMS



Scammers are targeting Medicare customers with calls, texts, emails and even home visits to steal your personal information, money or Medicare benefits.

COMMON MEDICARE SCAMS

⚠ **Fake Calls**
Claiming to be from Medicare and asking for your Medicare number.

⚠ **Free Supplies**
Offering “free” medical supplies (braces, tests, or equipment) in exchange for your information.

⚠ **New Medicare Card**
Saying you need a new card and requesting personal or banking details.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- ☑ Know that Medicare will not call, text or email you for personal information.
- ☑ Don’t share your Medicare number, Social Security number or banking details.
- ☑ Be cautious of “free’ offers for services or medical supplies.
- ☑ If something feels suspicious, hang up and call Medicare directly at 1-800-MEDICARE.

REMEMBER!

Medicare will never pressure you to give information or make a decision right away

GREAT LAKES BANKERS LIONS CLUB

A MULTI LIONS CLUB PROJECT
ELKTON, PIGEON, MARLETTE, USA & CASEVILLE FIRE DEPT

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed their time, labor, equipment, and support to make this project a success, including:
Chief Ben Willenburg, Caseville Area Fire Department, Robbie Griffith, Elkton Lions Club
Mitch and Lori Grifee, Marlette Lions Club, Dick Koehler, Jay TeaGarden, and Larry Leipprandt, Pigeon Lions Club, Dave and Lindy Wineman, USA Lions Club (Sebewaing).

Special thanks also go to the Talaski Family for their generous donation of the aluminum ramp and to all of the volunteers who braved the cold, wind, and rain to help complete the project.
The dedication shown by everyone involved reflects the Lions' motto, "We Serve." Through teamwork, compassion, and a shared commitment to helping others, these volunteers made a meaningful difference in the life of a fellow community member.

James Baker now has a safe, durable, and accessible entrance to his home

Lions Clubs and Caseville Fire Department Team Up to Install New Ramp for Local Resident.

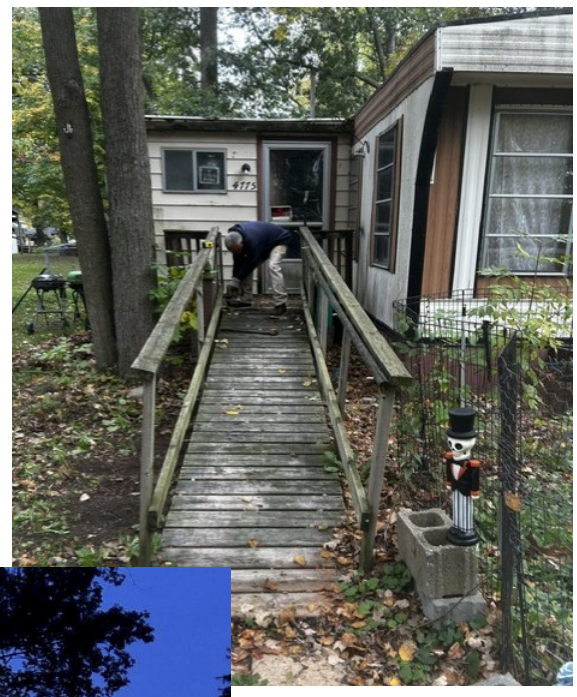
Several Lions Clubs, including the Elkton Lions Club, Pigeon Lions Club, USA Lions Club, and Marlette Lions Club, joined forces with the Caseville Area Fire Department on October 15 at the home of James Baker an amputee and diabetes type 1 recipient in Caseville for a very special community service project.

The team gathered to remove an aging wooden accessibility ramp and replace it with a new aluminum ramp generously donated by the Talaski Family of Caseville. The new ramp was delivered and installed through the combined efforts of the Caseville Fire Department and members from four District 11D2 Lions Clubs.

Volunteers made quick work of dismantling the old ramp, but installing the new ramp required determination, teamwork, and perseverance. Despite rain, wind, and challenging conditions, the group worked together until approximately 8:30 p.m. to ensure the project was completed safely and correctly.

The hard work paid off. James Baker was delighted with the result and will now be able to access his home safely and easily thanks to the new aluminum ramp.

This project is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when community organizations, first responders, families, and volunteers come together to help a neighbor in need. The spirit of cooperation, generosity, and service was evident throughout the day.









ELKTON LIONS CLUB

Elkton Lions and other volunteers set up shop at the Elkton Civic Center for the annual Halloween Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31.

At the front entrance, visitors received doughnuts. Trunk-or-treaters ventured indoors and gained candy, apple sauce, and crackers from Rose Garden residents in costumes. Volunteers replenished the Rose Garden residents' supplies, allowing them to keep giving gifts.

A nearby altar for Day of the Dead helped celebrate the memories of past Elkton Lion Freddy Santos and his wife, Georgina. Thanks to everyone who aided with Trunk or Treat and experienced Elkton's slice of Halloween spirit!







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CARSONVILLE LIONS CLUB



It’s always great when you can pull it off! The Carsonville Lions Club did just that Monday evening when they surprised long time club member, John Kandell, with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for all his years of faithfully serving. And I had the privilege of presenting it to Lion John…what fun!

Congratulations are in order for John Kandell on receiving the highest honor the Melvin Jones award. The Melvin Jones award represents dedication to humanitarian service to the highest degree. Thank you from your club and community for your incredible dedication. We would like to thank Irene Cole zone chairman for presenting this award on October 26, 2026.



PDG/GLT DON SPINKS

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Club officer training is much more than simply learning the responsibilities of a role. It is an opportunity to develop leadership skills, gain valuable resources, connect with fellow leaders, and learn best practices that can strengthen clubs and improve the member experience.

When club officers are trained, clubs benefit. Trained officers are better prepared to organize effective meetings, communicate with members, support educational progress, build membership, and maintain strong club operations.

Training helps officers understand not only what their responsibilities are, but also why those responsibilities matter. Training is also an opportunity for officers to learn from one another.

During training sessions, officers can exchange ideas, discuss challenges, and discover successful strategies being used by other clubs across the district.

These conversations often lead to fresh ideas and renewed motivation that officers can bring back to their own clubs. For new officers, training can reduce uncertainty and help them feel more confident stepping into leadership roles.

For experienced officers, training provides an opportunity to sharpen skills, learn new approaches, and continue growing as leaders. No matter how much experience someone has, there is always something new to learn. As we continue to go throughout this year, I encourage every club officer to attend upcoming club officer training sessions in District 11D2.

By investing time in training, you are investing in your club, your fellow members, and your own leadership development. When officers grow, clubs grow. And when clubs grow stronger, members thrive.

PDG/GLT Don Spinks

USA / CANADA FORUM 2027 HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA

Pre-order your 2027 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum polo!

Reach for the Stars with our 2027 Forum polo shirt. The teal shirt features the "Reach for the Stars" logo on both the front and back.

Pre-order your shirt to reserve your size, and it will be ready for pickup at the **Forum Store in Huntsville.** Pre-orders are **$40 per shirt with prepayment**. Shirts purchased onsite at the Forum Store will be **$45**, with limited sizes available.

To guarantee pickup in Huntsville, please pre-order by **June 28, 2027**. Shirts must be picked up in Huntsville by you or by your designee because **we are unable to ship the shirts.**



If you have trouble with the link you can follow these instructions:

1. **Go to www.members.lionsforum.org and log in**
2. **Click on "Forum Store"**
3. **At the bottom of the page you will see the picture of the shirt, click on the link. From here you will be able to place your order.**

Remember, all pre-orders must be made on or before June 28, 2027 in order to guarantee pick up in the Forum Store in Huntsville.

Hope to see you all in Huntsville!

PEACE POSTER WINNER 2026



We had 4 entries this year for the Peace Poster contest. All of the entries were great!
This year's entries were from
Dryden
Almont
Marlette
Ubly

This year's winner was Emma Tenbusch from Ubly.

Congratulations Emma!



PORT AUSTIN LIONS CLUB



Port Austin Lions Club donated $10,000 towards the Shop With a Hero Program at their regular meeting. What a Great program to support in our Community! Thank you to all who contributed.

USA LIONS CLUB



USA Lions Club met with Cheryl Fuerst a long time supporter of Caring and Sharing within the Sebewaing Community. Thanks to Cheryl over 100 families will have a Christmas this year with thelp from the donation by USA Lions!


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