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DISTRICT 11D2

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR CORNER

This is a call for help! Bruce continues to request your help with the Newsletter. For now or until further notice PLEASE send your news and club events as a pdf or word doc or image to

Lindy Wineman at lindy@abadata.com

Greetings Lions of District 11D2

As we continue our journey together this Lions year, I want to begin by saying thank you.

Thank you for giving your time, your talents and your hearts to serving others. Every food drive, vision screening, community project, fundraiser, donation, visit and helping hand makes a difference. Service is at the heart of who we are as Lions and I am proud of the incredible work being done throughout District 11D2.

I want to encourage every club and every Lion to continue looking for opportunities to serve your communities. But, just as importantly, **Please make sure your service is reported.**

When we report our service, we tell the story of what Lions are accomplishing, It allows us to show our communities, our district, our state and Lions Clubs International the tremendous impact that Lions are making.
There are many people who have a genuine desire to help others and make a difference; we simply need to invite them to join us.

Membership growth begins with service. When people see Lions serving their communities, they see an organization they want to be part of. I encourage every club to ask:

- **Who in our community has a heart for service?**
- **Who would make a great Lion?**
- **Who can we invite to serve alongside us?**

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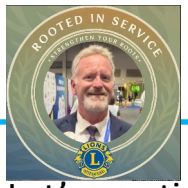


Let's continue to grow our membership by sharing our passion for service and inviting others to experience the joy of being a Lion.

One of the goals this year is to strengthen the unity among the clubs of District 11D2 and throughout the Lions of Michigan.

We may belong to different clubs, but we are one Lions family. I encourage clubs to work together, attend one anothers' events, share ideas, participate in district and state projects and support fellow Lions whenever possible. When we work together, our ability to serve becomes even greater.

- **One club can make a difference**
- **United clubs can change communities**
- **United Lions can change the world**

Club officers, please make every effort to keep your member informed about important Lions dates and opportunities throughout the year.
Please watch for information regarding:

- **Lions of Michigan State Forum**
- **USA/Canada forum**
- **District 11D2 Annual Convention**
- **Lions Clubs International Convention**
- **District and club events, training opportunities and service projects.**

An informed Lions is an engaged Lion. Please share these opportunities with your members and encourage them to participate. Leadership is not simply about holding an office. It is about being willing to step forward, learn, encourage others and help our clubs succeed.

If your club has a question, concern or need, please remember that you are not alone. Reach out to your Zone Chair or me. We are here to listen, support you and help find solutions.

Let's continue to communicate, work together and support one another as we move forward through this Lions year. Thank you again for everything you do. Your willingness to serve is what makes District 11D2 strong.

Let us continue to serve with a purpose, grow through service and stand united as Lions. Together with **"A Renewed Vision,"** I look forward to all that we will accomplish.

Your in Lionism and Service
DG Tim Dietzel 11D2 – 2026-2027

1ST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEB KAIGHEN

Peace Poster kits are only available till October 1st! This year's theme is HARMONY in HUMANITY. Consider approaching youth groups, boy and girl scouts and of course, the art teachers at schools. Youth entering must be between the ages of 11,12 and 13 by November 15th 2026. Entries all should be no smaller than 13" by 20" and no larger by 20" by 24".

No lettering or numbers are allowed on the front. I would love to see more artwork this year. The posters must be mailed or delivered to me by November 16th.Judging will take place on November 19th at the Hadley Lions spaghetti dinner. All posters must be on display by 4:45pm before our doors open to the public. Any questions, feel free to text me at 810 656.5160.

Sincerely, VDG Deb Kaighen Peace Poster Chair

NEW MEMBERS

JENNIFER MCOURMON	USA LIONS	RACHEL WATT	ALMONT LIONS
KELSEY SCHULZ	USA LIONS	CHANTEL ZENDER	ALMONT LIONS
TERRY DOBBYN	CAPAC LIONS	THERA HARDER	ELKTON LIONS
ANDREA HECK	ELKTON LIONS	JUINTA FISCHER	HADLEY LIONS
LARRY FISCHER	HADLEY LIONS	DAVE MALLETT	HADLEY LIONS
WADE YOUNG	HARSENS ISL	RACHEL BARTRAM	PEARL BEACH
RUTH CLARK	PEARL BEACH	ROBERT BARTRAM	PEARL BEACH
LIZA KRALL	PEARL BEACH	SCOTT KRALL	PEARL BEACH
EVELYN HUNTER	PT. HURON	ALAN LEWANDOWSKI	PT HURON
NANETTE MEIR	PT. HURON		

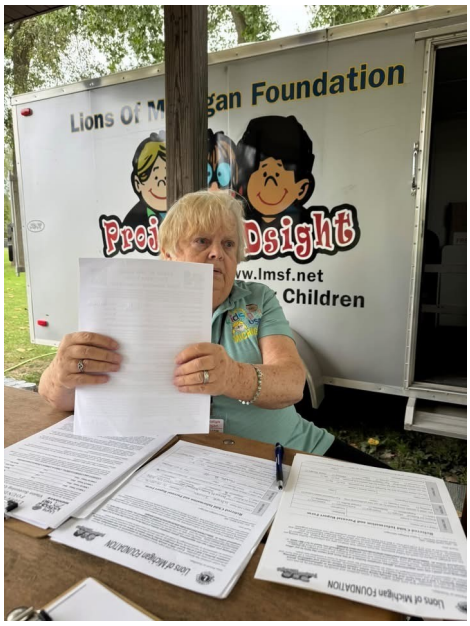
MARLETTE LIONS CLUB

Lion Ron Stevens and 11D2 District Governor Tim Dietzel presented with Chevron Awards for 10 years of service. Pictured also is Past District Governor and Club President Don Spinks assisting with the award presentation.

MARLETTE LIONS CLUB

September 2026 Marlette Lions Raffle. Congratulations to Ron Elliot for winning 1st Prize. Amy Wehner for 2nd prize and Bill Hopkins for 3rd prize. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported the Marlette Lions Club. Our Lions motto “We Serve” could not be successful without your support.

PORT HURON HOST LIONS CLUB



good time and great service with Kids Sight at the Port Huron Twp Kids festival and the Port Huron Host Lions

SAINT CLAIR LIONS CLUB

Welcome new member Lion Cheryl to our group!! Inducted by zone chair Gary Miodowski.

Lions of Michigan Foundation

The *Lions of Michigan Foundation* is a public charity that was created in 1984 to help Michigan Lions Clubs provide community services. Recently (in November) our District applied for and was granted two requests that we had submitted for assistance. The Deckerville Lions requested aid for a Family that had a house fire. Their grant was approved for $1,000. The Lapeer Lions requested aid for a youth needing vision therapy. Their grant was approved for $2,000. Additionally, the USA Lions requested aid for a Family that had a house fire. Their request was granted and a Check for $1,000 was forwarded for that request. THANK YOU to the Foundation. Please support this fine organization with your club, or individual donation.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides financial assistance and services to help uninsured and financially struggling Michigan residents with the treatment of vision problems, eye conditions and eye diseases. Three (3) individuals in our district have received Eye Care Assistance through the Lions of Michigan Foundation Eye Care Assistance Program.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation recently purchased two (2) cameras designed for diabetic retinopathy screening. Will keep everyone updated when we learn more about this program.
From July 1, 2025 through January 2026, eleven (11) clubs in District 11 – D2 have donated $5,600.44 to Lions of Michigan Service Foundation with an individual family having donated $805.20, this is only 24% of our clubs, and this amount is the least for any Michigan district.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation also provides an Affordable Hearing Aid Program, so far two (2) individuals in District 11 – D2 have received assistance since July 1, 2025.

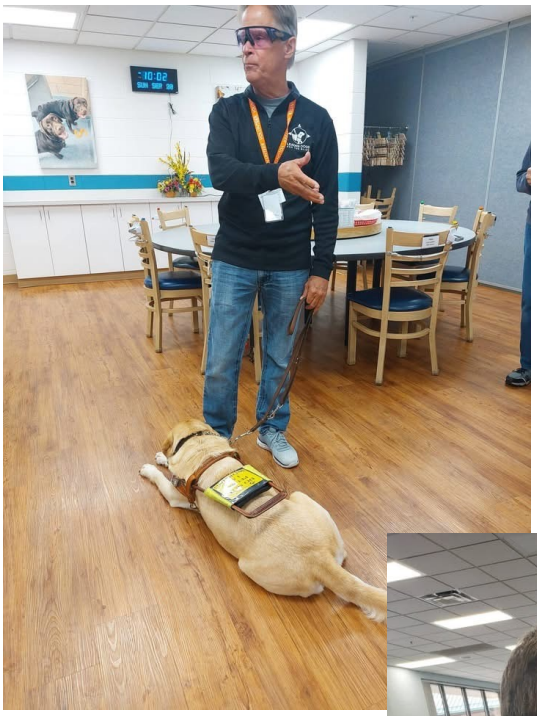
Michigan KidSight Program

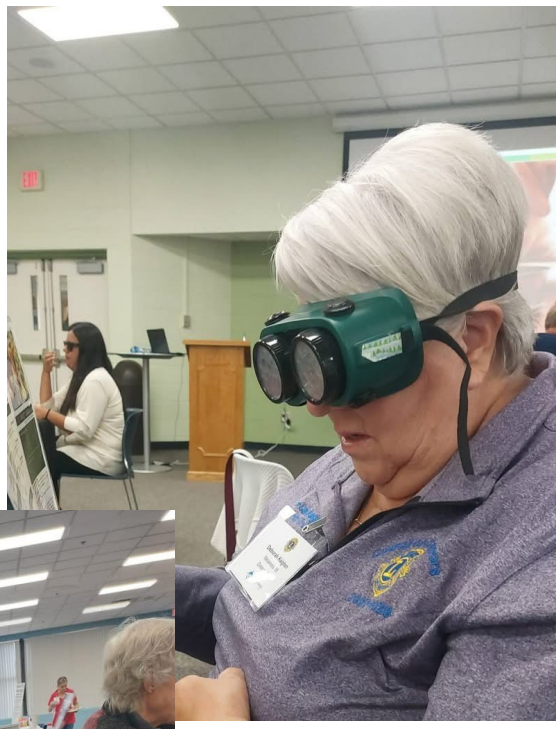
Our Michigan KidSight Program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in children as young as 1 year-old. We utilize a hi-tech mobile vision screener that is programmed to quickly and accurately identify vision disorders such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), anisometropia (unequal refraction pow er), astigmatism (optical defect), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing. Our portable vision screener performs a binocular test of both eyes within 1 second, and it instantly and accurately (98% accuracy rating) identifies potential vision problems. When problems are detected, our vision screener reports a “Fail” or “Refer” status, and a detailed report identifying potential problems is provided to the child’s parent or guardian for further follow-up with an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

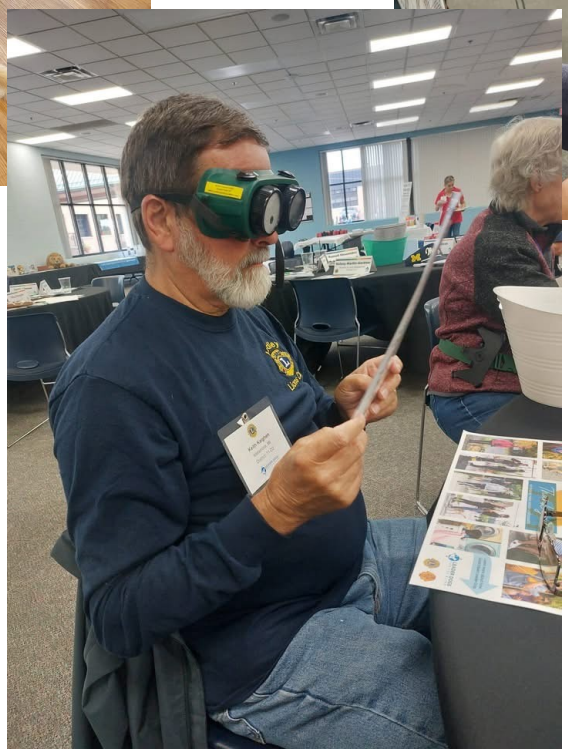
If diagnosed early, 95% of vision disorders can be corrected, however when vision problems are not detected early, vision loss can be irreversible. Over time, treatment options diminish, and the cost of treatment increases. From July1, 2025 until January 31, 2026 KidSight vision screeners in District 11 – D2 have screened 513 people with a total of 62 referrals. Statewide, for the same time period, 28,486 people have been screened with 3,357 referrals.

HADLEY LIONS CLUB

ZC Keith Kaighen and 1st DVG Deb Kaighen, represented 11 D2 at the Leader Dog For the Blind at an event yesterday. We met Lions from all over the United States, that came to tour and learn about the facility. This place is absolutely awesome! This is just one of the places that our fundraising monies go to. This place raises the dogs and then matches them with a blind client. We met 4 former clients and their dogs, that they really couldn't do without. They all shared how the dog enhances their lives.







HADLEY LIONS CLUB

Hadley Lions were present at the Pork and Plaid event in town. Our oldest lion, Lloyd Broecker grew one of the pumpkins. It was promptly named the "Lion King". A great time was had by all.

GREAT LAKES BANKERS LIONS CLUB

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SCAM SMART

DON'T LET URGENCY FOOL YOU

STOP. THINK. VERIFY.

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.

GREAT LAKES BANKERS LIONS CLUB

UNIONVILLE SEBEWAING AREA LIONS CLUB

The USA Lions Club are holding their famous Cheese and Wine fund raiser on Feb 13th 2027 – just in time for you to bring your Valentine Date to the party.

The event takes place at the American Legion Post 293 on Unionville Road in Sebewaing.

It includes a feast of appetizers and hors d'oeuvres and an amazing 12 wines tasting event - included in your ticket. We also have a live and a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, door prizes and feature local artists and crafters during the evening. This year we are also adding a Wine Pull just to make things more lively!!!

There is also a cash bar for those of you who prefer beer!! So, save the date and we will be selling those sought after tickets starting early in January 2027.

Contact Lindy 989 450 3644!!

DECKERVILLE LIONS CLUB

Sometimes the vehicles that stop to drop a donation into our collection cans are really Big!! Deckerville Lions Club members had a successful day at the four corners in town this past Friday. All proceeds will be given to the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

PORT SANILAC LIONS CLUB

Don't forget we host Euchre on the first and third Fridays. Its to late to join us tonight, although you can join us in October at 6pm. Bark Shanty Community Center.

MARINE CITY LIONS CLUB

PEARL BEACH LIONS CLUB

Our members worked all day Friday on the Dolly Parton Dinner, then stayed until midnight preparing concessions for the AYFL game. They were back at 7 a.m. Saturday, serving through 4 p.m. And many of them still went on to volunteer Saturday night at the Sports Boosters' Night at the Races!

I'm so proud of this hardworking team. Thank you to every Lion who gave their time and energy to make it all happen. Pearl Beach shows up! ❤

ELKTON LIONS CLUB

Elkton Lions hosted the annual 11D-2 Corn Roast in Ackerman Memorial Park on Saturday, August 22. Past District Governor Dave Fisher (center right) passed the leadership mantle to new DG Tim Dietzel and joined other PDGs for photos. People enjoyed worthwhile food and fellowship, including awards. For example, Marlette had the most Lions in attendance while Pearl Beach traveled the most miles to Corn Roast. Two kids also received gifts from Elkton Lions for being Lions for the day.

MARYSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Marysville Lions Club will be hosting a beer tent on Saturday, October 24 as a feature of Marysville 1st "Scaryville". Come join the fun!

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MARLETTE LIONS CLUB

Marlette Lions club participated in the Marlette Family Fall Days. Pictured is the Marlette Lions club Pirate ship that Marlette member Chase and Angela Humphrey brought for picture taking.

MEET MD11'S NEWEST CLUB!
The Great Lakes Bankers!

Meet the members of our newest club in MD11 – they are completely virtual and consist of six banks in the MD11 area including:

Independent Bank Sebewaing
Any Bay Port State Bank Branch
Team One Credit Union Bad Axe
Frankenmuth Credit Union Sebewaing
North Star Bank Pigeon
Mayville State Bank

For the month of August they are collecting and supplying back packs to local students with the supplies they need. If you would like to donate then drop off your donation to any of these banks between 1st and 31st of August

ELKTON LIONS CLUB

As we transition to fall, remember when we celebrated Autumnfest with two floats for the Grand Parade on Saturday, September 5. Aboard the Elkton Lions Parks & Rec float, the 2025 Snow Royal Court waved at the audience. This was followed by the Elkton Lions Club float coming through town. Along the way, volunteers handed out gifts, such as candy. Beyond the Elkton Lions Club and Parks & Rec, many other people contributed to the festivities. From the color guard and first responders to the Laker Marching Band and Nick Johnson as the commentator, Autumnfest conveyed plenty of community spirit.

As Elkton Lions, we appreciate being a part of the Grand Parade. We hope everyone present enjoyed Autumnfest 2026. The pictures are courtesy of Lion Lucas Swartzendruber, Elkton Lions media specialist.

ELKTON LIONS CLUB

GREAT LAKES BANKERS LIONS CLUB

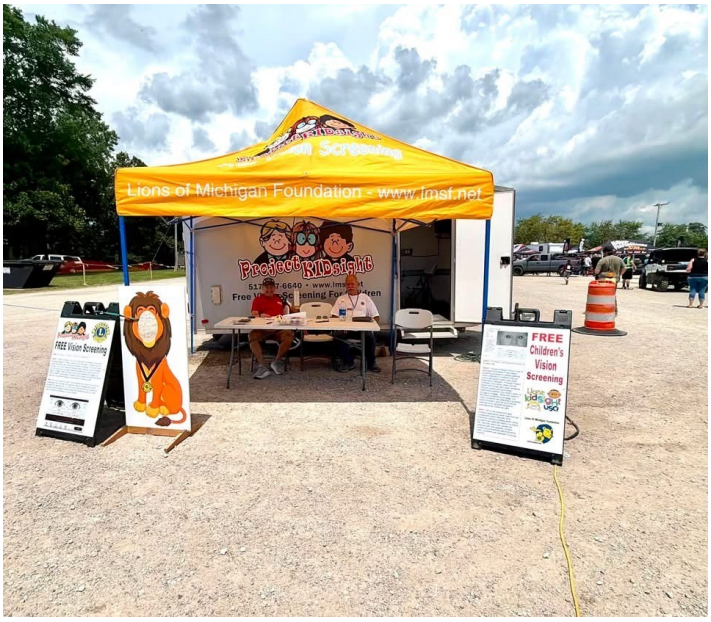
The Great Lakes Bankers is a virtual club consisting of multiple banks and branches in this area of Michigan each branch took part in collecting back packs and supplies which have been donated to local schools in their area….

90 school supplies were collected at Team One Credit Union in Bad Axe! All supplies were donated to Bad Axe Elementary School this morning! ✏

BERVILLE LIONS CLUBS

Special thank you to Armada Girls Softball and the Berville Lions Club for allowing us gals to host a 14 U tournament. Congratulations to the romeopeachessoftball for the win! It is truly amazing to see so many young women playing tough ball then going to hoco gorgeous 3 hours later!

Lion Ken Patriquin has just been certified to do the KidSight assessments. Lion Roger Sasta and Lion Ken went to the Berville Lions Club festival. Many children were able to be tested. It was a great time.



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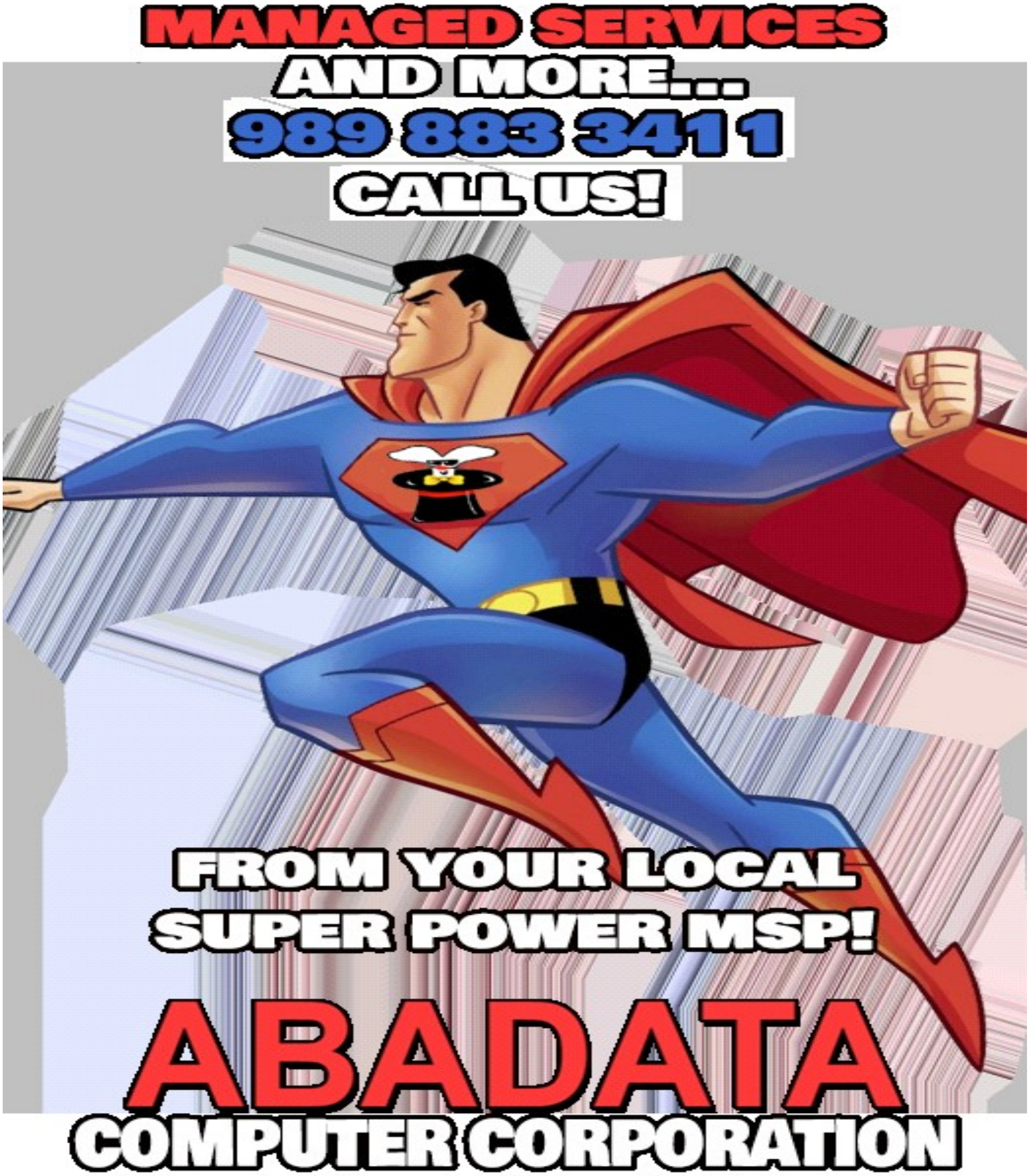
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Ubly Lions have had three District Governors in the recent past. Also, one International Director. PID Justin Faber, PDG Sami Makhoul, and current District Governor Judy Keller. This is the only club that has this kind of representation in senior leadership in our district the past decade.

PDG Wes Wagester & Kathy Wagester
Wish all clubs in D-2 continued success
PDG Wes and Kathy are on the convention committee with any answers for your questions. H-810-673-3199 or C-810 –417-3107

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